

**MINUTES
CITY-COUNTY COMMON
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 113
TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2015
12:45 P.M.**

Present: County Commissioner Deb Schorr, Chair; City Councilman Trent Fellers, Vice Chair; Roma Amundson, Bill Avery, and Todd Wiltgen, County Commissioners; Leirion Gaylor Baird, Jon Camp, Roy Christensen, Doug Emery, and Carl Eskridge, City Council Members

Absent: Larry Hudkins, County Commissioner; Jonathan Cook, City Council Member; and Mayor Chris Beutler

Others Present: Ann Taylor, County Clerk's Office

Advance public notice of the City-County Common Meeting was posted on the County-City Building bulletin board and on the Lincoln and Lancaster County, Nebraska, web sites.

The Chair noted the location of the Open Meetings Act and opened the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

Per direction of the Chair, roll call attendance was taken.

AGENDA ITEM

1 APPROVAL OF COMMON MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 3, 2015

MOTION: Fellers moved and Amundson seconded approval of the minutes of the February 3, 2015 meeting. Amundson, Wiltgen, Avery, Eskridge, Christensen, Fellers, Emery, Camp and Schorr voted aye. Gaylor Baird, Beutler, Cook and Hudkins were absent from voting. Motion carried 9-0.

2 LOCAL ISSUES IN EMERGENCY MEDICINE - Dr. Jason Kruger, Medical Director, Emergency Medical Services Oversight Authority (EMSOA)

Dr. Jason Kruger, Medical Director, Emergency Medical Services Oversight Authority (EMSOA), noted EMSOA covers Lincoln Fire and Rescue (LFR) and 20 other contracted units/agencies in and around Lincoln.

Gaylor Baird arrived at 12:48 a.m.

Dr. Kruger noted one of the changes he implemented when he took over as Medical Director four years ago was a revamping of the precepting process. He said they put together a structured system of working sets and oral board scenarios for new paramedics. Dr. Kruger said he also goes on ride-alongs with new paramedics in order to improve understanding and communication. Other improvements that were made within the system include evidence-based medicine, improved documentation for refusals of service, and implementing high-performance Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) within Lincoln. He said they have been measuring the amount of time that is spent performing CPR on out-of-hospital cardiac arrests and "911 to balloon time", which is the length of time from when 911 is called to the time the patient's blocked artery is opened in one of Lincoln's catheterization labs. Dr. Kruger said our times are better than Seattle's, which is considered to be the best in the world (Seattle's time is 95 minutes and Lincoln's is 65 minutes). He said they have also looked at cardiac arrest survival and said Lincoln's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) agency is the only EMS agency in Nebraska accepted to participate in the Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival (CARES) Program, which was developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in collaboration with Emory University to help increase out-of-hospital cardiac arrest (OHCA) survival rates. Based on Lincoln's successful implementation, CARES has invited the entire State of Nebraska to participate. Nebraska is the tenth state to participate as an entire state-wide registry. Dr. Kruger also reported that Lincoln Fire and Rescue (LFR) was the only EMS agency that received an award last month from Mission: Lifeline, a partnership between the American Heart Association and charitable partners that works to improve heart attack and cardiac resuscitation systems of care. He noted Lincoln's EMS agency is the first EMS agency in the country that activates the catheterization lab pre-hospitalization for anyone found in a witness-shockable cardiac arrest to try to improve survival.

Councilman Camp questioned the number of cardiac arrests experienced in Lincoln. Dr. Kruger said there are approximately 150 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests every year and approximately 20 to 50 survive. He said witnessed defibrillation arrests, which he estimated are 10-15% of the overall out-of-hospital cardiac arrests, have the greatest chance of survival. Dr. Kruger said they are doing chest compressions, 91% of the time, noting the national average is 50-60%.

Councilman Christensen asked if EMS personnel are licensed by the State. Dr. Kruger said they are. Christensen asked whether there is interaction between EMSOA and the State Licensing Board. Kruger said some EMSOA Board members have sat on the State EMS Board as well and said one of the EMSOA representatives is from the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Christensen then asked Dr. Kruger whether he has any direct input on their continuing medical education, i.e., course work and requirements. Dr. Kruger said he can make suggestions. Christensen said he believes what is going on with EMSOA in Lincoln should be shared. Dr. Kruger said he has had discussions with medical directors across the State and the State EMS Medical Director.

Councilman Eskridge asked how equipment and response training helps provide quality care for individuals who live a distance from a hospital. Dr. Kruger said its critical to get blocked arteries opened quickly and said their goal is to get an electrocardiogram (EKG) on a patient having chest pain within five minutes of being on scene and to transmit that to the hospital. If the patient is identified as having a heart attack, the catheterization lab is activated. With regards to cardiac arrest, Dr. Kruger said they are trying to “take the hospital to the patient in the field.” He said they can put in advanced airways, do high quality chest compressions, and give medication in the field. Dr. Kruger also cited the benefit of mechanical Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) devices for patients that are in a refractory shockable rhythm.

Commissioner Amundson asked if they could share their standard operating procedures (SOP) with other organizations. Dr. Kruger responded they have shared their protocols with other agencies across the State.

Councilman Camp asked him to share developments involving 911 (emergency services) protocols. Dr. Kruger said 911 dispatchers had initially used a flip card set to identify what response was needed. He said they have moved to a computerized priority dispatch and said a quality assurance program was recently implemented to measure: (1) The percentage of time that dispatchers are able to recognize that someone is in cardiac arrest and dispatch responders; and (2) How long it takes from the time a call is received to the first chest compressions. Dr. Kruger said they are also working to improve CPR instructions.

Commissioner Wiltgen asked about cooperation from hospitals. Dr. Kruger said representatives from both hospital groups serve on EMSOA. He added that Lincoln has two outstanding cardiology groups that want to be “on the cutting edge.”

Commissioner Schorr remarked that Dr. Kruger has done a great job of reaching out to rural volunteer squads as well. Dr. Kruger said he visits every rural EMS agency on an annual basis to answer questions and make sure everyone is “on the same page.” He said they have been able to do innovative things with cardiac care and said a number of the rural responders are doing EKG’s in the field and transmit that information to LFR paramedics before they are on scene so they have the ability to activate the catheterization lab.

