

LEPC-November 18, 2025

IPPW Exercise

Members present: Matt Haviland, Kylie Ludwig, Misty Peterson, Matthew Livingston, Peyton Kessler, Richard Matteson, Grant Spieth, Todd Campbell, Matt Campbell, Terry Clugston, Brian Henderson.

Matt Haviland: Chemical spill-Mercury spill in Columbus, item disposed of incorrectly, no active clean-up plan, will work with local fire departments to develop a plan. Will take to Labette County for disposal, estimated around 1 cup of mercury. Kansas Fire Marshall typically handles mercury, as per T. Campbell. Completed final training to become certified emergency management technician.

Sheriff: arrests are up.

EMS: working on building for new Ambulance barn, new training program is going well, started with 15 students, down to 10-11. Have a few that are new drivers in the program.

Health Department: Car seat clinic today at the health department, 988 planning will be here for Dec. meeting and will offer times during the day for mental health in the afternoon, and evening will be for general public.

Liberty utility: no news

Mercy Hospital: increase in respiratory viruses, largest increase in Jasper and Newton County.

KState: no new news.

City of Columbus: no news

EPA: residential in Baxter and Galena clean up, ongoing.

IPPW:

What: Housing, Coop, ALS Camera, Bear Cat, Mental Health/LEC/Child Abuse, EMS funding, Debris Removal, Tabletop exercise, language translators,

Planning: How do we retain residents after a natural disaster event (long-term plan)? City would have very few resources for housing, pre-identifying contractors for rebuilding, move in trailers from FEMA. Plan clears individuals first, then clear hazards such as gas, then corp will come in and clean the properties left with clean building pad. Can take several months. Churches may have gymnasiums to assist when schools are not able to be used. Grants could be utilized.

Organizing: Insurance companies, lack of planning, coop teams, hospital policy change,

COOP: Lack of planning, tied to funding for programs, where will employees going to show up to work, what if server blows up, training government officials,

Equipment: Equipment required, language line

Training: Training on COOP, Train more nurses, training at hospital with county/city,

Exercising: Test the plan, hospital table-top