

SELECT COMMITTEE ON KANSAS SECURITY

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lee Tafanelli at 1:00 p.m. on February 7, 2003 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Bruce Kinzie, Office of the Revisor
Robert Waller, Legislative Research Department
Carol Doel, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Captain Tim Lockett, Kansas Highway Patrol
Dr. Michael Moser, Kansas Department of Health and Environment
Major General Greg Gardner, Director of Emergency Management and director of Homeland Security

Others attending: See Attached Sheet

Chairman Tafanelli opened the meeting asking for approval of minutes from January 31, 2003 and February 3, 2003.

Representative Howell made a motion that the minutes be approved as read. Representative Owens seconded the motion. Motion passed. Minutes approved.

Chairman Tafanelli introduced Captain Tim Lockett, with the Kansas Highway Patrol's Emergency Operations Section. His section is responsible for planning, policy, and training in all critical incidents in which the Patrol is involved. Also they are responsible for administration of the U.S. Department of Justice Domestic Preparedness Support Equipment Grant Program. Captain Lockett appeared before the committee to provide an update of the progress and activities of the described program. (Attachment 1)

Captain Lockett stood for questions from the committee.

Members of the committee requested the FY 2002 domestic preparedness support program funds distribution which Captain Lockett obtained for them. (Attachment 2)

Next to appear before the committee was Dr. Michael Moser, Director of Health, Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Dr. Moser appeared to provide an update on the two bioterrorism grant programs administered by the KDHE (Kansas Department of Health and Environment). The first federal bioterrorism grant administered by KDHE is designated the Public Health Preparedness and Response to Bioterrorism Cooperative Agreement. The second federal bioterrorism grant administered by KDHE is designated the Bioterrorism Hospital Preparedness program. (Attachment 3)

Chairman Tafanelli opened the floor for questions addressed to Dr. Moser by members of the committee.

Major General Gregory Gardner, Kansas National Guard, Director of Emergency Management as well as Director of Homeland Security provided each member of the committee with an immediate release regarding Homeland Security Advisory Level increase to orange level. (Attachment 4) Major General Gardner also gave a power point slide demonstration showing the FY-02 Terrorism dollars and the manner in which they were spent. For FY-03, no budget has been approved. (Attachment 5)

Major General Gardner answered questions addressed to him by the committee.

Following General Gardner's presentation, Chairman Tafanelli recognized Representative Shriver who made the recommendation that a notice of congratulations to Captain Lockett be entered in the minutes of

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON KANSAS SECURITY at 1:00 a.m. on February 7, 2003 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

the meeting. He is retiring after many years with the Kansas Highway Patrol. Captain Lockett has been instrumental in helping the Kansas Security Committee and General Gardner over the past few years. General Gardner related to the committee that he has presented him with his Adjutant General's coin which he infrequently gives out. He also informed the committee that Captain Lockett remains as an EPLO (Emergency Plans Liaison Officer) in the Air Force Reserve.

Following this recognition and with no further business, Chairman Tafanelli adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

**Testimony of Captain Tim Lockett, Kansas Highway Patrol
before the Special Committee on Kansas Security
February 7, 2003**

Good afternoon, Chairman Tafanelli, Members of the Committee. I am Captain Tim Lockett of the Kansas Highway Patrol's Emergency Operations Section. My section is responsible for planning, policy, and training for all critical incidents in which the Patrol is involved. An additional responsibility is the administration of the U. S. Department of Justice Domestic Preparedness Support Equipment Grant Program. This 100% federally funded program, provides first response agencies funds to purchase equipment for response to a Weapon of Mass Destruction incident. It is intended to supplement not supplant local funding.

I have been asked to provide an update of the progress and activities of this program. As background, the Patrol is the State Administrative Agency responsible for the grant program as designated by former Governor Graves. Currently ninety of the one-hundred-five counties completed the required assessment of threats, vulnerabilities and capabilities, that was required by the Department of Justice, and are grant participants.

Funding for fiscal years 1999 through 2001 have been received and collectively amounts to 2.3 million dollars. The Department of Justice requires that at least eighty percent of the grant funds be "passed through" to local jurisdictions. The Patrol has "passed through" 101.7% of available funding. We were able to do this by completing a required three-year strategic plan using approximately ten thousand of one hundred sixteen thousand specifically designated for this activity. We then were allowed to transfer the balance of the planning funds to equipment and pass it to local first response agencies.

