



**SEDGWICK COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)**

**Meeting Minutes**

**November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
2pm**

**ON SITE:  
NOAA**

2142 S Tyler Road, Wichita, KS 67209

**ZOOM Meeting:**

ZOOM: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84033075610>

- 1. Call To Order:** LEPC Chairperson Ann Houk called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm.

**A. Attendance:**

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| Ann Houk, LEPC Chair                | Jilene Reichle, McConnell AFB | Gina Gregory, Valley Center Council   |
| Julie Stimson, SCEM Director        | Vanessa Pearce, NOAA          | Stewart Segraves, Ascension Hospitals |
| Jeff Koehn, Worthington Enterprises | Jessica Pereira, SCHD         | Rorik Moore-Jansen, SCHD              |
| Justin Blew, Haz-Mat Response Inc   | Lane Pearman, WFD             | Regan Gerber, Spirit Aerosystems      |
| Daniel Schrant, Public Works        | Jeremy Barnett, Clean Harbors | Jonathan Maas, McConnell AFB          |
| Jaron Barrett, Oxy-Chem             | Tom Kneil, Sierra Club        | Beth Bowdin, Robert Dole VA           |
| Rob Loney, Clean Harbors            | Ryan Gadbury, WFD             |                                       |

**B. Introductions:** Ann provides a “thank you” to National Weather Service, Vanessa Pearce, for hosting the LEPC meeting. Ann “thanks” Justin Blew and Haz-Mat Response for providing lunch.

- 2. MINUTES APPROVED:** Minutes from the August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting are approved as written. Motion to approve by Gina Gregory and second by Jessica Pereira. All present in agreement with minutes with amended changes approved and accepted.

Vanessa provides logistics for the building if an emergency should occur.

**3. OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. HMEP Grant Closeout**

Ann states that all HMEP classes have been closed out. Ann states that attendance was not as she expected. Ann states that both classes have not had any additional data requested from Swapan and are considered officially closed.

**B. LEOP Review**

Julie Stimson states the LEOP has been approved by KDEM and will go for local adoption by the Sedgwick County Board of County Commissioners. Julie states a comprehensive review is conducted every 5 years, with the last year being 2022. The original due date for the previous plan



was 2020, but due to COVID an extension was granted. The next schedule comprehensive review, approval and local adoption will be in 2030.

### **C. 2025 Safety Expo**

Ann states that she is pleased with the attendance at the first every community wide safety expo. Ann states that there were approximately 1000 attendees with almost 75 vendors. Jilene R states that she was pleased to see so much interaction from the community. Ann states that CPAAA had a lot of resources available that she was unaware of and this event was eye opening. Ann states that a women's defense class wants to offer 15 minute demonstrations. Ann states that Century II was amazing to work with and it was a great event.

Ann states that the books were a good addition. Ann states about 430 books handed out. Gina requested books for Valley Center. Ann states that her company is placing a book in each of her admissions. Ann states that her ultimate goal is to get the hospitals to engage and place the books in their admission packets. Ann shares her appreciation to the city and county for supporting the event. Wichita Fire had the walk through trailer, Evergy demonstration recommended that they have more open visibility. Ann states that she is very grateful for the efforts of Bryan Ellis.

Jessica requests recommendations for improvement for the event for next year. Jessica states that any feedback or help for next year please reach out to her or ann.

Ann states that the recommendation was made to host the event during Riverfest. Ann states that Shannon at Century II recommended due to the foot traffic. Julie states the big trucks can be outside.

Jessica said we need to inquire about having a button if it is done during the event. Ann states we will talk to Shannon about the event for 2026.

Julie recommends a people counter for the next event. Jessica states that she has one available. Ann states again that she was happy to see the turn out. Ann states that it will be the efforts of the LEPC to move the information about the next event out to the community.

### **D. 2026 Host Sites**

Ann states that there is a form on the table for sign ups for LEPC Host locations for 2026. Ann states that she elected Sedgwick County Emergency Management as one of the sites so that the LEPC membership can see what goes on at the EM level and get more comfortable with the inter-workings of the team. Ann states that she also emailed it out to everyone for review. Ann states that Spirit Aerosystems and Andy Hall will be hosting February 19th which require some security items before. Ann states that the Regional Fire Training Center will be hosting in August. Julie states that she is happy to host at the EOC. Ann states she hopes to have more in person attendance.

