

LEPC 4-24-2023

-In-Attendance: David Dohe, Becky Snook, Eric Hamel, Tony Perez, Phillip Murrow, Cortney Murrow, Deb Beam, Mike Cooper, Nathan Gentry, Stephanie Simmons, Heather Weston, Sharon Sahlfeld, Aaron LaCoe, and Skilar Winder.

-Eric Hamel motions to approve January 30th, 2023 meeting minutes, Tony Perez second, motion passed.

-David Dohe discussed the TTX Long Term Recovery Exercise that took place on March 30th in Salina, KS. ESF 14 Long Term Recovery Discussion occurred at the exercise. A copy of the Mitchell County ESF 14 was provided. Stephanie Simmons, Deb Beam, Heather Weston, and David Dohe attended the exercise. Stephanie and Deb provided additional insight on items discussed, including long term recovery versus short term recovery entities that would be responding, and so on.

-ESF 14 Long Term Discussion took place by David Dohe as a follow-up exercise discussion. Everyone is encouraged to review the current Mitchell County ESF 14 plan and provide feedback. Stephanie Simmons was identified as a new PIO for Mitchell County, with Jay Rowe as a potential back-up PIO.

-Tier II Information – 12 companies submitted information. This is the same amount as who previously submitted information. Letters submitted to other companies / individuals; no additional information was submitted.

-HMEP Grant / Award State – David Dohe applied for the grant, will not be recognized until the fall. David plans to have a disaster day / exercise with the grant funds. Once approved, the exercise will take place December 7th, planning meetings regarding the exercise will take place November 2nd, 16th, and 30th. The exercise will take place in the NCK Tech Conference room and will be a tabletop exercise.

-A Hazmat IQ Class is available for First Responders on May 10th at the Tescott Fire Station. Individuals do not have to be First Responders to attend.

-Phil Murrow with Sanitation discussed concerns regarding Storm Spotters and notification systems.

-Aaron LaCoe from Fire updated on the truck they are waiting on. Aaron also discussed an option of writing grants for additional equipment. 2 men retired after many years of service; 1 new individual started.

-Stephanie Simmons provided an updated from NCKPHI and the MC Regional Medical Foundation. Stephanie discussed Kansas health departments updating their emergency contacts lists and tabletop exercises she has recently attended. Stephanie also had a meeting with the NCK Tech Nursing Students regarding a NCK Disaster Day next year.

-Sharon Sahlfeld had no new updates from media.

-Skilar Winder with mental health stated the numbers of individuals needing assistance have remained steady.

-Nathan Gentry with HAM Radios provided dates for upcoming field days.

-Tony Perez with the Sheriff's Department updated on the LPR (license plate readers). The LPRs are not in Mitchell County yet. The jail is currently at half occupancy. 13 out of the 20 occupants are local, the

remaining are Saline County residents. Tony addressed the Fentanyl dollar bill in yards situation that has been a recent discussion and point of concern.

-Mike Cooper with the Mitchell County Commissioners provided updates. Mike discussed the recent tax increases and potential impacts on the county budget.

-Deb Beam from the Mitchell County Hospital updated. Deb stated she spoke with Sam Miller at the NCK Tech College regarding the AAR/IP from last year's exercise. Sam will be completing it soon. According to Deb, the hospital has been full over the last 2-3 months and the new CEO has started at the hospital.

-Cortney Murrow provided an update from the health department. Cortney stated she completed the HD tabletop exercise per the PHEP requirements; AAR/IP was submitted and approved by the state. Multiple trainings and conferences have been conducted and attended by HD staff. Lastly, the HD is working with the Medical Foundation on a Community Baby Shower.

-Becky Snook from Dispatch stated having minimal updates. She stated they are preparing for severe weather season and they have been participating in trainings as available.

-Eric Hamel from Mitchell County EMS stated he is currently 2 employees short. EMS submitted for their annual renewals today. EMS runs are currently up.

-Stephanie Simmons brought up a potential grant opportunity to provide mental health training during a LEPC meeting.

-Next scheduled meeting: July 31st, 2023 at noon, location unknown at this time.

-Mike Cooper motions to adjourn, Becky Snook seconds, motion passed.