We are currently completing the reconciliation of all funding allocated for the 99, 2000, and 2001 fiscal year programs. Equipment previously ordered has been received and we are now completing the budget detail administrative requirements for the Department of Justice. Jurisdictions have, for the most part, purchased personal protective suits, self-contained breathing apparatus and decontamination equipment. Acquiring this basic equipment will allow local responders to conduct rescues and initial victim care at the scene of a terrorist event until better-equipped teams are available.

The Patrol applied for Fiscal Year 2002 funds, the fourth year of the grant, on July 31, 2002. This grant will bring to our first responders funds, in the amount of 4.1 million dollars, which includes funding for conducting statewide exercises. And, since this is a post 9-11 grant, not only has funding amounts increased but available equipment types have also enhanced. We have gone from basic personal protective equipment, as the primary item, to include equipment to "render safe" explosive devices, allow inter-operability of communications equipment and add products that enhance physical security.

Jurisdictions were furnished advanced copies of the funds distribution and available equipment under the fiscal year 2002 program. These early notifications were made so that local responders could collectively set priorities, establish mutual aid agreements, and more efficiently use the available funding. Letters announcing availability of this funding were mailed Tuesday of this week.

Though funding levels are not as high as we would like, overall program feedback has been very positive. Efficient use of available funding remains the mutual goal of both the Superintendent of the Patrol and our local response agencies. Coordination at the state and local level has proven absolutely necessary, and the only way to successfully provide public safety.

That concludes my testimony; are there any questions?

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Non-Participating Counties

Atchison
Chase
Clark
Gove
Haskell
Hodgeman
Logan
Morton
Osage
Osborne
Sheridan
Stanton
Trego
Wabaunsee
Wichita

FY 2002 Domestic Preparedness Support Program Funds Distribution

Rank	Jurisdiction	FY 2002 Allocation	Rank	Jurisdiction	FY 2002 Allocation	Rank	Jurisdiction	FY 2002 Allocation
1	Johnson	\$310,704.00	36	Cherokee	\$36,005.69	71	Linn	\$17,611.42
2	Shawnee	\$249,548.35	37	Harvey	\$32,199.98	72	Smith	\$17,611.42
3	Sedgwick	\$228,828.37	38	Clay	\$32,094.26	73	Rawlins	\$17,399.99
4	Wyandotte	\$134,637.03	39	Phillips	\$31,988.55	74	Scott	\$17,188.56
5	Leavenworth	\$104,402.77	40	Comanche	\$31,882.84	75	Decatur	\$17,029.99
6	Riley	\$100,227.06	41	Ellsworth	\$30,931.41	76	Sherman	\$16,607.14
7	Ellis	\$89,444.21	42	Jefferson	\$30,719.98	77	Cheyenne	\$16,395.71
8	Butler	\$87,171.36	43	Thomas	\$30,561.41	78	Lane	\$16,131.42
9	Reno	\$84,475.64	44	Grant	\$29,451.41	79	Mitchell	\$15,972.85
10	Sumner	\$77,392.79	45	Russell	\$28,288.55	80	Kiowa	\$15,814.28
11	Douglas	\$75,965.65	46	Republic	\$28,182.84	81	Hamilton	\$15,602.85
12	Montgomery	\$72,582.80	47	Dickinson	\$27,971.41	82	Morris	\$15,232.85
13	Finney	\$71,102.80	48	Labette	\$27,019.98	83	Stafford	\$14,387.14
14	Ford	\$68,407.09	49	Greenwood	\$26,649.98	84	Edwards	\$14,122.85
15	Nemaha	\$68,301.37	50	Coffey	\$26,491.41	85	Jewell	\$13,964.28
16	Miami	\$68,142.80	51	Washington	\$26,385.70	86	Meade	\$13,805.71
17	Barton	\$61,165.67	52	Norton	\$24,377.13	87	Woodson	\$13,277.14
18	Seward	\$58,998.53	53	Anderson	\$23,848.56	88	Greeley	\$13,224.28
19	Crawford	\$56,725.67	54	Gray	\$23,689.99	89	Stevens	\$13,224.28
20	Saline	\$56,672.81	55	Wallace	\$22,844.27	90	Lincoln	\$11,480.00
21	Kingman	\$53,924.24	56	Jackson	\$22,685.70			
22	Ness	\$50,171.39	57	Kearny	\$21,998.56		State	\$20,000.00
23	Franklin	\$48,321.39	58	Barber	\$21,787.13			
24	Cowley	\$47,951.39	59	Marshall	\$21,522.85			
25	McPherson	\$46,788.54	60	Ottawa	\$21,311.42			
26	Pottawatomie	\$42,824.25	61	Rice	\$21,205.70			
27	Neosho	\$42,401.40	62	Chautauqua	\$20,994.28	Exercise	\$184,000.00	
28	Doniphan	\$40,445.69	63	Wilson	\$20,835.70			
29	Rooks	\$40,392.83	64	Elk	\$19,408.56	FY 2002	\$3,967,000.00	
30	Bourbon	\$39,229.97	65	Geary	\$19,302.85			
31	Marion	\$38,542.83	66	Pawnee	\$19,091.42			
32	Allen	\$38,437.12	67	Harper	\$18,985.71			
33	Pratt	\$37,697.12	68	Rush	\$18,668.56			
34	Cloud	\$36,957.12	69	Brown	\$17,981.42			
35	Lyon	\$36,904.26	70	Graham	\$17,664.28			

