

President Bob Flath called the LaMoure County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting to order on Thursday, September 7, 2017 at the Edgeley Ambulance Hall at 7:06PM. Members and guests present indicated by "X".

Bob Flath	County Commissioner	X	Brent Mathern	Industry	
Tony Hanson	Public Health	X	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	
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		Bill Brown	ND Dept of Emergency Services	X
Grant Mathern	Edgeley Fire	X	Jon Alber	Marion Fire	
Mike Vogel	Verona Fire	X	Dough Hintzman	Kulm Fire	X
Others attending: Jim Reuther – Jamestown Fire, Jason Weekley – St Rose Care Center					

The secretary's report of the March 2017 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 as there were no changes in expenses since the March meeting.

The LaMoure County Commissioners had requested that the LEPC submit a budget for 2018. The budget submitted was \$400 for meals, \$500 for printing, \$4,000 for miscellaneous expenses and a \$1,400 income. Kimberly noted that the income was likely low as the past two years it was closer to \$1,700. The committee discussed the possibility of increasing the meals line items now that the LEPC funds can be used to provide meals for members or a stipend. After discussion, the committee left the budget as submitted.

Old Business: The Personnel Identification badge system for first responders was discussed. Kimberly provided the past timeline and grants that had purchased the system. Salamander is the vendor for the badges. Examples were presented. Kimberly provided several examples on how first responders' identities could be uploaded into the system. It was recommended that Kimberly use the list from eDispatches and each first responder must send a picture to Kimberly before a badge is printed. Two badges per first responder should be printed. Kimberly will work with public health and try to use this system at the Point of Distribution exercise in September. There are ten incident command smart phone user apps allowed in the system and they will be designated to the Sheriff and his deputies, the emergency manager, and the fire chief or designee in the fire/rescue departments of Edgeley, Kulm and LaMoure. It was discussed the possibilities of adding neighboring counties to the system. Jim Reuther requested that Kimberly send information to him.

New Business: Tony made a motion to Publish the public notice of Section 324 in the local papers. Grant seconded. Motion passed.

The Tier II statistics were presented indicating 179 chemicals reporting in reporting year 2016. This is similar to 178 chemicals in the previous year. A map was also presented that indicated where the chemicals are stored and in which fire response area. Kimberly then presented the changes for Tier II reports that will take affect after January 1, 2018. The group discussed the reporting filing deadline and questioned who would enforce the penalty. Bill Brown discussed that it would be the North Dakota Department of Emergency Services (NDDDES). Kimberly asked if the group would like to send out a trifold information brochure to all businesses in LaMoure County again this year. There was discussion on how to recognize farmers that are not exempt because they also do custom applying. The committee decided to wait until the next meeting to address the trifold brochure.

There were no Tier II or hazardous material incidents to discuss.

The three year training and exercise plan was reviewed. Tony Hanson discussed the POD exercise. Setup will start at about 3PM at the LaMoure School and flu shots for the public will start at 4PM. It was suggested to work with State Radio to page first responders to ensure the plan worked for response. Tony explained that at the last POD there was a State Homeland Security Grant to help pay expenses and this year there is not. Art H. made a motion to spend up to \$300 for POD exercise expenses. Al seconded the motion, motion passed.

There was discussion on how to include a Search and Rescue yet in 2017 to the Training and Exercise Plan. Discussion also focused on using the Silver alert for an elderly patient from a nursing home for the Search and Rescue. Jim Reuther also recommended the resource of dogs in Search and Rescue. Kimberly to follow up with Edgeley Fire to determine a timeline for this type of exercise.

The 2017 State Homeland Grant Program funds have not been distributed to date. Thus, all projects are on hold until funding is available. LaMoure County, Edgeley Fire Department and LaMoure Emergency Response building are all scheduled to receive funding for physical assess control in the form of cameras and/or door locks. The LaMoure County Sheriff's Department and LaMoure County also is scheduled to receive funds for training and exercises.

Other Business:

Scene Safety was stressed to the group as first responsibility of all responders. Kimberly is unsure if a Scene Safety program is covered under the planning and training grant for the 2017 State Homeland Security Grant Program.

Jim Reuther presented about the North Dakota Regional Haz-mat teams. There are 11 counties in the southeast region. The technician level teams in the State are in Fargo, Bismarck, Grand Forks and Minot. There are also other specialized response teams in the area such as the Dive Team in Jamestown. Jim stressed to the group to call the regional teams directly. The local teams can call to ask questions or support from the regional teams. The regional teams will respond with a response team after it is decided that the local resources are exceeded or beyond their response. Jim talked about good tools to use for Hazardous Materials response such as the ERG books, ERG phone app and the WISER phone app. Bill Brown and Jim also discussed that the local incident command will still have that role when the regional team is assisting. The regional team will not take over control of the incident yet they will support. Bob V. recommended that Kimberly make additional copies of the Regional Response team contact information for the ambulance services in LaMoure County .

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 go through the facility with the operators.

George Racine was absent so Kimberly provided a brief update on the Statewide Interoperable Radio Network (SIRN). Legislation did pass to move forward with this project and statewide the 911 tax did go up by \$0.50, which is then turned back to the State of North Dakota. George Racine was elected to be the rural representative from southeast North Dakota to the SIRN board. This has been a significant involvement of George's time. The board is trying to develop a statewide purchase plan. Jim Reuther and Bill Brown discussed that there are many unknowns on who will fund this project and the timeline. It was discussed that the Counties may have to financially support the local responders radios. It was recommended to the group to take inventory of current radios yet not to purchase anything yet as the specifications are not known.

Kimberly discussed that eDispatches has a new feature called early alert that sends a message before the page is sent. To receive this, each department must go into the individual first responder's account and add this setting.

The next meeting time was discussed. After reviewing school calendars, it was recommended that the next meeting be held on Thursday, November 30th at 7PM in Edgeley as there is a junior high girls' basketball tournament in Edgeley that would be all schools in the county yet it should be done by 7PM. It was recommended that Kimberly find a caterer that will provide a light meal or sandwiches.

Chairman Bob Flath adjourned the meeting at 8:50PM.

Notes approved with a correction to the income dollar figure at the November 30, 2017 meeting.