

Current State Initiatives

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"Building sustainable capabilities across all phases of Emergency Management in Kansas through selfless service"

Topics

- State Emergency Operations Center Support
- EOC Support Teams
- KDEM's role in the IMT
- The role of the Regional Coordinators



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State Emergency Operations Center Support

Overview



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Operational Changes

- KDEM will be staffing a field liaison position in the SEOC under the Response Section during activations
 - Responsible for monitoring county entries
 - Responsible for entering SEOC events
 - Overall goal is to provide Counties with better info
 - Conference calls
 - Counties will be invited to call in for SEOC briefings
- Goal is to ensure a synchronized effort at all levels



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Operational Changes (cont)

- Provide “one stop shopping” for counties and RC’s
- Will assist counties in dealing with ESF partners and major EOC management functions
- Counties, ESF’s, and management functions will still be able to interact as appropriate
- WebEOC sign in board
 - Staff sign into and out of WebEOC with contact information
 - Will ensure that information gets to the right person when staff changes out



Operational Changes (cont)

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 - Staff sign into and out of WebEOC with contact information
 - Will ensure that information gets to the right person when staff changes out
 - Prevent many calls to field because information was forwarded to an off duty staff member



EOC Support Teams

Overview



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EOC Support Teams (cont)

- Will be made up of Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) from all disciplines
- Not a replacement for an IMT
 - IMT supports Incident Commanders on scene
 - EOC Support Team supports the EOC – working for the EM
- Will remain through the recovery process
 - Assist with all needs (PA process, volunteer management, etc.)



Incident Management Teams

Overview



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KDEM and the IMT

- CEPR chair determined that Adjutant General has a statutory authority for the IMT
- KDEM is in a coordination and policy role
 - We don't "own" the IMT
 - Cooperation is the key
- KEY POINT – When IMT is deployed in the field they work for, and support the local jurisdiction and the Incident Commander



KDEM and the IMT (cont)

- IMT adopted AHIMT standards in February
 - KDEM has committed to follow same procedures
 - Task books are required within three years of assignment
 - Task books are required for any EMAC deployment
- Overall process for IMT members has not changed



Regional Coordinators



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Regional Coordinator Support

- Liaison to county EM's from KDEM
- Support county programs
 - Provide technical support
 - Exercise
 - Planning
 - Training
 - Provide guidance to EM's and elected appointed officials on EM programs



Regional Coordinator Support

- When a disaster or emergency occurs:
 - Liaison between County and SEOC
 - Liaison between EM and IMT
 - Technical assistance
- After the disaster:
 - Key part of the recovery process
 - Working with PA personnel and County EM's



Questions?



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