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KATHLEEN SEBELIUS, GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

Select Committee on Kansas Security

February 7, 2003

TESTIMONY OF DR. MICHAEL MOSER, DIRECTOR OF HEALTH KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

Chairman Tafanelli, members of the committee. Thank you for this opportunity to provide an update on the two bioterrorism grant programs administered by the Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). Many people across the state of Kansas have committed enormous energy to these programs. It is my goal today to give you a good sense of the progress that has been made, but in the time available I fear that I will not be able to fully represent the tremendous efforts of state staff and local personnel, from both public and private sectors. It is these people who have been doing the work that is making Kansas better prepared to deal with the threat of biological terrorism, and I can speak with nothing but accolades of their efforts. I am accompanied today by Ms. Mindee Reece, coordinator for the CDC bioterrorism grant and Mr. Dick Morrissey, who oversees the HRSA hospital bioterrorism grant.

The first federal bioterrorism grant administered by KDHE is designated the Public Health Preparedness and Response to Bioterrorism Cooperative Agreement. It is administered at the federal level by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Two attachments relating to this grant accompany this testimony and outline the allocation of new FFY 2002 funding associated with it.

KDHE has received funds under the CDC program since it began in 1999. As part of the national response to the tragedies of September 11, 2001, and the subsequent anthrax incidents, Congress appropriated funds for a special 2002 supplement to the CDC grant. Kansas was awarded \$10,985,050 under this supplemental appropriation. The spending period for these funds is through August 2003. This supplemental appropriation also included the base funding for the grant year beginning September 2002, which for Kansas amounted to \$850,000. In other words, the one time supplemental award of \$10,985,000 equates to \$10,115,000 in new funding.

The CDC issued extensive instructions regarding requirements for expenditure of the FFY 2002 supplemental funding. Supplantation of state or
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local funds with the supplemental funds is explicitly forbidden. The federal funds are to be utilized to develop new capacity, not to fund existing capacity. The CDC supplemental funding must be utilized and accounted for in one of six focus areas (see attachment), and used within those focus areas to address certain objectives in prioritized order. The priority rankings, from higher to lower, are Critical Benchmarks (14), Critical Capacities (16), and Enhanced Capacities (11). KDHE is required to assure a comprehensive statewide response in each focus area, to coordinate this response across focus areas, and to coordinate activities under this grant with activities undertaken through the HRSA grant and the Metropolitan Medical Response System grants made directly to cities (in Kansas, to Wichita and Kansas City).

KDHE authority to expend the supplemental fund was restricted until after extensive federal review of the plans submitted in April. With one exception, KDHE was able to begin expending supplemental funding according to the statewide plan in late May 2002. A number of notable milestones have been achieved since that time including;

