

# 2017 KEMA Conf.



# Introduction

- **NWS Evolving**
  - **Not just your watch and warning provider**
  - **Providing more services to our core partners**
    - **Decision support**
      - **Off site**
        - » **Sit reps / Briefing packets**
        - » **Conf. calls**
      - **On site**
        - » **Large venues**

# KANSAS

## Integrated Weather Team Meeting

*You are invited*



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- **Statewide meeting**
- **End of January**
- **Centrally located**
- **Build Relationships / Trust**
- **Core partners work together to become change agents**
  - 1 inch hail
  - Wind advisories in the west
  - DSS
  - NWS Chat
- **Partners**
  - NWS
  - EM's
  - Television
  - Radio
  - KDOT
  - KHP
  - Schools
  - Hospitals
  - Etc.

# **Weather for EM's 101**

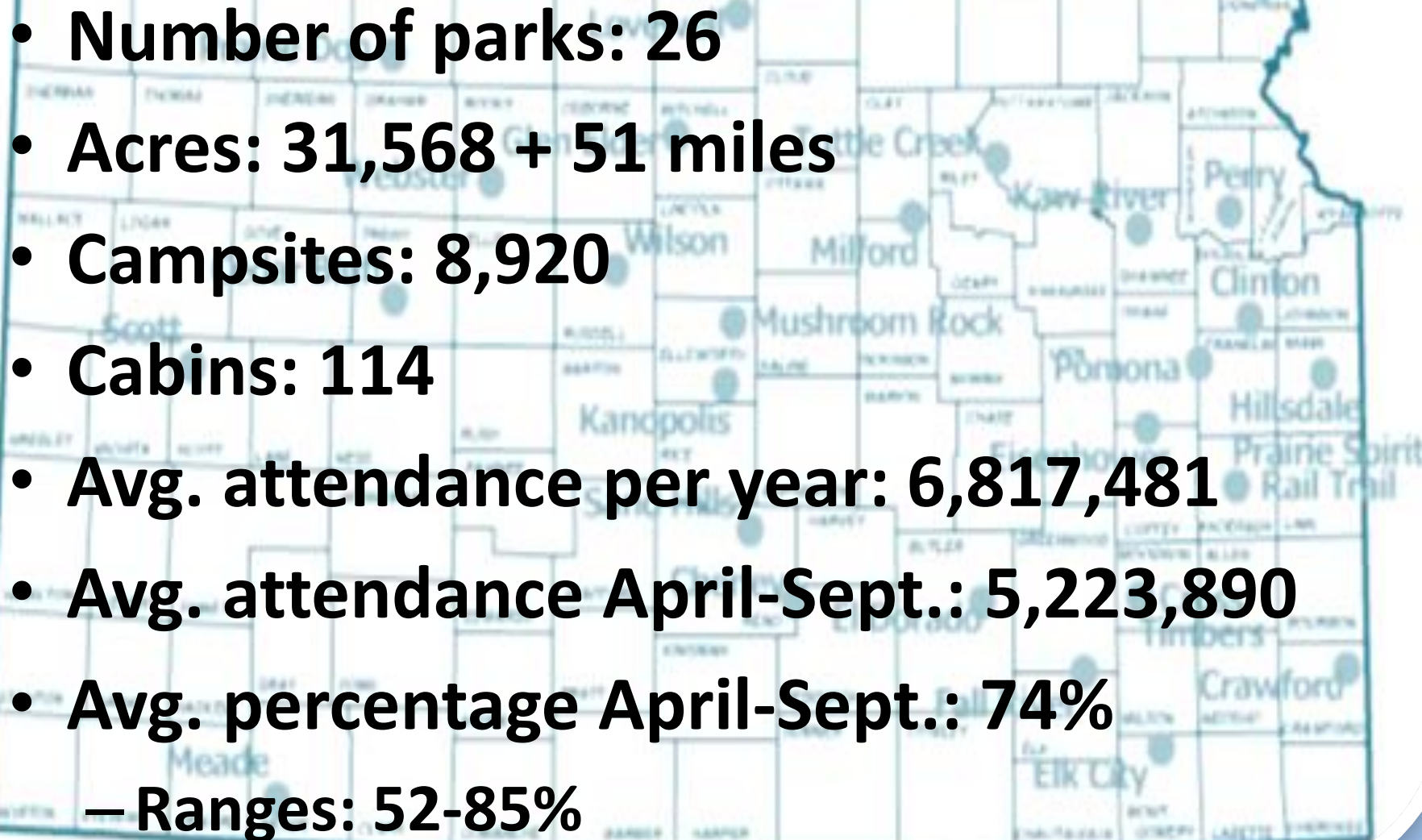
**Action Item from IWT 2016**

- **New Emergency Manager Welcome Packet**
  - 19 page document detailing services from NWS
  - Contact local WCM
- **Weather 101 powerpoint presentation**
  - 38 slide presentation discussing the basics of weather including watch/warning information
  - Contact local WCM

# ***Kansas State Park Risk Assessment***



# *State Park Basics*

- **Number of parks: 26**
  - **Acres: 31,568 + 51 miles**
  - **Campsites: 8,920**
  - **Cabins: 114**
  - **Avg. attendance per year: 6,817,481**
  - **Avg. attendance April-Sept.: 5,223,890**
  - **Avg. percentage April-Sept.: 74%**
    - Ranges: 52-85%
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- A map of the state of Kansas is shown in the background, with 26 blue dots indicating the locations of state parks. The dots are distributed across the state, with a higher concentration in the eastern and central regions. The map includes county names and some major cities like Topeka, Lawrence, and Kansas City.

