



SEDGWICK COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)

Meeting Minutes

**August 14th, 2025
2pm**

ON SITE:

UPR

2645 N New York Wichita, KS 67219

ZOOM Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87682886603>

- 1. Call To Order:** LEPC Chairperson Ann Houk called the meeting to order at 2:04 pm.

A. Attendance:

Ann Houk, LEPC Chair	Trista Clevenger, Sedgwick County Dept of Aging & Disability	Ryan Gadbury, WFD
Andy Allen, Ardent Mills	David Byers, Ardent Mills	Regan Gerber, Spirit Aerosystems
Dan Bronson, City of Derby	Matt Hartman, Viavi Solutions	Jerod Kaufman, National Weather Service
Jonathon Blackburn, SC HCC	Beth Bowdin, Robert Dole VA	Lizeth Ortega, City of Wichita Public Works
Emily Yates, McPherson County Emergency Management	Kyle Burtch, Sedgwick County EMS	Jonah Packard, Viavi Solutions
Nicholas Becker, SCFD	Justin Blew, Haz-Mat Response	Trevor Taylor, Jayhawk Pipeline
Jon Maas, McConnell AFB	Jonathan Marr, Derby Fire	Jon Schropfer, SCEM
Jill Reichle, McConnell AFB	Andy Hall, Spirit Aerosystems	Ken Kimble, WPD
Rorik Moore-Jansen, SCHD	Shelby Morrison, Universal Products	Stewart Segraves, Ascension Hospitals
Tom Kneil, Sierra Club	Sean McKinney, KU School of Medicine	Robert McKenzie, Phillips 66
Katy Timken, NCRI	Jessica Pereira, SCHD	

- B. Introductions:** Ann provides a “thank you” to Union Pacific Railroad, Lane Sekavec, for hosting the LEPC meeting. Ann states that Lane cannot be present due to an emergency response. Ann has each attendee introduce and state where they are affiliated.

- 2. MINUTES APPROVED:** Minutes from the May 15th, 2025 meeting are approved as written. Motion to approve by Trista Clevenger and second by Jessica Pereira. All present in agreement with minutes with amended changes approved and accepted.

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



3. OLD BUSINESS:

A. HMEP Grant Status

Ann states that all HMEP classes have been closed out. Ann states that attendance was not as she expected. Nick Becker states that the dates of the offering were difficult for attendance due to other training or due to upcoming holidays. Ann states that moving forward any requested classes will have to have good attendance due to the time and effort of all involved to get the grant and submit required paperwork. Ann states that she would like to bring in more classes.

Ann states in the future she will work directly with the vendors on class availability. Ann states she is finishing the class closures.

B. LEOP Review

Jon Schropfer states that he is working on the LEOP as it is currently late. Jon states that it is mostly complete and will be moving forward with representatives from ESF 4, 9, 10 and 13. Jon states that is Fire, Hazmat and Law Enforcement. Jon states he will send out calendar invites to allow for a review of the plans. Jon states he is meeting with ESF 6 representatives next week to review their plans. Jon states that all of that will complete the review and edits. Jon states that if you missed a review and want to inject to provide him with your email.

Ann reminds attendees that Jon Schropfer with Sedgwick County Emergency Management is the contact for the LEOP reviews and to contact him for questions or for information.

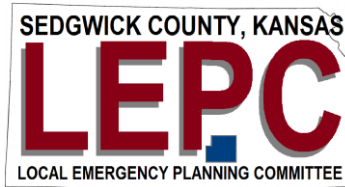
C. 2025 Safety Expo

Ann states that she has sent emails about the Emergency Expo. Ann states that this is the first community wide education expo for Sedgwick county. Ann states that Jessica Pereira, Bryan Ellis, Kenneth Kimble and representatives from Century II worked diligently to coordinate this community education. Ann states that Jessica will provide information on the event.

Jessica states that the event will be on September 13th from 10am to 2pm. Jessica states it's a free event for all to participate and attend. Jessica states that we will have the touch a truck and all hazard vendors. Jessica states she will resend emails to get vendors. Jessica states that Century II was donated so there is vested value to be in attendance. Jessica passes out a form with a QR code to register to be a vendor. Jessica reports that Everygy will be presenting. Jessica states we are advertising on the radio, TV, and billboards. Jessica states that we want this event to be successful as the overall purpose is to ensure our community has the tools and resources to not only be prepared for an emergency event, but also how to respond.