NOTE: Also present for the discussion was Kyle Michaelis, EMSOA Board Chair.

3 SEVERE WEATHER EXERCISE REPORT - Kerry Eagan, County Chief Administrative Officer; Jim Davidsaver, Emergency Management Director

Kerry Eagan, County Chief Administrative Officer, said the National Weather Service (NWS) conducted a state-wide severe weather exercise on March 25th. A test tornado watch was issued at 10:00 a.m., followed by a test tornado warning. The City and

County participated in the exercise by simulating a modified shelter-in-place response for the County-City Building. Several officials met as a follow-up to review the exercise and to identify how preparedness and emergency response could be improved. He presented their recommendations (Exhibit A):

- Improve Severe Weather Notification for Employees
 - Install a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) radio in every department, and two or more radios in larger departments
 - Update the desktop computer alert system
 - Research and recommend the best smart phone application for severe weather alerts
- Each department should develop its own standard operating procedure (SOP) for responding to severe weather warnings
 - Regular review and updates of the SOP
 - Post emergency response procedures for the visiting public in conspicuous places throughout the County-City Building
- Improve shelters
 - Better signage
 - Review the physical adequacy of all designated shelters and make changes where appropriate
 - Establish a designated shelter under K Street in the K Street parking lot tunnel
 - ▶ Install storm-resistance doors on the south side of the area under K Street
 - ▶ Improve ventilation, if necessary
- Request a legal opinion on potential City or County liability for injuries incurred from use of designated shelters during an emergency
- Schedule a discussion of severe weather preparedness with the City-County Common and the City-County Public Building Commission

Eagan noted a shelter-in-place exercise might take place in the future and everyone in the building would be moved to designated shelters.

Eagan said it is the opinion of the County Attorney that local government generally doesn't have an affirmative duty to provide notice of severe weather or shelter and if someone was injured in one of the shelters provided in the building it is unlikely they would be successful in filing a negligence action. He said the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has standards for tornado shelters but they would not provide a basis of liability to City or County government. Eagan said Don Killeen, County Property Manager, is looking at potential signage changes and other changes to the designated shelters.

Councilman Eskridge suggested it would be better to use the term “safe room” in place of shelter. Eagan felt whatever terminology would best get the attention of the public is what should be used.

Jim Davidsaver, Emergency Management Director, stressed the need to offer as much protection as possible. He suggested deferring to employees on how they can make themselves, and others in their area, as safe as possible if there is severe weather.

Eagan added it is very likely there would be workers’ compensation liability if an employee were injured in the building during severe weather.

Commissioner Wiltgen inquired about other County buildings. Eagan said this exercise didn’t include those properties but said departments in those buildings should be asked to do some planning with regard to shelters and operating procedures. Davidsaver said there also needs to be a plan on how to communicate with workers out in the field and let them know severe weather is approaching.

4 COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO SYNTHETIC DRUG K2 - Jim Peschong, Chief of Police; Tom Casady, City Public Safety Director; Judy Halstead, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD) Director

Judy Halstead, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD) Director, gave a PowerPoint presentation on Community Response to K2, noting the following (Exhibit B):

- Community Communication
- K2 Reported Cases in Lincoln/Lancaster County in 2015
- K2 Calls Between April 17th and April 30th
- K2 Calls Since April 17th
- Next Steps

Halstead said LLCHD got involved because State law requires that hospital emergency departments report to local health authorities when they see either clusters of health concerns, an outbreak, or anything unusual. She said Bryan Health reported to LLCHD at around 10:30 p.m. on April 21st that they had seen a number of cases related to K2 overdoses in the emergency department and were very concerned about what was happening. **NOTE:** Only 11% of the hospital cases were minors. Halstead said a total of 129 unduplicated known or suspected K2 calls were reported by Lincoln Fire and Rescue (LFR), Lincoln Police Department (LPD) and Lancaster Sheriff’s Office (LSO) between April 17th-30th. She said a lot was happening in the community about the same time - a community agency meeting was held on April 23rd, LPD took an enforcement action that same day, a news conference was held on April 24th, and the Lincoln Public Schools (LPS) sent information out to families on April 27th.

Copies of a K2 Hospital/Facility Information Form was disseminated (Exhibit C). Halstead said local hospitals, The Bridge (a substance abuse treatment and detoxification facility formerly known as Cornhusker Place), LPD, LSO, LFR and LPS have been asked to use the information form to help evaluate patterns of K2 use in Lincoln and Lancaster County.

Halstead said there is still K2 activity being reported, although the number of cases has decreased significantly. She said they still are not sure if what occurred in Lincoln was the result of K2 that was sprayed with a "bad chemical", adding they are trying to determine the chemical compound of some of the samples collected. Halstead said although no deaths occurred, one patient did "code" and a number of patients were intubated or required assistance in breathing while they were in the hospital.

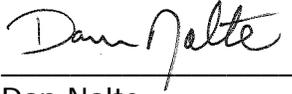
Jim Peschong, Chief of Police, said multiple agencies have been involved in investigating K2 use in the community for the past year and a half. He said legislation has not provided the tools to effectively deal with the problem. K2 is a legal product if used as potpourri or incense. If the product is smoked, it can have dramatic health effects. Peschong said the community began to get K2 overdose calls around April 17th and LPD was contacted by the Sioux City Police Department that weekend indicating a high school senior in their community died as a result of ingesting K2 that was reportedly purchased in Lincoln. He said law enforcement, including the Narcotics Task Force and detectives from the Sioux City Police Department, met with the U.S. Attorney's Office and several federal agencies on April 29th to discuss the situation. Peschong expressed concern that there is a "disconnect" between law enforcement and the Legislature on the tools that are needed to adequately investigate and prosecute these crimes and said he was told Senator Krist may put together a group to study the issue this summer.

Peschong also reported that LPD served a search warrant on April 23rd on some of the shops that sell K2 and seized over 12,000 pipes and associated paraphernalia as well as 1,200 packages of K2. Law enforcement will continue to monitor these businesses to make sure new product hasn't come in.

Jeff Kirkpatrick, City Attorney, said his office sent letters to all of the retailers in the community that had been identified as selling K2 in the recent past letting them know that they were contemplating seeking an injunction ordering them not sell K2 and asking them to sign a voluntary agreement not to sell the product. He said the retailers that responded have agreed orally not to sell K2 but none have turned in signed agreements to date.