### **E. Round Table**

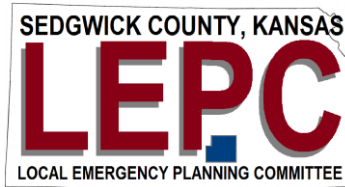
Ann asks Jessica Pereira regarding communicable cases in the hospital and their impact on the community when being discharged into the community

## **4. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. 2026 Emergency Preparedness Expo**

Ann states that Jessica and her will be working on the dates for the expo next year. Ann states if you want any books to contact her. Ann states the book is also online on the LEPC website.

Julie states that they are updating their website so if there is new things anyone would like to see to please let her know.



## **B. Self Evaluation 2025**

Ann states that she completed the evaluation and feels that we have room to grow. Ann states that she would like to see us do more reporting with the Tier II incidents. Ann states that she needs help with this. Ann states that she will update her email contacts. Ann states she will send out a post card again to remind businesses to attend the LEPC for reporting requirements. Ann asks Julie to add her to the new business communication so a notice can go out for their requirements.

## **C. LEPC Exercises for 2026**

Ann states that the IPPW is to discuss a 3 year plan for planning and exercises to collaborate and share exercises across the community so that there is not exercise fatigue. Julie states the goal is to ensure that we align exercises to help meet all objectives. Jonathan Maas states that he would like to help with any exercises for 2026.

## **D. Membership 2025-2026**

Ann states that she will disseminate a membership update form so that she has an updated list to submit to CEPR, SCEM and then for it to get moved forward to the Council.

## **5. PRESENTATION/Facility Tour:**

Vanessa Pearce provides education on the NOAA with a walking tour of the facility. Vanessa states that there are 122 offices across the country in addition to the Wichita office which covers 26 counties. She states that there are 7 offices that serve Kansas. Vanessa states that there are at least 1 or 2 staff on site 24 hours a day. Vanessa states that they are exempt and on site regardless of what is going on. Vanessa states that her operational staff is 9 but supposed to be 15. She states that there are non-meterologists on staff as well. Vanessa provides a tour of the facility and discusses equipment used for weather monitoring.

## **6. ROUND TABLE:**

Julie S requests all businesses to invite SCEM to their exercises so that they can be supportive. She also states that the website will be under construction and if there are any recommendations to please let her know.

Ann states that she is working on a list of requested classes, resources for the upcoming years that may require the HMEP grant. Ann states that the classes have to be better attended due to the amount of work required to get the funding.

Vanessa states that she is Chance Hayes replacement and was trained by him. Stewart asks if the storm prediction center out of Norman Oklahoma issues the warnings. Vanessa states they propose a watch and then Wichita coordinates a watch and is put out from this office. Julie states that the ipaws issues out the warning that is coming from Wichita noaa.

Stewart asks if the Greensburg event was the first emergency issued for the Wichita noaa.

Vanessa states that Greensburg was the first emergency issued and only done on a rare occasion.

Vanessa states that they coordinate with the weather coordination center and multiple other agencies for predictive weather throughout the year.

Vanessa moves to the physical building tour.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting is adjourned at 3:04pm.**



**8. NEXT MEETING:**

**February 19th, 2026**

**\*\*Presenter: Andy Hall**

**Location: Spirit AeroSystems  
3801 S Oliver Wichita, Kansas 67210  
ZOOM: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84033075610>**

Meeting Locations 2026  
Via Zoom and On-Location

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February 19th 2pm ON SITE AND ZOOM

\*\* Presenter: Andy Hall

Location: Spirit Aerosystems

3801 S Oliver

Wichita, Kansas 67210

May 14th 2pm ON SITE AND ZOOM

\*\*Presenter: Travis Parmley

Location: Haz-Mat Response, Inc

August 20th 2pm ON SITE AND ZOOM

\*\*Presenter: Ryan Gadbury

Location: Regional Training Center

November 19th 2pm ON SITE AND ZOOM

\*\*Presenter: Sedgwick County Emergency Management

Location: SCEM EOC

\*LUNCH to be provided at this Meeting