- 105 of 105 Kansas counties are now participants in the Kansas Health Alert Network (HAN), an electronic system for transmission of alerts and emergency communications that links local health departments to state and national public health and preparedness activities on a 24 hour per day, seven day per week basis.
- 105 of 105 Kansas counties are using the Public Health Information Exchange (PHIX), a new HAN component that allows secure two-way electronic communications. KDHE brought the PHIX system on line this summer and is now in the process of adding hospitals and other critical health providers to the network.
- 104 of 105 Kansas counties have developed and submitted to KDHE county plans for public health preparedness and response to bioterrorism. KDHE staff offered extensive technical assistance to local public health officials to help them develop these plans.
- The Kansas plan for receipt and distribution of shipments from the National Pharmaceutical Stockpile (NPS) is now in Version 2.0, with Version 3.0 slated for release before January. CDC site visitors in October commended Kansas's progress in NPS planning and recommended no significant changes in our planning process.
- The state Public Health Laboratory has installed external and internal security systems and has undertaken steps to expand testing capacity, improve communications systems, and build operational relationships with external partners.
- KDHE has added additional epidemiology staff, both in Topeka and at regional sites, to support competent, rapid investigation of illnesses or other phenomena suspicious for bioterrorism directed at the human population.
- KDHE staff are fully linking the statewide Kansas public health effort to national efforts in risk communication and public information related to

bioterrorism. KDHE staff have prepared standard communication materials for local use in an emergency. Over the coming year, training sessions for local personnel in this critical area are scheduled.

- KDHE staff are working to link Kansas with state and federal workforce training activities. KDHE staff are part of the steering committee for training activities being undertaken through the Heartland Bioterrorism Center at St. Louis University, the federally designated lead training unit for Kansas and Missouri. In addition, KDHE staff are working with the KU Medical Center to coordinate bioterrorism training programs for Kansas health care workers.

A consistent theme of KDHE preparedness activities has been partnership and collaboration, both at the state and local level. KDHE staff met extensively with the Kansas Association of Local Health Departments (KALHD) prior to submission of the state plan in April and have continued to meet with KALHD on a regular basis. The formula for allocating funds to local health departments from the FFY 2002 funds has been affirmed by KALHD. KDHE has continued to strengthen its partnership with key state agencies such as the Division of Emergency Management and the Highway Patrol. In June, KDHE joined with the Department of the Adjutant General to sponsor *Prairie Plague*, the largest emergency exercise in state history, with over 700 participants from 102 Kansas counties. The Kansas Bioterrorism Coordinating Council was established by Governor Graves in the spring of 2002 to further build linkage of the public health preparedness effort to other groups and activities. The Council is a federal requirement under the CDC grant. The Council includes representation from key state agencies, from local agencies, from hospitals, from health care providers, and from other private sector participants in preparedness and response to bioterrorism.

When I spoke to the Interim Joint Committee on Security in November, I apprised that group of the difficulty we have experienced in obtaining CDC approval to expend Focus Group C funds to develop supplemental laboratory capacity outside Topeka for bioterrorism response. KDHE proposed in April to use CDC bioterrorism grant funds to upgrade two laboratories outside Topeka to Biosafety Level 3 (BSL-3). BSL-3 capacity is necessary for a laboratory to undertake testing for priority bioterrorism agents. One of those laboratories was the Veterinary Laboratory at Kansas State University and the second would have been in south-central Kansas. We now have CDC program approval for the Manhattan upgrade and need only to obtain written clearance from the CDC Grants Management Office in order to proceed with this project. CDC denied our proposal to fund upgrade of a clinical laboratory in south-central Kansas, and has continued to deny this proposal despite our protest, on the grounds that it is CDC's position that private laboratories are not allowed to participate in the Laboratory Response Network for bioterrorism. We are continuing to pursue this issue with federal authorities, both directly and through national public health organizations.

The second federal bioterrorism grant administered by KDHE is designated the Bioterrorism Hospital Preparedness program. It is administered at the federal level by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). This is a new federal program. Funds first became available on a limited basis in April, with the release of the remainder in July 2002. Kansas was awarded \$1,291,509 for FFY 2002 under this program. The focus of federal requirements in the first year is upon needs assessment and planning for hospital bioterrorism preparedness. KDHE has engaged the Kansas Hospital Association (KHA) as its principal partner in this activity. An outline of how the funds available under this program are being used is attached.

Under the heading of needs assessment, KDHE and KHA have developed a process whereby all Kansas hospitals will be surveyed to characterize the preparedness of hospitals individually and as a whole to meet the hospital needs of the population following a bioterrorism attack. After an expert consultant verified the absence of pertinent national standards for hospital preparedness, KDHE and KHA convened a statewide working group from Kansas hospitals which met on a number of occasions to develop a common understanding of the key features of hospital preparedness. Elements in the needs assessment survey include facility plans, protection of personnel, quarantine and isolation within the facility, medication and vaccine management, communications, staff training, and regular exercise of facility bioterrorism plans through disaster drills. This understanding was then used to develop the hospital needs assessment survey. The survey has been distributed to all Kansas community hospitals and, once compiled, will be a critical foundation for regional planning and competition for future federal funds of hospital preparedness.

