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New light towers acquired for use in the South Central Homeland Security Region were demonstrated in Kingman Jan. 20. Those attending included representatives from the city of South Hutchinson, city of Kingman, Rice County, Sumner County, Kingman County, the Kansas Department of Emergency Management and other local agencies. Photo by Fred Simon/Kingman County Emergency Manager

## Kingman County receives light tower

The Kingman County Sheriff's Office now has a generator-powered light tower for use in the county, thanks to a grant awarded through the South Central Homeland Security Region.

The light towers are part of a project to assist with emergency lighting needs in the 19-county region. The tower can be raised to a height of 30 feet and can light three to five acres. Its generator has a reserve so other small items also can draw power while the light tower is being used.

Fred Simon, now in his seventh year as Kingman County Emergency Manager, was the lead on this grant project.

“This tower can be used for disaster purposes but it also can be used for other events within our county,” said Simon. “It was deployed the second day it was here for a house fire in Kingman County. This will help in making response scenes safer and more efficient for those who are working an incident.”

A total of four Magnum MLT 3060 Generator / Light Towers were received, with the others being housed in Reno, Rice and Sumner counties. The four towers cost approximately \$34,000.

The towers are available for use by any government agency in the HSA South Central Region. Other counties in the region are Pawnee, Edwards, Kiowa, Comanche, Barton, Stafford, Pratt, Barber, Harper, McPherson, Harvey, Sedgwick, Marion, Butler and Cowley.

Possible uses include lighting a crime scene or assisting during a lengthy infrastructure repair that goes into the night.

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