# *Severe Weather & Survey*

## **Severe weather per site**

- **Avg. Severe Thunderstorm Warnings per year: 10**
- **Avg. Tornado Warnings per year: 1**
- **Avg. events per year: 2**
  - **Hail: 1**
  - **Wind: 1**
  - **Tornado: 0**
- **Seems low, but report has to come from the park or within 2 miles**

## **Survey**

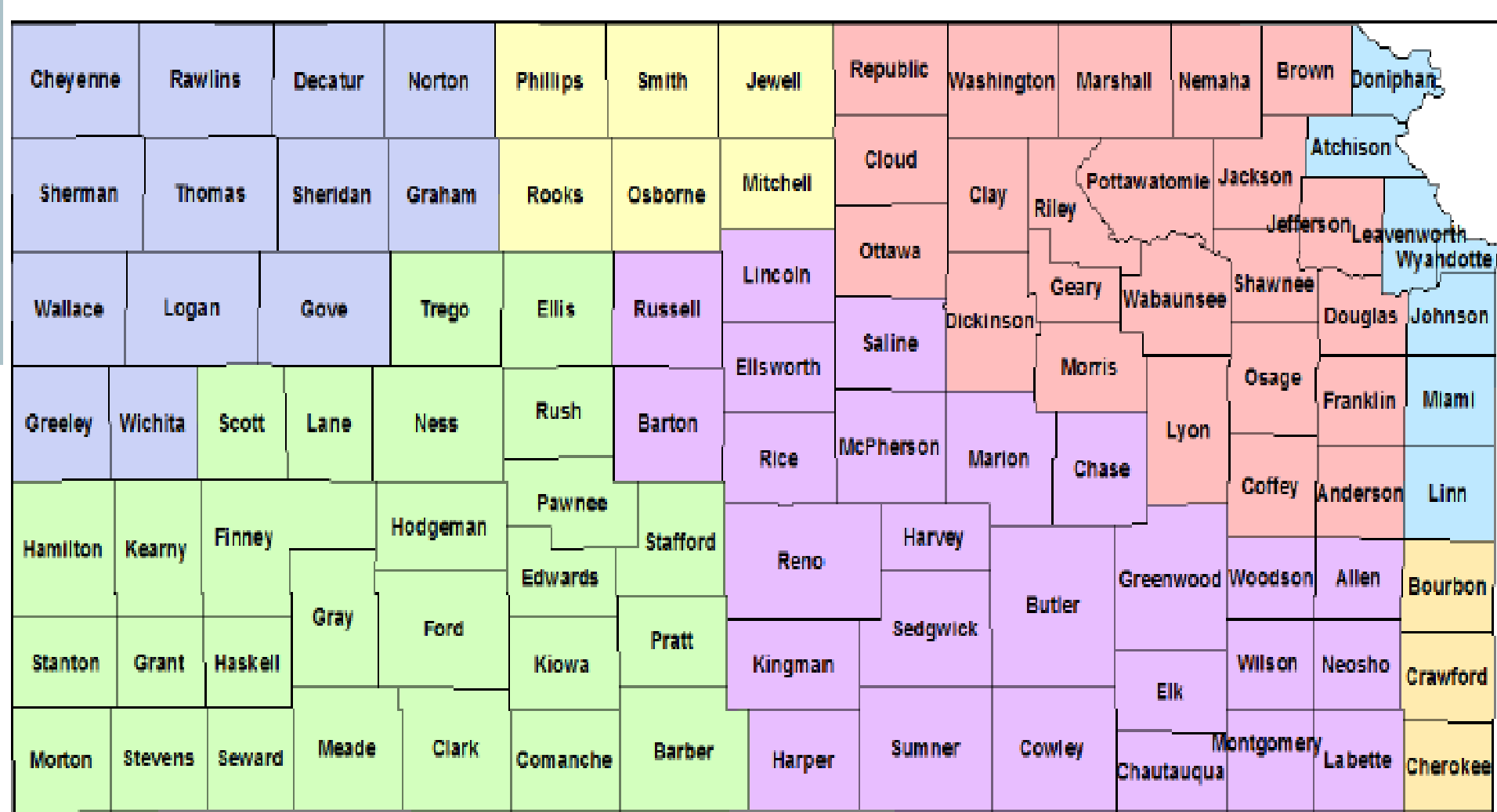
- **8 questions to parks about weather decisions for site**
- **Main source of info: law enforcement – once warning is issued**
- **Lack of communication prior to event to make informative decisions**
  - **Is NWS sending briefing packets/sit reps to parks**
  - **Are EM's sharing these reports**



# Communicate

The background of the slide features a silhouette of two people climbing a mountain peak. One person is on the left, reaching up to assist the other person who is on the right, standing on a higher ledge. The scene is set against a sunset sky with warm orange and yellow tones near the horizon and darker blue tones above. The overall mood is one of teamwork, challenge, and achievement.

- Talk to your partners/team and find out their needs
- How many of you have never been to your local NWS office?
- Why?
  - We are here to serve you
- I encourage you to meet with local NWS
  - We are here to serve and help



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