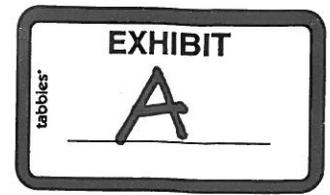
5 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Camp moved and Wiltgen seconded to adjourn the meeting at 1:51 p.m. Amundson, Schorr, Wiltgen, Avery, Eskridge, Christensen, Fellers, Emery, Camp and Gaylor Baird voted aye. Beutler, Cook and Hudkins were absent from voting. Motion carried 10-0.



Dan Nolte
Lancaster County Clerk





SEVERE WEATHER EXERCISE
Wednesday, March 25, 2015
Final report and Recommendations

Introduction

On March 25, 2015 the National Weather Service (NRS) conducted a state-wide severe weather exercise. The NRS issued a test tornado watch at 10am, followed by a test tornado warning at 10:10am. Lancaster County and the City of Lincoln participated in the exercise by simulating a modified shelter-in-place response for the County-City Building.

Preparation

Two meetings were conducted to plan and prepare for the exercise. The first meeting was held March 17, 2015 for the purpose of designing the exercise. This meeting was attended by the following officials:

Jim Davidsaver, Lincoln-Lancaster County Emergency Management Director
Don Killeen, Lancaster County Property Manager
Bob Nemecek, City of Lincoln Safety & Training Coordinator
Sue Eckley, Lancaster County Risk Manager
Kerry Eagan, Lancaster County Chief Administrative Officer

Given the short amount of time to prepare for the exercise, it was determined a full scale shelter-in-place response, requiring all occupants in the County-City Building to move to designated shelters, was not advisable. One issue identified was potential liability should a member of the public be injured during the exercise. Another issue was the lack of advance planning and notice to help minimize inconvenience to the public from the disruption of government operations due to the exercise. Instead the exercise focused on how best to notify employees and visitors as the exercise commenced, and on instructing them on the location of the nearest available shelters.

The following steps were undertaken to prepare for the exercise. First, a memorandum was directed to all elected officials and department heads asking them to appoint a floor captain for their department who would act as the point of contact for the dissemination of information, and as the person responsible for initiating the actual participation in the exercise for their department.

A second meeting was then held with the appointed floor captains on March 20, 2015 to explain their role in the exercise. At the meeting the floor captains were briefed on the planned response

to the test tornado warning for the County-City Building and provided with the following documents: 1) a short prepared statement to be read to employees and visitors during the exercise; and 2) a map showing all shelter locations on their floor of the County-City Building. The statement and shelter maps are attached to this report as Exhibits A and B. Upon activation of the test warning, floor captains were instructed to gather all employees in their department in one location. The floor captains were then instructed to read the prepared statement to the group, and answer any questions about the exercise and the designated shelter locations. Finally, floor captains were given the discretion to ask employees to actually go to the designated shelters, if this could be accomplished without too much disruption to department operations or the general public.

Another important piece of the preparation was the development of a communications plan for notifying elected officials, department heads, employees, and members of the public prior to conducting the exercise. Notices were posted at several locations in the County-City Building informing employees and visitors of the date and time of the exercise. The Enterprise Email system was used to notify City and County employees about Severe Weather Awareness Week and the exercise on March 25, 2015. Elected officials and department heads were notified in writing about the exercise and asked to cooperate. Floor captains were encouraged to coordinate the exercise with their supervisors and department heads, and to ask the department head to issue a memorandum to employees instructing them to participate in the drill. On a broader scale, a press release was issued by the Lancaster County Emergency Management Department announcing Severe Weather Awareness Week and the planned severe weather exercise on March 25, 2015. The exercise was again brought to the attention of the public at the Lancaster County Board meeting on Tuesday, March 24, 2015, as part the presentation for the County's adoption of a resolution recognizing Severe Weather Awareness Week.

Exercise and Follow-Up

The severe weather exercise was conducted as planned of Wednesday, March 25, 2015. There was broad participation in the exercise by all City and County departments located in the County-City Building. A follow-up meeting was immediately scheduled for the purpose of reviewing the exercise and identifying how preparedness and emergency response could be improved. That meeting was held Friday, March 27, 2017, and was attended by the following officials:

Jim Davidsaver, Lincoln-Lancaster County Emergency Management Director
Don Killeen, Lancaster County Property Manager
Bob Nemecek, City of Lincoln Safety & Training Coordinator
Sue Eckley, Lancaster County Risk Manager
Dan Nolte, Lancaster County Clerk
Bill Jarrett, Chief Deputy Lancaster County Treasurer
Jim Kohmetscher, Lancaster County Property Management Facilities Manager
Kerry Eagan, Lancaster County Chief Administrative Officer

Although all officials at the follow-up meeting believed the exercise went well, a number of areas were identified where improvement is needed. It was generally noted that some departments and employees did not receive adequate notification when the test warning was issued. To help remedy this situation, additional NOAA weather radios should be installed in the County-City Building. The radios provide immediate indoor notification of warnings issued by the National Weather Service. Large departments may need more than one radio to reach all employees. Relying on sirens is not recommended. They are intended as outdoor warning devices and are not intended for indoor notification. In fact, several officials reported they did not hear the sirens at the start of the exercise. Several officials also noted it would be helpful if floor captains were supplied with whistles or other devices to get the attention of employees when making important announcements. Additional methods for receiving notification of weather emergencies include specialized smart phone applications and desktop computer alerts. With regard to smart phone applications, Jim Davidsaver cautioned that there are many different types of notification applications, and care should be exercised in selecting an application which is designed for our area. It was also noted that a desktop alert system had been previously installed by Information Services, but that software is no longer working properly. Research is being done by Information Services to rectify this problem.

During the preparation for the exercise, several problems with the designated shelters were identified. The first issue is that shelters are not adequately marked. Presently, small green signs are used to designate the shelters. These signs are easy to miss by both employees and members of the public. Larger, more visible signs would help solve this problem. Another concern is the physical inadequacy of some of the shelters. Some of the designated areas have windows, while others do not have doors. Following this review, several designated shelter locations were eliminated and new locations added. See Attachment C for a map showing the modified shelter locations. Previously, the long basement hallway adjacent to the parking lot beneath the County-City Building was designated as a shelter. However, this hallway is lined with windows and the parking lot is open to the west, and should not be used to provide shelter during severe weather. A better alternative is the portion of the tunnel to the K Street parking area which lies directly under K Street. Some improvements may be necessary to make this area a viable shelter, including the installation of doors on the south side of K Street and improved ventilation.