The development of regional hospital plans for response to bioterrorism is the other principal activity for this grant. Under this heading, six hospitals, one from each of the six hospital regions in the state, have been selected to lead the development of regional plans to care for up to 500 casualties from a bioterrorism incident. KDHE staff will serve as technical consultants for this process, working to assure that the process is in compliance with federal requirements and coordinated with other bioterrorism activities.

HRSA requires that there be a Hospital Preparedness Planning Committee. The Kansas committee has broad representation from the hospital and health care communities. This committee meets on a quarterly basis, in compliance with federal requirements.

I hope this quick overview and the attached outlines have provided you with the information you desired in this update. If you have questions at this time, I will do my best to respond. Thank you for your attention.

Kansas Public Health Preparedness & Response for Bioterrorism Programmatic Fiscal Summary

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment received \$10,985,050 in supplemental Bioterrorism funding in May 2002; \$150,000 for upgrade of the KSU Veterinary Laboratory remains restricted pending further review by the CDC. All funds must be spent by August 31, 2003.

Focus Area A	Preparedness Planning and Readiness Assessment Activities include creation of a comprehensive plan involving state, local, and regional levels; a state advisory committee; communication and training for stakeholders; ongoing needs and preparedness assessment; and improvements in public health infrastructure and in emergency response capabilities, including National Pharmaceutical Stockpile planning.	Total Award Amount \$2,268,553
Focus Area B	Surveillance and Epidemiology Capacity Activities include development of enhanced statewide 24/7 Kansas disease surveillance and investigation activities; related training programs; improved surveillance and response systems at state and local levels; and threat and vulnerability assessments of state systems of critical public health import..	Total Award Amount \$2,774,160
Focus Area C	Laboratory Capacity – Biologic Agents Activities include development of expanded and improved laboratory capacity for rapid and effective testing services related to bioterrorism response; enhanced operational relationships with partners to provide laboratory support for bioterrorism response; development of detailed operational plans and protocols for laboratory components of bioterrorism response; linkage of enhanced laboratory communication systems with other components of bioterrorism response.	Total Award Amount \$1,158,104

Focus Area E	<p>Health Alert Network/Communications and Information Technology</p> <p>Activities include steps to ensure effective communications connectivity and 24/7 communication capability among public health departments, healthcare organizations, law enforcement, emergency response teams, and other public officials; steps to ensure redundant public health emergency response communication; enhanced protocols for information security; a technical infrastructure for secure and timely movement of key data to those state and local entities with a need to know; and communications and information technology supportive of effective emergency response.</p>	<p>Total Award Amount \$2,624,098</p>
Focus Area F	<p>Risk Communication and Health Information Dissemination</p> <p>Activities include measures to ensure that critical health and risk information is provided to the public in a timely and effective manner during a bioterrorism crisis situation; communications staffing infrastructure to ensure 24/7 availability of response personnel to address media and public inquiries; improved information dissemination capacities; and planning for joint information activities with other state and local partners during a bioterrorism emergency situation.</p>	<p>Total Award Amount \$590,286</p>
Focus Area G	<p>Education and Training</p> <p>Activities include initiatives to increase the availability of needed education and training to key public health staff, other emergency responders, and health care professionals, and development of enhanced partnerships with academic institutions and other organizations for provision of such education and training.</p>	<p>Total Award Amount \$1,569,849</p>

Focus Area E ***Health Alert Network/Communications and Information Technology***

State IT Capacity improvements	\$ 668,098
Health Alert Network,Public Health Information Exchange (PHIX), and Cybersecurity	\$ 280,000
Enhanced Surveillance Network Projects	\$ 50,000
Cash Aid to Local	\$1,626,000

Focus Area E TOTAL \$2,624,098

Focus Area F ***Risk Communication and Health Information Dissemination***

State Risk Communications Capacity	\$125,286
Education/Training (State/Local)	\$ 40,000
Needs Assessment	\$ 25,000
Cash Aid to Local	\$400,000

