

Kansas Law Enforcement Resources Working Group

December 15, 2010

Minutes approved March 15, 2011

Call to Order and Introductions:

The Kansas Law Enforcement Resources Working Group (KLERWG) was called to order by Chairman Eric Pippin at 10:00 a.m. on December 15, 2010 in the Director's Conference Room of the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center in Hutchinson. Those in attendance:

| Name | Home Agency | Representing |
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| Vernon Chinn- Vice Chair | Pratt County Sheriff | KSA |
| Ed Pavay | KLETC | KLETC |
| Cole Presley | Graham County Sheriff | Northwest HS Region |
| Traci Rankin | Dodge City Police Dept | Southwest HS Region |
| John Green | KLETC | KPOA |
| Eric Pippin- Chairman | KHP- Emer. Ops and Aircraft | CEPR |
| Jim Daily | Newton Police Department | South Central HS Region |
| Scott Davies | Mitchell EM / Beloit Police Dept. | North Central HS Region |
| Todd Ackerman | Marysville Police Department | KACP |
| Oscar Thomasson | Sedgwick Co. Sheriff's Office | South Central LEAD Program |
| Mark Engholm- Secretary | KHP- Public & Govt. Affairs | |

Minutes:

Cole Presley moved that the minutes of the November meeting be approved, seconded by Vernon Chinn. Minutes were approved.

Chairperson's Report

The KLERWG webpage is up and operating at http://www.kansashighwaypatrol.org/leo_group/index.html. KHP is hosting the page on their website and will be adding links to more resources as time allows. If you have items that you would like to see added to the page please let Mark Engholm know. Excellent job by Mary Jane King, graphic designer at KHP!

Several members of the working group attended the All Hazards Incident Management Team (AHIMT) Conference in Denver from December 6-9, 2010. During the conference, members had an opportunity to meet with Bill Sulinckas, FEMA Region V NIMS Coordinator, who sits on the national LE working group. The national working group is in year 3 of a 5 years contract to develop national credentialing and typing standards for law enforcement. The group has gone through a struggle between requirements and guidelines (specifically over the issue of tactical teams) that led to many members withdrawing from the working group.

Sulinckas stated that the working group has been reconstituted and is moving forward again. He reiterated that the FEMA "standards" are actually just suggestions- there is no requirement for agencies to meet the federal standards being developed (outside of grant requirements, etc.).

Chairman Pippin stated that it was clear from meeting with Sulinckas and discussions with other states at the conference that Kansas is well ahead in the law enforcement credentialing and typing. The LERWG is being used as an example for other groups to emulate in developing their own disciplines credentialing and typing standards.

The statewide credentialing and resource tracking project is still being planned, but may go forward in phases rather than a single project to save administrative expenses. The project would roll out credentialing and badging across the state through all response disciplines. LERWG is being used as an example for the group developing the project as to what efforts need to be accomplished in each discipline to make the project work.

Law Enforcement Officer Credentialing Standard

Ed Pavey presented a proposal to the group to classify law enforcement officers / law enforcement agency personnel in three broad categories.

- Full Time Law Enforcement Officer- Includes those officers who are certified by KCPOST as full-time law enforcement officers and those officers who are serving as full time law enforcement officers under a provisional certification pending completion of a basic training course.
- Part Time Law Enforcement Officer- Includes those officers who have completed part-time certification as a law enforcement officer through KCPOST and perform less than 1,000 hours of law enforcement related work per year. Also included in this category are those officers who have been granted a provisional certification as a part-time officer pending completion of a part-time officer training course.
- Auxiliary Personnel- Includes all other personnel that may respond to an incident such as uncertified reserve or auxiliary law enforcement officers, correctional officers, special deputies, process servers and other personnel who serve a law enforcement support role but are not certified by KCPOST.

Discussion of the credentialing standards followed. It was pointed out that after being placed in one of these general categories, standard skill sets (e.g. Drug Recognition Expert, Correctional Officer, foreign language skills etc.) would be added to the credential to allow incident commanders to know what resources are available at the scene.

Ed Pavey moved the adoption of the officer typing standard and it was seconded by Cole Presley. The law enforcement credentialing standard was unanimously adopted.

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Following lunch the group discussed specific skills to include on law enforcement credentials (e.g. Drug Recognition Expert, foreign language proficiency etc.) The group viewed one of the original credentialing lists created by the NE Region- which was very fire oriented and had few law enforcement skills listed.

After some discussion, the group decided to take this issue home with them and each develop a list of individual skills and deployable resources that they would like to know if they were an incident commander.

- Certifications (Mission Critical)
- Training
- Languages

Final Notes and Adjournment

The next meeting was set for February 9, 2011 at 10AM at KLETC. Director Pavey asked that attendees let him know prior to the meeting if they would be eating lunch at the training center (cost \$5).

(NOTE: Due to a winter storm- the February 9 meeting was postponed until March 15, 2011)