There are also legal concerns regarding the designated shelters and their use during an emergency. Under State law, a severe weather shelter must meet certain specifications. None of our designated shelters meet these specifications. A legal opinion should be requested regarding the potential liability of the County and City if people are injured after being directed to a designated shelter area.

Other areas of concern include the lack of a written standard operating procedure (SOP) for a weather emergency response, and the need to designate someone to be responsible for notifying people in the hallways or attending public meetings.

Finally, the importance of political buy-in was emphasized. It was suggested the topic of County-City Building severe weather preparedness be scheduled with the City-County Common and the City-County Public Building Commission.

Recommendations

Based on the foregoing information and discussions, the following recommendations are hereby tendered to the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners to help improve the preparedness of the County-City Building for a severe weather emergency:

1. Improve Severe Weather Notification for Employees
 - A. NOAA Radio in every department, and two or more radios in larger departments
 - B. Update the desktop computer alert system
 - C. Research and recommend the best smart phone application for severe weather alerts

2. Each department should develop its own standard operating procedure (SOP) for responding to severe weather warnings
 - A. Regular review and updates of the SOP
 - B. Post emergency response procedures for the visiting public in conspicuous places throughout the County-City Building

3. Improve shelters
 - A. Better signage
 - B. Review the physical adequacy of all designated shelters, and make changes where appropriate
 - C. Establish a designated shelter under K Street in the K Street parking lot tunnel
 1. Instal storm-resistance doors on the south side of the area under K Street
 2. Improve ventilation if necessary

4. Request a legal opinion on potential County or City liability for injuries incurred from use of designated shelters during an emergency

5. Schedule a discussion of severe weather preparedness with the City-County Common and the City-County Public Building Commission

Respectfully submitted this 2nd day of April, 2015.



Kerry P. Eagan
Chief Administrative Officer

ATTACHMENT A

National Weather Service Severe Weather Exercise
Wednesday
March 25, 2015
County-City Building

(Have all employees and visitors in your department assemble in a single location)

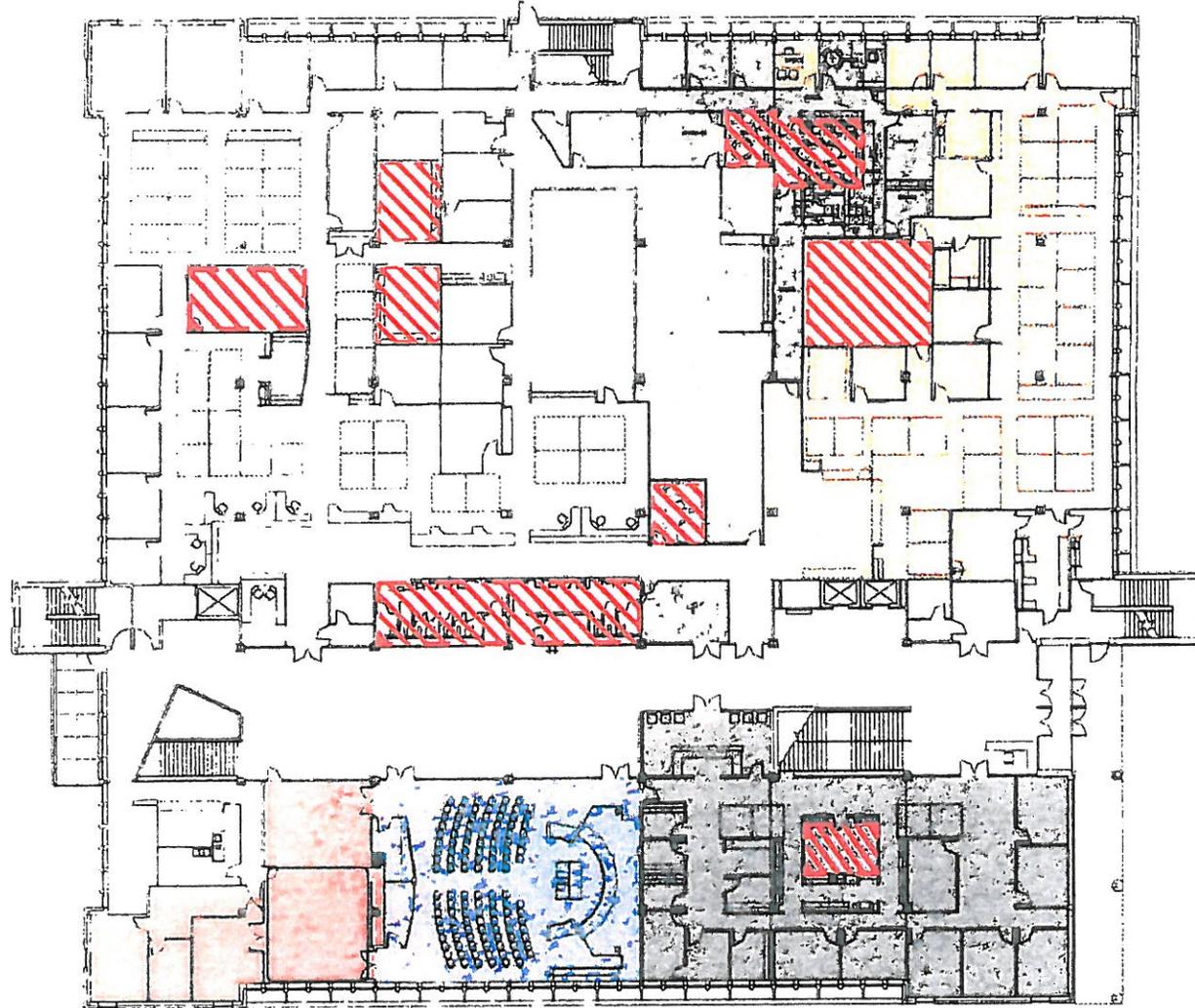
May I have your attention please.