Focus Area F TOTAL \$590,286

Focus Area G ***Education and Training***

State Education/Training Capacity	\$ 301,249
Training Development/Delivery (State/Regional/Local)	\$ 275,000
Video and Audio Conferencing (State/Regional/Local)	\$ 293,600
Cash Aid to Local	\$ 700,000

Focus Area G TOTAL \$1,569,849

Total Funds Received \$10,985,050

Total Cash Aid to Local \$5,350,000

Kansas Public Health Bioterrorism Program Budgetary Overview by Focus Area/Primary Activity

Focus Area A *Preparedness Planning and Readiness Assessment*

Program Administration	\$ 211,553
National Pharmaceutical Stockpile	\$ 280,000
Preparedness Planning	\$ 65,000
Readiness Assessment	\$ 166,530
Cash Aid to Local	\$1,450,000
Other activities	\$ 95,470

Note: The Cash Aid to Local total includes \$200,000 for National Pharmaceutical Stockpile activities.

Focus Area A	TOTAL	\$2,268,553
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Focus Area B *Surveillance and Epidemiology Capacity*

State Clinical Capacity	\$ 717,160
Regional/Local Clinical Capacity	\$ 232,000
Electronic Disease Reporting System (the HAWK system) Improvements	\$ 300,000
Surveillance Assessments	\$ 125,000
Cash Aid to Local	\$1,400,000

Focus Area B	TOTAL	\$2,774,160
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Focus Area C *Laboratory Capacity - Biologic Agents*

State Laboratory Capacity (Staffing, Resources, Upgrade)	\$ 658,104
Regional Laboratory Capacity	\$ 150,000
Information Technology	\$ 350,000

Focus Area C	TOTAL	\$1,158,104
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**Kansas Department of Health and Environment
Office of Local and Rural Health
Bioterrorism Hospital Preparedness Program (BHPP)**

HRSA Grant Award: \$1,291,509

Utilization of Program Funds

The descriptions below outline budgeted amounts for each major programmatic area of the BHPP. Most program funds have been expended by KDHE. The largest expenditure is a contract with the state hospital association (KHA) for technical assistance and disbursement to hospitals for regional planning efforts.

I. KDHE Administrative Expenses: \$110,500. Significant line items in KDHE's budget include:

- Salary expenses for the Hospital Bioterrorism Preparedness Program Manager. This individual was recently hired and is now on the job.
- Other salary, administrative, and indirect expenses.

II. Contractual Expenses: \$1,181,009. This represents a contract with the Kansas Hospital Association for the following activities. Of this amount, no less than \$945,085 of the total will be awarded directly to hospitals and other healthcare entities through written contractual agreements for implementation of a regional planning process.

- Distributing grant funds to hospitals/other entities for regional planning processes.
- Implementing an assessment of readiness for all community hospitals.
- Staff assistance in the planning process and facilitating communication with hospitals.
- Contracting for expert technical assistance.

News from **The Adjutant General's Department**

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HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISORY LEVEL INCREASED TO ORANGE

The National Homeland Security Office announced today that the nationwide threat assessment level under the Homeland Security Advisory System has been raised to "Orange" (High). The national alert level will be formally announced and go into effect at 11:30 a.m. Central time. The threat assessment has been at Yellow, or "elevated" since Sept. 24, 2002. Yellow is the third of five threat assessment levels.

According to the Homeland Security Advisory System, the "High" threat level is invoked when a credible threat of attack exists, but no specific target has been identified. Under this "High" threat level, the public should stay alert and maintain emergency preparedness. People should also expect somewhat restricted access to public buildings and government facilities.

Maj. Gen. Greg Gardner, director of Homeland Security for Kansas and Kansas Emergency Management and the adjutant general of Kansas, advised the public to go to the Kansas Homeland Security website <http://www.ink.org/public/kdem> for information about the Homeland Security Advisory System and precautions they should take. The website lists what to do, what to expect and how individuals, families and communities should prepare for each threat level. These preparations and precautions include such things as monitoring the Emergency Alert System stations in your area, following travel warnings that may be in place, checking the items in your Family Disaster Supplies Kit, making preparations to evacuate or take shelter as required and maintaining close contact with family members, friends, and neighbors to ensure their safety and emotional welfare.

"I would just like to ask the public to be aware of anything out of the ordinary or unusual and report them to the local authorities," said Gardner.

