

President Bob Flath called the LaMoure County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting to order on Thursday, March 17, 2017 at the LaMoure County Courthouse at 7:10PM. The LEPC meeting was held together with the Annual LaMoure County Fire Chiefs meeting. This meeting had been rescheduled from March 2, 2017 to March 16, 2017 due to the Edgeley-Kulm-Montpelier Girls' Basketball playing at the North Dakota State Girls' Basketball tournament. Members and guests present indicated by "X".

Bob Flath	County Commissioner	X	Brent Mathern	Industry	X
Tony Hanson	Public Health		Lauren Worrel	Public Works	
Kimberly Robbins	Emergency Manager	X	Todd Vogel	Industry	X
Art Hagebock	LaMoure Fire Chief	X	Sheriff Bob Fernandes	Sheriff's Dept	X
Bob Vandenberg	County EMS Representative	X	Patty Wood Bartle	Print Media – Edgeley Mail	
Alan Nitschke	Jud Fire Chief	X	Frank Balak	Public Health – CV Health District	
Travis Wiemann	Verona Fire		Tonya Duffy	State's Attorney	
Julianne Racine	County Extension Agent	X	Bill Brown	ND Dept of Emergency Services	X
Grant Mathern	Edgeley Fire	X	Jon Alber	Marion Fire	X
Mike Vogel	Verona Fire	X	Dough Hintzman	Kulm Fire	X
Others attending: Quinton Kramer (Marion Fire), George Racine (SIRN2020 LaMoure County Rep)					

The secretary's report of the December 2016 meeting had been mailed, emailed and included as a handout for the meeting. President Flath approved it as presented. Treasurer's Report was approved as presented by President Flath as well.

Old Business: There were 360 Hazardous Materials informational brochures printed at LaMoure Printing for a total cost of \$262.40. Of these, 344 were mailed out and 5 were returned for undeliverable address. The brochures were mailed to LaMoure County commercial property owners. This list of property owners was received from the LaMoure County Tax Department. Kimberly mentioned that this is the third year that we have mailed out brochures, yet we have received fewer TIER II reports this year than the past two years.

The committee reviewed the statistics that showed the decline in reports this year. Kimberly expanded that 3 businesses failed to report by March 1st. There was discussion on what should be done to get these TIER II reports. Kimberly mentioned North Dakota legislation (SB 2110) that should address those owners that do not report; however, the bill has not yet been signed. Further discussion was made on how to contact the owners by either letter or personal phone call. Art made a motion that LEPC President Bob Flath would contact the businesses that reported in 2016 yet failed to report by March 1, 2017. Al seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The Personnel Identification badge system for first responders was discussed. LaMoure County had purchased a badge printer with grant funds in 2014 and it currently has only been used to print badges for Courthouse employees. At the February 2016 LEPC meeting, funding had been approved to use this printer to make badges for first responders. An additional grant had been secured in fall 2016 for a tracking system to be used with the badges. Much discussion was held on how volunteer first responders should wear and use their badges. Edgeley Fire Department has an identification system on their turnout gear. As many volunteers show up on scene and may not go to the fire or ambulance hall first, it was decided to have 2 badges for each first responder – one that they can carry in their wallet and one that would be at the fire/ambulance hall. Kimberly would send information to the LEPC for their input on which tracking system for the badges would be purchased.

New Business: SB2110 was discussed further as it would provide funding for meals for LEPC members. The bill has not been signed as of the meeting. Kimberly asked for any Hazardous Chemical Incidents to discuss and none were brought to the group.

The Training and exercise calendar was reviewed. The Search and Rescue full scale will tentatively be planned for early Fall 2017 in Edgeley. The Point of Distribution (POD) full scale exercise will need to be conducted in LaMoure in 2018 as it needs to be completed every five years.

Other Business:

Scene Safety was stressed to the group as first responsibility of all responders. Kimberly is still looking for a program or speaker that can be brought to the county to address first responder situational awareness.

The North Dakota Regional Haz-mat teams are available to speak to individual departments. LaMoure Fire mentioned that Jamestown Fire had presented at one of their meetings and they highly recommended meeting with the teams. It was recommended that Kimberly schedule the Regional team to present at the 2018 annual fire chief meeting.

Section 304 and RMP were briefly mentioned that if there is an Anhydrous Ammonia Facility within the fire response area that the respective fire department should be contacted and involved with the facility owners on their emergency plans.

George Racine was introduced as the LaMoure County representative to the Regional Statewide Interoperable Radio Network board. The group discussed the current legislation that would fund this project. The group agreed that a good communication system is needed; however, there was a large concern about the cost of replacing radios.

The April Chemical Safety Workshops sponsored by OSHA will be in Fargo and Bismarck and the registration information was attached to the agenda.

As the State of North Dakota has not released the applications for the State Homeland Security Grants, there was little discussion about this. Again, the concern for radio cost was mentioned and possibly applying for radios with the grant funds.

The annual eDispatches renewal and invoices were sent out. Kimberly also made a list of each departments' members and requested that the Fire Chief or Ambulance squad leader review the list and return it to her so that inactive members may be removed from the list. It was discussed that the eDispatches app may work better on Droid than Apple devices. IAMRESPONDING is another app that is available yet it has been found that it requires more time to manage the system.

Kulm, Edgeley and LaMoure Fire Departments received maps of their Rescue boundaries. The County 9-1-1 coordinator must maintain the boundaries. There was discussion that the Kulm Rescue should be expanded to include area in Logan County. This will require meetings with Logan County.

Kimberly briefly mentioned that some addresses in LaMoure County will be updated and changed as the State moves forward with a Statewide seamless basemap.

The next meeting time and location were discussed. Although it had been mentioned that noon meetings may work, this idea was not well received by the committee. Thus, the meeting time will remain at 7PM. It was suggested to move the meetings around the county so the next meeting will be September 7th at 7PM in Edgeley. A June meeting will not be held as there are too many conflicts and vacations in summer.

Art Hagebock addressed the group about HB1010 which is the Fire Response area funding. The State has proposed to cut back on this funding. This would have a very negative effect on volunteer fire departments.

Chairman Bob Flath adjourned the meeting at 9:00PM.
Minutes approved September 7, 2017