This is a shelter in place drill being conducted as part of the State-wide severe weather exercise sponsored by the National Weather Service.

In the event of an actual weather emergency you would be instructed to proceed immediately to the nearest shelter located within the County-City Building.

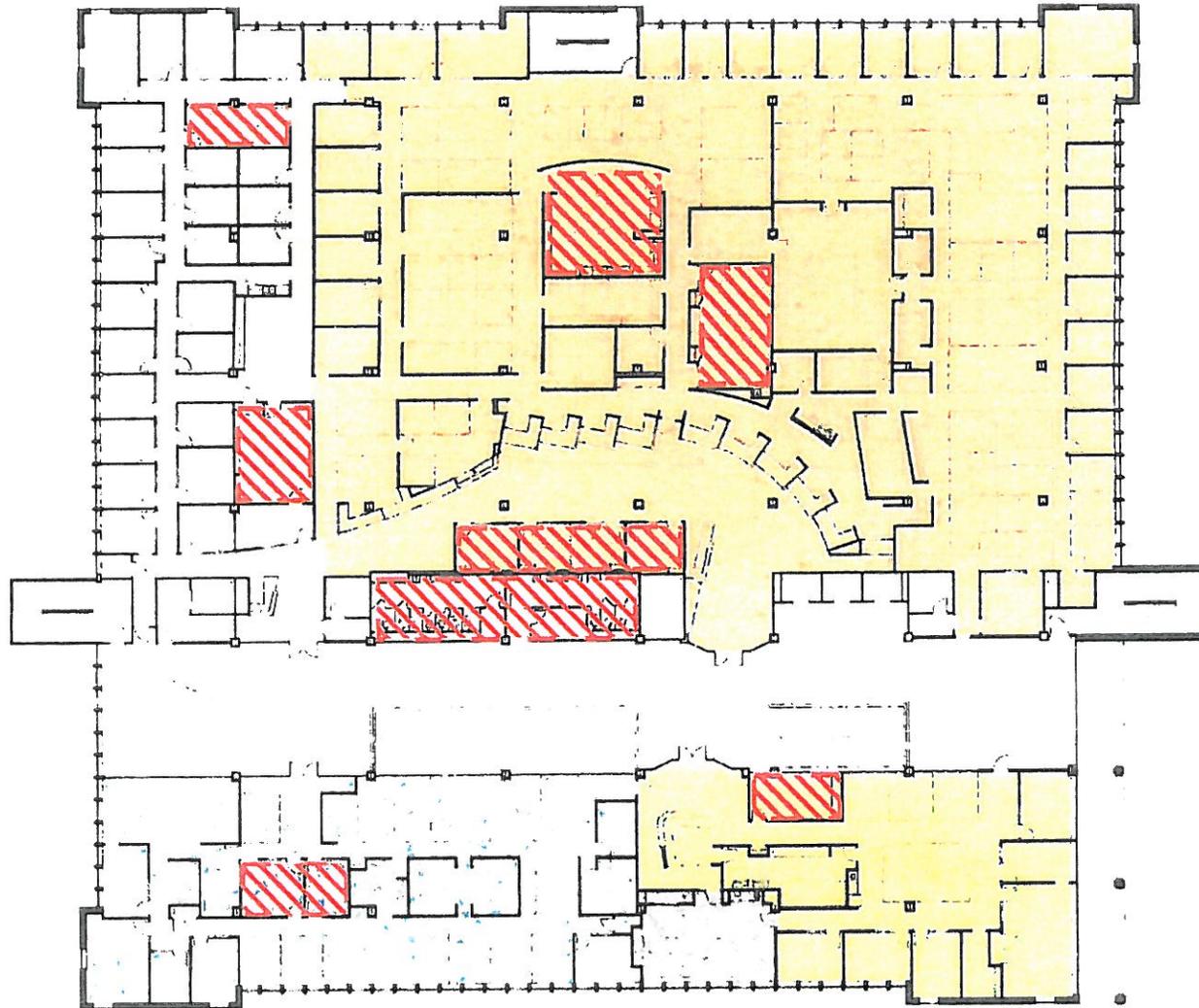
For the _____ department, the nearest shelter is the _____. If that space is full additional shelters include all restrooms, and the access tunnel to the north parking lot. Thank you for your cooperation.

ATTACHMENT B



Department Shelter In-Place Area
Level 1

- | | | | |
|--|--------------|---|-----------------------------------|
|  | 5 City TV |  | Shelter |
|  | Chambers |  | County Commissioner City Counsel |
|  | County Clerk |  | County Assessor/Register of Deeds |
|  | Finance |  | County Treasure |
|  | Conference |  | County Human Services |



Department Shelter In-Place Area
Level 2

-  Conference
-  Development Services Center
-  Public Works Administration
-  Urban Development
-  Planning
-  Shelter

