

The original meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 8th was postponed due to winter weather. Thus, President Bob Flath called the LaMoure County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting to order on Thursday, February 5, 2015 at 5:08PM at the National Guard Armory Building in Edgeley, ND. Members and guests present indicated by "X".

Bob Flath	County Commissioner	X	Tracy Good	Industry	
Tony Hanson	Public Health	X	Lauren Worrel	Public Works	
Kimberly Robbins	Emergency Manager	X	Brent Mathern	Industry	
Hank Johnson	LaMoure Fire	X	Sheriff Bob Fernandes	Sheriff's Dept	X
Bob Vandenberg	County EMS – Kulm Fire	X	Patty Wood Bartle	Print Media – Edgeley Mail	X
Alan Nitschke	Jud Fire	X	Frank Balak	Public Health – CV Health District	X
Corey Sandness	Verona Fire	X	Dwight Stewart	NDDDES	X
	State's Attorney			Marion City or Fire	
Others Attending:	Mike Vogel – LaMoure Fire, Chris Bjorne – Verona Fire				

The secretary's report of the September 4, 2014 meeting had been mailed, emailed and attached to the agenda. Hank Johnson moved to approve the Secretary's report as presented. Sheriff Fernandes seconded the motion. Motion approved. The treasurer's report did not have a final year end balance as these numbers had not been provided by the LaMoure County Auditor's office. Kimberly noted expenses from the public notices in 2014 and an annual income of approximately \$1200 from the Hazardous Chemical Preparedness and Response Program.

Old Business: The LaMoure County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan was approved by FEMA in November 2014 and the next update will be done in 2019. Kimberly thanked everyone for their participation to update the plan.

The Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) will continue as the State of North Dakota provides guidance.

A county-wide mutual aid agreement for Fire Departments within the county was further discussed based on examples from Mouse River and Richland County. It was recommended that each fire department in the county would and should sign a county-wide mutual aid agreement similar to Richland County. Thus, the fire departments would not need to form an association. Kimberly should start going to each department to get signatures. The county ambulances should have their own agreement at this time and separate from the Fire Departments. Further, Kimberly should gather an inventory of all individual mutual aid agreements together.

New Business: The LaMoure County Emergency Operation Plan is still in need of review. The committee will remain the same as Kimberly, Tony, Bob V. and Frank. Kimberly will email the appendices out to this committee for their review and input.

The three year training and exercise plan was reviewed again with the plan continuing of a tabletop followed by a full scale exercise. Sheriff Fernandes added that the remaining grant funds from the LaMoure County full scale active shooter exercise will be used to provide three day active shooter training this May for law enforcement.

Two informational handouts had been emailed, mailed and presented to the group for review. The hand-outs are a tri-fold to provide to businesses about Hazardous Chemical Preparedness, Reporting and Response. The goal of the hand-outs is to provide information and encourage timely reporting of businesses' TIER II reports. The group thought there are additional businesses in the county that should be reporting TIER II reports and hope this hand-out will help educate businesses. The group requested a change to the hand-out to provide additional highlight of the TIER II due date of March 1st. Kimberly asked the group to make a motion so she could use LEPC funds for printing and mailing expenses. Patty said that the Edgeley Mail would donate 150 color copies of the hand-outs. Bob V. made a motion to use up to \$100 of LEPC funds for mailing expenses for the informational hand-outs. Hank seconded. Motion passed.

There was discussion about the definition of "farmer" for TIER II reporting as there are several agricultural businesses in the county that the owner also has a farming operation. Tony also requested information about fines or regulations to enforce TIER II reporting. Kimberly was requested to ask the State and report back to the committee about these definitions and regulations. The group further reviewed businesses that had submitted TIER II in 2014. The group also reviewed the anhydrous ammonia level 2 businesses and also discussed further agricultural industry expansions. In the next year, the county will likely see additional anhydrous ammonia level 2 locations.

Finally, Kimberly provided the link for first responders to get access to TIER II reports. It was mentioned that as of now fire departments still prefer that the reports are printed.

Other Business: There was discussion held concerning the appointment of the new State's Attorney to the LEPC. Commissioner Flath requested that she be invited and assigned membership to the committee as we have always had the State's Attorney on the committee.

Kimberly stated that she has North Dakota Impact Oil studies and will forward to any fire department that requests the information. For pipeline information, Verona and Edgeley are the only two fire departments that have a pipeline through their response territory. If the proposed natural gas pipeline is built, it will cross Jud Fire District.

Frank discussed that public health and the North Dakota Department of Health had received funding for Ebola personal protective equipment and training. This equipment would also be helpful for other possible disease outbreaks. He would keep in contact with the County EMS and Emergency Manager regarding the trainings.

Next meeting is tentatively set for Thursday, September 3rd at 5PM in LaMoure. There would likely be an on-line or email meeting if input is needed for grant applications in March/April.

Patty made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Al seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned shortly after 6PM.

Soup and a sandwich were served. Dwight Stewart provided a presentation and table top discussion about Search and Rescue. Activity concluded by 7:15PM.