



Phillips County Local Emergency Planning Committee

Date/Time: 18 May 2026@1200

1. Welcome-Introductions -Call to order by Chairperson Kassy Dewitt at 12:05 pm.

a. [INFO] Attendance

Name	Position	Attendance
Jenny Dix	Emergency Management Coordinator	Present
Kyle Pinkerton	Sheriff	Present
Kassy Dewitt	EMS Director	Present
Kary Wagner	Health & Safety, Amber Wave	Absent
Vicki Korobka	Amber Wave	Absent
Bruce Williams	Trinity Ag, CEO	Absent
Brad Bates	Trinity Ag, COO & Rural Water	Present
Sarah Beckman	Tallgrass Energy	Present
Kris Gall	Tamko, Admin Assist. General Mgr.	Present
Lindsey Johnson	Phillips County Health Department	Present
Debra Grammond	Logan Mayor	Present
Jim McDonald	Logan City Council	Present
Brandie Bland	PCHS Emergency Preparedness	Absent
Tara Overmiller	PCHS, CEO	Absent
Frank Burwell	PCHS, IC	Present

2. [INFO] Review/Approval of Previous Minutes

a. Jenny Dix, EM made a motion to approve the 04 March 2026 meeting minutes, it was Seconded by Sarah Beckman, LEPC Vice-Chair, motion carried, minutes approved.

[CLOSED]

3. Approval of Bylaws

a. The committee reviewed the updated Bylaws. Changes included moving meetings from quarterly to at least semi-annually. Jenny Dix, EM made a motion to approve the bylaws, it was seconded by Sarah Beckman, Vice-Chair, motion carried, bylaws approved. Kassy Dewitt signed the approved bylaws. They will be forwarded to commissioners for final review/signature and then sent to the State Emergency Response Commission Coordinator.

[OPEN, GWD: 30 Jun 26]

4. Training & Exercises

a. The committee discussed exercises and training needed for the county. Trinity Ag proposed an anhydrous ammonia training/exercise. Brad Bates, Trinity Ag, COO, will put together a training project for an overturned anhydrous tank. The committee agreed that fall time would be the most appropriate (after harvest). Brad Bates, Trinity Ag COO also stated that the usage



of anhydrous tanks by farmers has increased. While his company is in the process of decreasing their anhydrous operations (the plant north of Phillipsburg will not reopen). Once Brad has more information he will forward it to the committee. **[OPEN, EGWD 30 Nov 26]**

b. The committee also discussed HAZWOPER (Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response) training. In Kansas it is regulated under federal OSHA standards. Training levels include 40-Hour (general site workers), 24-Hour (occasional workers), 8-Hour (annual refreshers), and supervisor courses. There are few members with training because of their job positions. Agencies with some personnel trained on HAZWOPER are Tamko, Trinity Ag, & Tallgrass. This training is very in-depth, but asking our volunteers to spare 40 hours is unrealistic. Brad and Jenny will research if there are condensed training courses we can schedule for our area. **[OPEN, EGWD: Sep 2026]**.

c. The committee discussed decontamination measures. Firefighters can complete gross decontamination. This is the most basic decontamination (removal of cloths and sprayed with water). It is important that if contamination is suspected these measures are taken before transport. If not completed properly there is a risk of contaminating your ambulance and placing it out of service. The hospital has increased decontamination procedures. The Hospital Emergency Preparedness Coordination and Incident Commander are revising the decontamination setup at the hospital, more information to come as they continue with this project. Brad Bates, Trinity Ag COO stated their process is to remove cloths, spray with water, and proceed to the hospital. Decontamination procedures depend on the hazard, and all First Responders must be familiar with the Emergency Response Guidebook (ERG). **[INFO]**

d. Chairperson Kassy Dewitt presented a training idea for first responders. A Rural Incident Response Training Day. It would include farm equipment, anhydrous tanks, trucks, etc. First Responders could familiarize themselves with the equipment and the extraction processes. The committee liked the idea and proposed we plan for next year. **[INFO]**