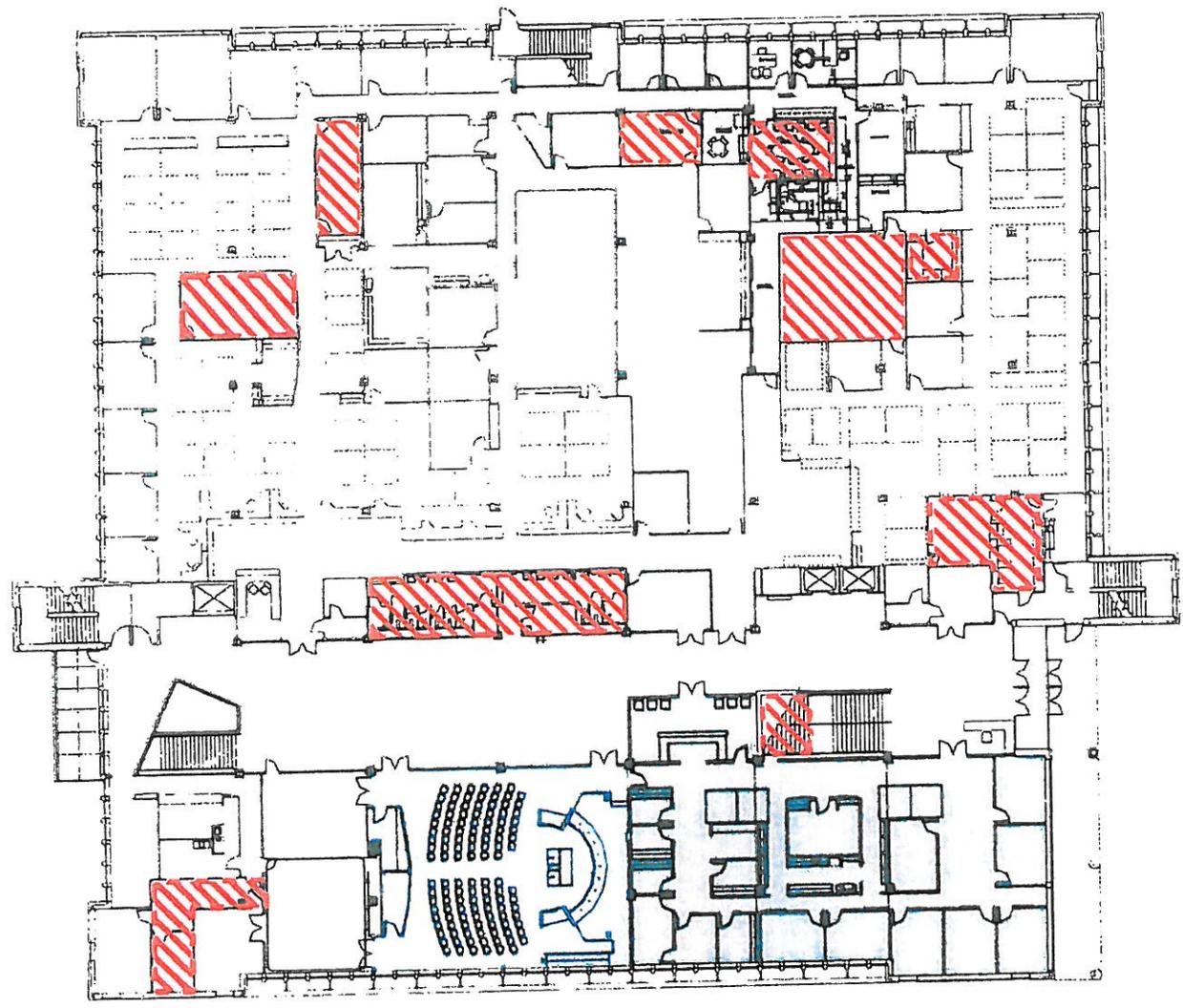


Department Shelter In-Place Area
Level 3

-  City Attorney
-  Conference
-  Mayor
-  Personnel

 Shelter

ATTACHMENT C
 (Modified Shelter Maps)



Department Shelter In-Place Area
 Level 1

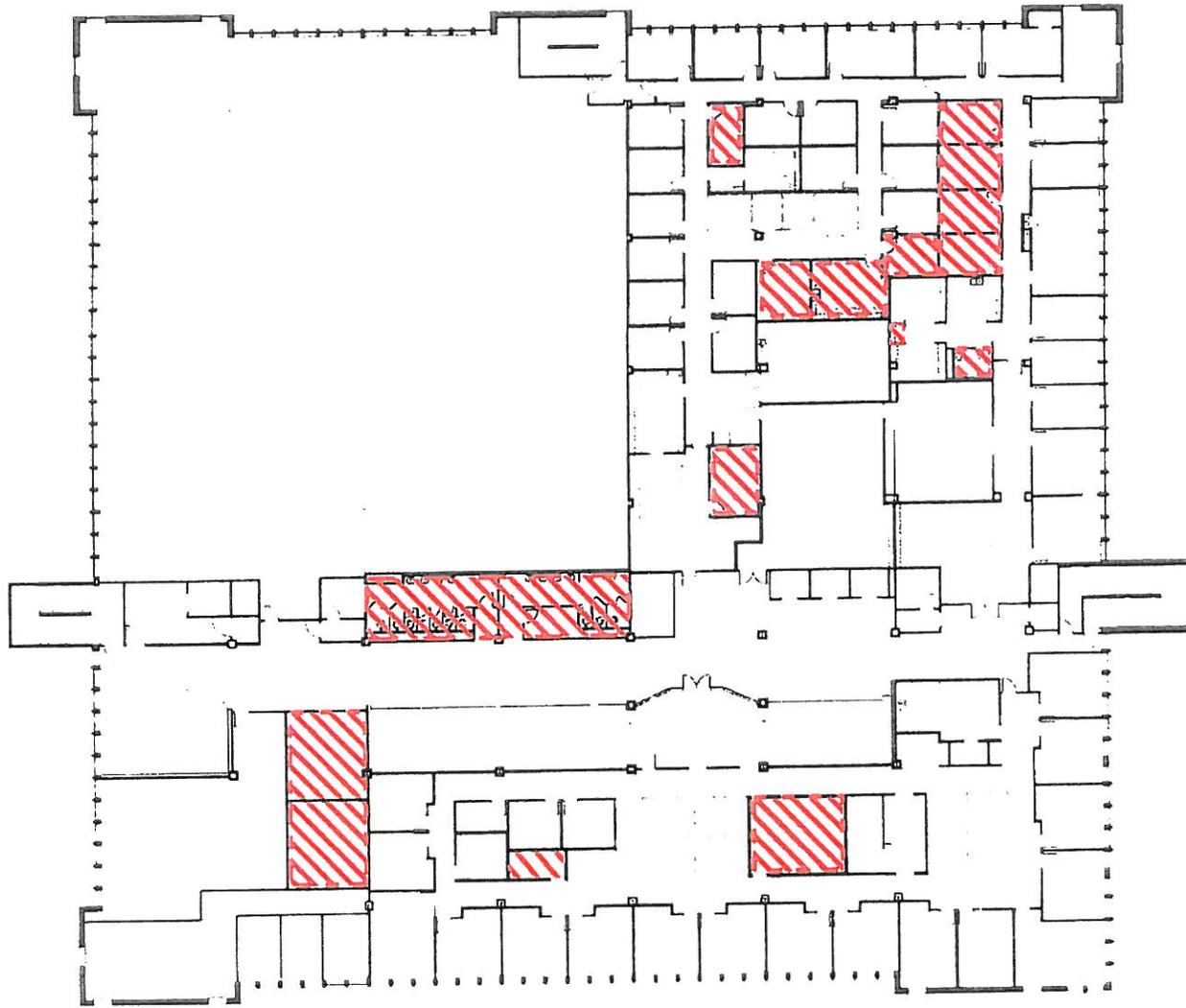
- 5 City TV
- Chambers
- County Clerk
- Finance
- Conference

