

According to the National Response Framework, it is the responsibility of the local health department in conjunction with the state radiation division to provide population monitoring for radiation following a radiation event.

On Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Wyandotte County Public Health Department hosted a groundbreaking emergency preparedness exercise. In this exercise Wyandotte County PHD in conjunction with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment Radiation Division simulated a radiation event to test the ability of local responders. This is the first such event held in Kansas. Individuals, vehicles, and animals were screened and “decontaminated”. The potentially “exposed” individuals were then registered and the participating organizations practiced long-term tracking of the patients. The tracking, monitoring and decontamination of animals were handled by the Kansas State Animal Response Team.

Observers and participants from multiple states and organizations were present including Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Department of Energy, the Medical Reserve Corps, the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, the counties of Johnson, Jackson County, Independence, Leavenworth, Miami, Cass, and Clay and cities of Independence and KCMO. The local police and fire departments were also represented.

Below are pictures taken during the exercise:



Potential “exposure” victims registering outside the National Guard Armory



Wyandotte County Mobile Command Center



Gay Hall of the Wyandotte County Health Department briefing responders about the exercise



Radiological Event Officer relaying vital information about the contaminants to responders



Kansas State Animal Response Team "decontaminating" a victim's pet



The National Guard decontaminating vehicles