Ann states that the goal for her is to push this community education and be able to display the knowledge that our first responders know. Ann states that we have to protect one another and allow our community to know where there resources are. Ann states we are life lines for one another and she wants us now to be lifelines to our community members. Ann states that if you consider who the real first responders are it is actual the people who witness it or are involved in it. Ann states we have to help our community be safer. Ann states we already have a good interest in this event.

Jessica states that we already have 45 confirmed vendors for the event. Jessica reports the following will be present: Sedgwick County Health Department, Everygy, McConnell AFB, Sedgwick County Emergency Management, Pipeline, 811, Operation Lifesaver, WFD, SCFD, CISA, Medial Research, Overdose Prevention, Fall Prevention, Motorcycle Rider Education, LEPC, American Red Cross, Haz-Mat Response, City of Wichita/Century II, Home Health & Hospice of Kansas, Meadowlark Adult Care Homes, KSSN Storm Tracker, WPD, Rock Regional Hospital. Jessica states that an ounce of prevention is worth the cure.



D. Emergency Prep Guidebook

Ann displays the current revision of the community emergency preparedness guidebook. Ann states that it has several revisions. Ann states that the book is also available on the LEPC website and is printable.

Ann states that she is planning on SCEM printing the books for the event due to the cost of printing exceeding \$13/book. Ann states our goal will be one book per family.

Ann states that the goal of the book is to be a backup for the event of loss of internet or through electronic accesses and information is lost.

Ann states that printing for her company will get the book out to roughly 1000 residents each year,.

E. Round Table

No discussion for Old business.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

A. LEPC Self Evaluation

Ann states that the LEPC self evaluation will evaluate the effectiveness of the LEPC and opportunities for improvement. Ann states she will work to getting this complete by the next meeting.

B. 2026 Host Site

Ann states that for 2026 she would like to find a way to post the videos of the meeting to help reduce burden and minutes.

Ann states that for 2026 she would like new sites for hosting the LEPC meetings and offers the following dates to choose from: February 12th, May 14th, August 13th, and November 12th. Ann states that the November meetings will include lunches.

5. PRESENTATION:

UPR-Moved to future meeting due to Emergency Response

Haz-Mat Response-Justin Blew

Justin presents information on Haz-Mat Response. Justin states that they are new to Sedgwick County. Justin states haz-mat response started in 1992. Justin states that they are headquartered in Olathe. They operate under 3 divisions of emergency response.

The perception is that we only do hazardous materials. Justin states that most of what they do is not hazardous. There is one phone number to call and the office can dispatch remotely depending on the location.

Justin states that they have been around over 30 years with technicians who have been around for many years with lots of hands on experience. Justin states the scope of work with the majority of it being spill.

Oil Spill Response Situation is what they specialize in. Justin states that onsite storage site management provider requires a 24 hour response time. Justin states that because of their requirements and oversight by the Coast Guard they are required to maintain specific equipment. Justin states that they work with all rail companies.

Justin states that they are not the only company capable of this service. Justin states what separates them from other companies is the type of equipment they have and that they own. Justin states that they are also able to dispatch their equipment at anytime of day or night.



Justin states they do scheduled maintenance and repairs to include tank inspections, yard cleanings, and anything from air monitoring to rentals.

Justin states that their service agreements allow a business to secure a rate and premier services. Justin discusses a rollover that happened overnight and they were contacted but because they did not have a contract it delayed responses so he encourages agreements to get into place before an accident happens. Justin states many times you respond to an accident and never get paid so their company wants to verify the companies or situation that they respond to.

Justin states that they do a lot of work for the EPA.

Justin shares photos of some site clean ups.

Justin states that if an accident happened on the highway the calls have to come from the entity that is paying for the clean up. Jon S states that the liability sits with the transportation company and not with the county. Jon S states that if the county calls for the clean up then they will assume the liability.

Justin states that he will be available after the meeting if anyone has questions.

6. ROUND TABLE:

No information offered for round table.

7. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting is adjourned at 3:04pm. Andy Hall approves adjournment for online attendees.

8. NEXT MEETING:

November 13th 2pm ON SITE AND ZOOM

****Presenter: Vanessa Pearce**

Location: NOAA

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