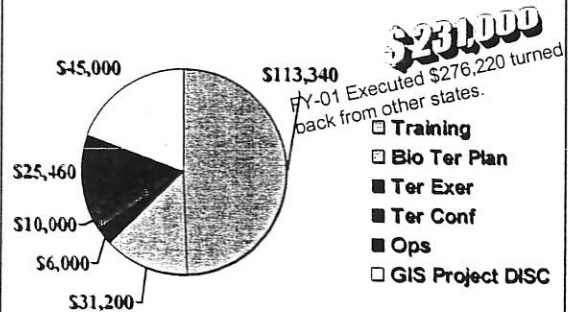
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February 7, 2003**

Major General Greg Gardner

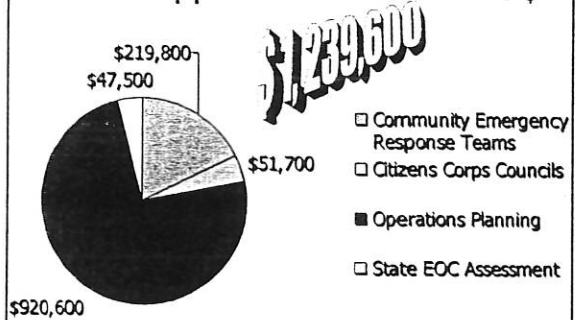
**Emergency Management
FY-02 Terrorism \$**



**Kansas Emergency Management
FY 02 Training**

- ◆ 135 Courses
 - ◆ FEMA Emergency Management
 - ◆ DOJ Terrorism
 - ◆ State Courses & Exercises:
 - ◆ Animal Disease, WMD, Search & Rescue, Critical Incident Stress Mgt
 - ◆ Disaster Skills Courses: Leadership, Decision Making & Problem Solving, Communication, Meeting Management & Facilitation
 - ◆ Hazard Materials from Awareness to Technician Level
 - ◆ Radiological from basic monitoring to Instructor
- ◆ 3,589 Taught
- ◆ Using 46 volunteer instructors
- ◆ Saving \$10,000's

**Emergency Management
FY-02 Supplemental Terrorism \$**



**Hazardous Materials Emergency
Preparedness (HMEP) Grants**

US Dept of Transportation

Goals

- ◆ Improve handling hazmat incidents
- ◆ Enhance Emergency Planning & Community Right-to-Know Act
- ◆ Encourage integrated emergency planning & training

Projects

- ◆ Commodity Flow Assessments
- ◆ Enhance Emergency Plans
- ◆ Assess Response Capabilities
- ◆ Hazard Analysis
- ◆ Exercises
- ◆ Maintain Information Systems
- ◆ Technical Staff Planning



- ◆ 85 counties funded since 1992
- ◆ State matched grant until 2002
- ◆ Budget cuts no longer allow this

**Emergency Management
FY-03 Terrorism \$**

- No Budget Approved - FEMA (Department of Homeland Security)
- Operating under Continuing Resolution Authority since Oct 1, 2002

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Department of Defense

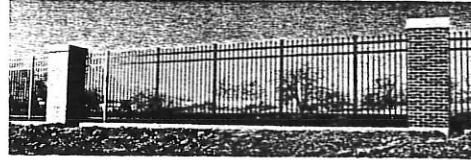
- ◆ FY 02 \$3 M
 - ◆ \$1.8 M Force Protection
 - ◆ \$1.2 M Airport Security
- ◆ FY 03
 - ◆ \$684K Force Protection
 - ◆ \$731K Perimeter Security



Department of Defense \$

\$ 731K State Defense Complex

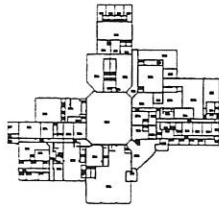
- ◆ Improved Anti-terrorism Force Protection External Security Measures
 - ◆ Construction of Vehicle Resistant Perimeter Fence
 - ◆ Integrates aircraft arresting cable into fence



Department of Defense \$

\$ 14.6 M = Topeka Readiness Center

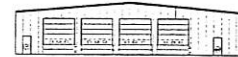
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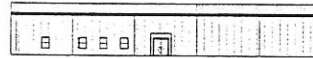
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\$ 1.3 M = Civil Support Team Bldg at Forbes

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View from East



View from South

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