-  Shelter
- County Commissioner/ City Council
- County Assessor/ Register of Deeds
- County Treasurer
- County Human Services



Department Shelter In-Place Area
Level 2

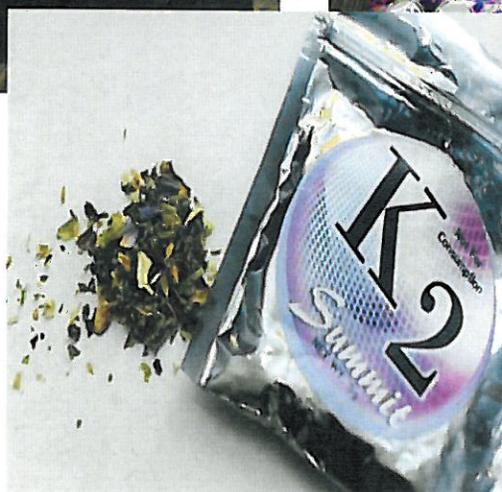
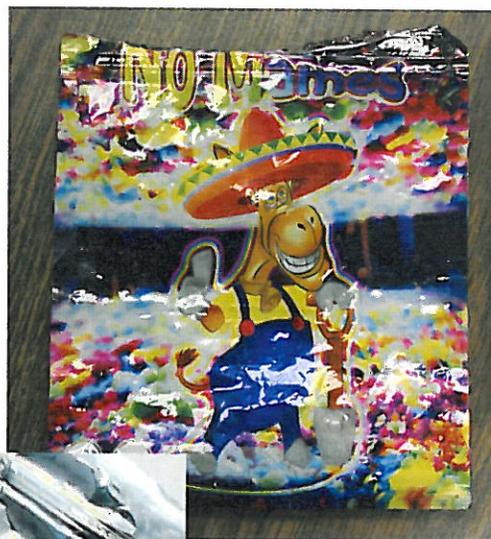
- Conference
- Development Services Center
- Public Works Administration
- Urban Development
- Planning
- Shelter



Department Shelter In-Place Area
Level 3

-  City Attorney
-  Conference
-  Mayor
-  Personnel
-  Shelter

Community Response to K2



Information presented by Judy Halstead, LLCHD with help from:

- Tim Timmons, LLCHD
- Roger Bonin, LFR
- Brian Jackson, LPD
- Joe Wright, LPS
- Jeff Bliemeister, LSO
- Phil Tegeler, The Bridge
- Pam Randall, CHI St E's
- Ed Mlinek, Bryan Health
- Sara Hoyle, Human Services
- Susie Blue, Matt Talbot
- Other Community Partners
- All of our staff

Community Communication

- Laws requires emergency departments report to local health authorities when they see “clusters” of health concerns or any events that look like an “outbreak” or anything “unusual” – Bryan Health reported to LLCHD on 4/21
- Communication between LFR and LLCHD on 4/21
- LLCHD Communication with Bryan, CHI St E’s, LPD, LSO, LPS and The Bridge on 4/21 and 4/22
- Community Agency Meeting at Bryan on 4/23
- Community Agencies with news media on 4/24
- Community Data/Tracking Form and Review started 4/24
- Information to Community Agencies began 4/24
- LPS sent information to families on 4/27
- Community Agencies’ review and enforce policies related to substances

K2 Information Form

K2 Hospital/Facility Information form

The data collection in this survey form is completely voluntary and data collected from this form is used for the purpose of evaluating patterns of K2 use in Lincoln/Lancaster County, Nebraska.

