

LEPC 07/20/23

Called to order at 09:12

Nick makes motion to approve previous meeting minutes. Daryl makes second. All in favor.

Kate Brunette is presenting – Climate fellow with Office of Sustainability out of South Bend. Kate went over a resilience planning overview powerpoint regarding climate risk and vulnerability assessment, climate projections of higher temperatures and increased flooding for our area.

Lopez discusses the protocol document distributed regarding importance of EOC, who activates it, who staffs it, how often we train and run mock EOC. Plans are all out of date as is the resource list.

Gernt discussed Clay drill this coming Fall – no updates. Possibly going to be a rubble pile incident involving multiple agencies.

SBFD hazmat team incident drill – J Yoder (jyoder@southbendin.gov) 574-361-4054 needs to form a committee. Needs rep from Police (PD, SWAT, bomb squad), rep from Fire (FD, Hazmat), EMS rep, comms rep, hospital rep, and Coroner rep. Main objective for the scenario is unified command. Yoder will put a call out via news in Aug/Sep for 100-300 members of the public to participate. Possible target date is Oct 7 or Nov 4th. Terrorist type incident. Several bombs going off at 4 Winds Field. PD will start it off with active shooter. FD will begin rescuing patients. Hazmat will be involved due to chemical bombs. Exercise is meant to test readiness and improve going forward. 3-hour event. 0900-1200 on a Saturday. Jeff Yoder still needs supplies for the incident (fake blood, smoke, triage kits). Four Winds will supply lunch at cost (\$3 person). Jeff Yoder asks for LEPC to fund \$10,000 to cover supplies and food cost. J Gernt makes motion. Tracy Skibbins makes second. All in favor. Jeff is asking for volunteers for this committee - would like to meet once a month. Daryl Eiler will represent fire on the committee, J Gernt will rep EMS, and J Tobey will represent communications.

Andrea from Wastewater speaks – overview of what's happening in 2024. Jerry is working on chlorine spill full-functional drill.

Lopez discussed Salamander system. Can make ID cards, can track and do multiple things. Bill Zimmerman from FEMA talks about the requirement for credentials during deployments. Might be able to use the Salamander for the drill this Fall. EMA wants agencies to be able to borrow the machine and make their own IDs.

Financial Report – purchased drone \$18,545 dollars for hazmat. \$48,801 dollars left, does not include the incoming \$14,000. Nick makes motion. Daryl makes second. All approved.

Committee reports – NONE

Old business – LEPC still needs Letters of who Proxy members are for a few members.

New members – Brent Smart American Red Cross. Covers 18 Counties and is on several other LEPCs. Will be doing door-to-door smoke alarm installation campaign. They've installed 60 detectors since January. Chad Hess Asst Chief New Carlisle Fire Department both requesting to become new members.

Directors Report – Went to the Kankakee river basin committee meeting. Did tabletop incident with Army Corp of Engineers yesterday. Got BRICK grant from FEMA for multi hazard incident plan (flooding, etc). Must have plan in place if requesting money from FEMA for flooding or major disaster. Looking for venue to hold 75-100 people for the plan. Will be at least 2 meetings and then government agencies will have 1 year to adopt the plan. Portage Manor will be closed by the end of the month. They want to make sure the building is properly secured and maintained. EMA has issues with storage. They have half of a pole-barn building. Got grant for SALT triage bags and they will be distributed to all of the fire departments for rapid triage. 1.5 million dollar siren project is ongoing. EMA is working with DLZ. Mechanical units are still good, the receiving radios, battery boxes, motherboards, etc., are what needs to be replaced. Over 60 sirens in the project. New siren software will have different zones, 3 different tones. LEPC funds needed to be explained to some county officials regarding the hazmat drone that SBFd requested LEPC pay for. Electrical vehicle battery training is a big issue now, due to them catching on fire. Several companies are trying to profit on the training interest, but EMA is looking for the best class to bring in. The new GM plant in New Carlisle specs showed GM will fund for fire training to agencies that would respond to the plant.

New Business – Liz Reinmeke resigned. Took old job back. Tracy will send email about emergency preparedness festival.

Good of the order – Unidentified speaker from County GIS - County has been using Civic Plus for their website, tried to get to dispatch to pay for a mass notification(\$50,000 annually), but dispatch turned it down. Might have someone come out in September to do a presentation.

July 28, 29, 30th – New Carlisle is having Hometown days festival going on. Will have 2 ambos there.

Motion to adjourn by Nick. 2nd by Buddy. All in favor. Adjourned at 10:59