5. Plan Reviews

a. The EOP was reviewed at the 04 Mar 26 meeting. The EOP expiration date is 30 June 2028. Changes or edits that are required will be annotated, but if there are more than 25% of corrections a rewrite may need to occur. There are no edits or concerns with the plan currently. **[INFO]**

b. The committee was sent the Rodeo Evacuation Plan on 07 April 26. Members reviewed and sent edits. Jenny Dix, EM will complete edits as required. Jenny will also meet and discuss the plan with the rodeo committee. **[OPEN, EGWD, 30 Jun 26]**

c. The committee was sent the Ethanol Plant Response Plan on 07 April 26. There were a few edits from the plant safety manager, the Phillipsburg Fire Chief, and the LEPC Vice-Chair. Jenny Dix, EM will complete edits as required. **[OPEN, EGWD, Sep 26]**

d. The committee was sent the Phillips County Emergency Operations Base Plan. This plan is more tactical and describes how agencies within the county will coordinate responses. This plan is much more specific than the EOP which is aligned with NIMS and ICS, but in general



terms. First Responders (Fire Chief, EMS Director, and Sheriff will review during the First Responder meeting on 20 May 26. **[OPEN, EGWD, 31 Dec 26]**

6. Public Education

a. The committee discussed public education ideas (training with schools or setting up at the farmers market, etc.). The committee is still deciding what would best fit the community.

[INFO]

b. There was a discussion about helmet laws for motorized scooters and bicycles. Sheriff Kyle Pinkerton explained, “For electric scooters and e-bikes, Kansas does not currently have a statewide helmet law. There has been proposed legislation regarding helmets for minors on e-scooters and e-bikes, but it is not a statewide law currently. The cities within the county do not have local ordinances. The committee agreed that if it is not mandatory perhaps education or handing out helmets would help. There are numerous young children in Phillips County using scooters and e-bikes. Sheriff Pinkerton stated he will research helmet education so his department can provide the training. Jenny and Kassy will research free helmet programs from the state. **[OPEN, EGWD: Sep 26]**

7. Phillips County Significant Events

a. The committee reviewed significant events in the county during 2026. There have been over 22 Red Flag Days, and this does not even count the days where there were critical fire weather conditions. The county fire departments responded to a multitude of fires, the most significant was the Bow Creek Fire. It was in Rooks County, but our Logan Fire Department assisted as the fire escaped to a creek and the wind gusts were over 60mph+. The KS National Guard also responded to this fire. The Agra, Kirwin, and Phillipsburg Fire Department responded to a 200+ haybale fire north of Phillipsburg. It took over five hours to spread out the bales and dampen the flames.

8. New Business

a. The committee discussed upcoming events for summer 2026. Phillips County has multiple events planned that will create crowds. This information is for situational awareness only but will be reported to First Responders for their awareness as well.

- Party-at-the-Park (June) (Phillipsburg)
- Rodeo Parade (July) (Phillipsburg)
- Rodeo (July) (Phillipsburg)
- Hanson Arts & Craft Fair (August) (Logan)
- Farmers Market (Main Street- June & July) (Logan & Phillipsburg)
- Party on the Prairie (4 July) (Prairie View)
- Highway 36 Treasurer (September) (Entire County along Hwy 36)
- Labor Day Celebration (September) (Logan)
- Color Run (30 Sep) (Phillipsburg)
- Old Settlers Day Parade and Bike Race (Oct) (Kirwin)



9. Old Business:

a. The committee discussed inviting more organizations in the county to the meeting. The EM sent out additional invites as instructed (City Mayors (Agra, Speed, Phillipsburg, Glade, Prairieview, & Long Island), Midwest Energy, Phillipsburg Public Works & Housing Authority, and Prairieland Electric. Jenny Dix, LEPC Secretary completed this in April of 2026. Though invites were sent some members could not attend due to meeting conflicts. Will continue to send invites to these agencies. **[CLOSED]**

10. Adjournment at 13:07 pm. – Next Meeting- September

Attachments

1. Sign-In-Roster/Membership Update Form
2. Presentation
3. Agenda

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