1. Referral Source.(Please select the choice below)

- CHI St. Elizabeth
- Bryan East
- Bryan West
- The Bridge

2. Transported by EMS?

- Yes
- No

3. Transported by Law Enforcement?

- Yes
- No

4. Date seen in Emergency Department/Facility

Date MM DD YYYY

5. Gender of the Patient

- Male
- Female

6. Age of Patient _____

7. K2 Product Name (if known): _____

8. Store K2 Product purchased from (if known): _____

9. Date/time K2 last used (if known):

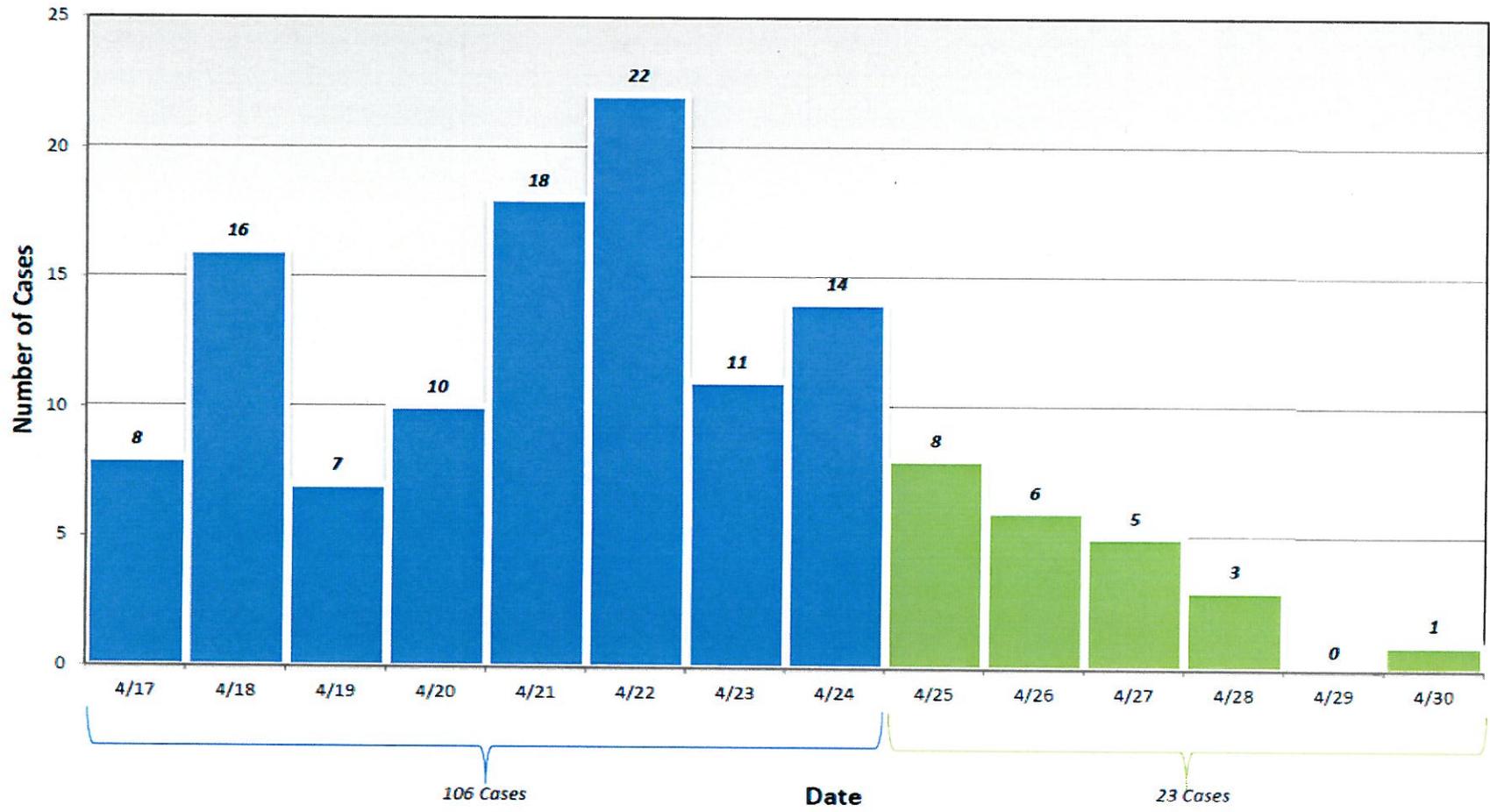
Date/time MM DD YYYY hrs min AM/PM

10. Please describe the general medical condition on arrival at the Emergency Department in your hospital/facility. (Check all that apply)

- Seizure
- Hallucination
- Hypertensive
- Unresponsive
- Paranoia
- Combative
- Tachycardia
- Other (please specify) _____

Information provided by Bryan Health, CHI St.E's, The Bridge, LSO, LPD, LFR, LPS – estimated unduplicated

K2 Reported Cases in Lincoln/Lancaster County: 2015



K2 Calls Between 4/17 and 4/30

- Lincoln Fire and Rescue responded to 109 calls known or suspected**
- Lincoln Police Department responded to 43 calls known or suspected
- Lancaster County Sheriff's Office responded to 2 known calls

There is overlap with many of the calls, but unduplicated totals result in 129 calls between 4/17 and 4/30.

**Suspected cases are often not verified until hospital treatment. In addition, other substances are used at the same time.

K2 Calls Since 4/17

- Only 11 percent of the hospital cases are minors; the average age is approximately 32 years old
- Not all calls to LPD resulted in transport to one of the hospitals – approximately ¼ did not
- 7 of the 8 cases at The Bridge were not transported to the hospital – all were admitted by law enforcement
- 2 cases were responded to by LSO in their jurisdiction and both were transported to the hospital by LFR via mutual aid request
- 1 suspected case was reported by LPS and transported by LFR

K2 Calls Since 4/17

- Among “Frequent Fliers” (FFs) = 2 or more calls by one department for the same person:
 - LPD and LFR shared 2 FFs
 - LPD had one additional FF that LFR did not treat
 - LPD had one additional FF that LFR treated one of the calls but not both
 - LFR had five additional FFs that LPD was not called
 - Total of 9 FFs between 4/17 and 4/30
- CHI St E’s has had no cases since 4/24
- LSO has had no cases since 4/24
- The Bridge has had no cases since 4/24

From: Ed Mlinek [mailto:edward.mlinek@bryanhealth.org]
Sent: Monday, May 04, 2015 8:08 AM
To: Judy A. Halstead
Cc: Brian Jackson; Jeffrey J. Bliemeister; Roger E. Bonin; Pam Randall;
jwright@lps.org; ptegeler@thebridgenebraska.org
Subject: Re: EXTERNAL SENDER: Final numbers

Hi Judy,

I am checking with our nurse managers and the weekend day shift charge nurses to confirm but we had ZERO cases on the night shifts 7p-7a all weekend long! Incredible.

I will relay the day shift experience as soon as possible.

My thanks to everyone on the team for their contribution in stemming the epidemic K2 tide with which the community was faced.

Ed

From: Ed Mlinek
[mailto:edward.mlinek@bryanhealth.org]
Sent: Monday, May 04, 2015 10:58 AM
To: Randall, Pam
Cc: Jeffrey J. Bliemeister; Judy A. Halstead;
Brian Jackson; Phil Tegeler; Roger E. Bonin;
jwright@lps.org
Subject: Re: EXTERNAL SENDER: Re: Final
numbers

Hi all

As promised here is the day shift report from
Bryan Medical Center

We actually had four (4) cases on May 2 and
two (2) cases on May 3.

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Next Steps

- Continue surveillance in the community with LLCHD and the hospitals and LFR
- Continue to work with policy makers, law department and law enforcement to keep it out of Lincoln
- Continue to get the word out about the hazards of K2; Fact Sheets, Info through Schools; Information & Referral Nurse at LLCHD
- <http://youtu.be/Mb8z60m0YPg>

K2 Hospital/Facility information form

The data collection in this survey form is completely voluntary and data collected from this form is used for the purpose of evaluating patterns of K2 use in Lincoln/Lancaster County, Nebraska.

1. Referral Source.(Please select the choice below)

- CHI St. Elizabeth
- Bryan East
- Bryan West
- The Bridge

2. Transported by EMS?

- Yes
- No

3. Transported by Law Enforcement?

- Yes
- No

4. Date seen in Emergency Department/Facility

Date MM DD YYYY
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5. Gender of the Patient

- Male
- Female

6. Age of Patient

7. K2 Product Name (if known):

8. Store K2 Product purchased from (if known):

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