

LEPC Meeting, 01-30-2023

-In-Attendance: David Dohe, Becky Snook, Eric Hamel, Tony Perez, Phillip Murrow, Cortney Murrow, Deb Beam, Skyler Winder, Nathan Gentry, and Stephanie Simmons.

-Eric Hamel motions for the October 31st, 2022 meeting minutes to be approved, Tony Perez 2nd, motion passed.

-Phillip Murrow, County Sanitarian for 7 counties, introduced to LEPC group. Phil Murrow explained his job responsibilities, including sanitation, waste lagoon, site evaluations, permits, and so on.

-David Dohe makes a motion to add Phillip Murrow with sanitation to the core group of LEPC members, Becky Snook 2nd, motion passed.

-Mitchell County LEPC By-laws discussed and reviewed. A motion to present by-laws as currently written to Mitchell County Commissioners by Becky Snook, Deb Beam 2nd, motion passed.

-Tier II Reporting reviewed by David Dohe. Discussion occurred regarding who must report, what chemicals are reported, and more. Dohe plans on discussing with Fire Chiefs at the next Fire Chiefs meeting. Deadline for reporting to KDHE is March 1st, 2023.

-David Dohe provided a HMEP Grant update. Deadline for filling is February 6th, 2023. Dohe submitted a RFP (request for funding proposal) due to the amount being over \$5000 and has reached out to various companies to facilitate an exercise. Current idea would be to use CVA site as a scenario for the exercise, ensuring pre-determined capabilities are addressed in the exercise. Mitchell County Commissioners need to approve prior to submission to the state.

-Next Storm Spotter meeting is March 21st at 6:30 p.m. Dohe is providing whistles to all attending the meeting.

-Dohe discussed the upcoming Disaster Recovery Tabletop exercise on March 30th in Salina, KS. Exercise is focused on long-term recovery. Contact Dohe for more information or if interested in attending.

-Active Shooter exercise coming up in Salina, KS on February 15th. Notify David Dohe if interested in attending.

-Nathan Gentry provided an update on HAM Radios. Field day was on Saturday, January 28th in Miltonville. Next field day is June 24th -25th.

-Tony Perez offered an update from the Mitchell County Sheriff's office. Job openings will be coming available in the following months. Perez urged any suspicious activities around Caseys are encouraged to be reported, concerns expressed regarding fuel theft to other areas. Perez also stated state legislation communication is leaning towards Medical Marijuana being legal soon. Additional, plans in place for upcoming active shooter training to take place. Active shooter trainings have occurred upon request at various community entities, including a local nursing home. Perez went on to discuss complications that can occur with electric cars during an accident. Lastly, discussion occurred regarding Fentanyl usage in the county.

-Eric Hamel provided an update from EMS. EMS was fully staffed until just recently. The new EMS truck has arrived and going well thus far, includes a new disinfecting system. Hamel also stated discussions are in place for a Trauma Symposium on May 2nd to be hosted within the county.

-Becky Snook updated on Dispatch. A new feature on the 911 system provides capability of video. Mitchell County one of the first 10 agencies in the state to receive video capability.

-Cortney Murrow with the Health Department provided an update. Discussed current influenza and COVID vaccine update. Also provided information on the recent Avian Bird flu incident and exposures.

-Deb Beam provided updates from the Mitchell County Hospital. Provided information on the new CEO coming to the hospital and active shooter training to occur in the hospital. Beam discussed a rise in mental health cases and concerns.

-Skyler Winder discussed an update for mental health. Winder states her waiting list has lessened and currently a month and a half out versus three months as it was previously. Additionally, Osborne City Police has approached requesting further training, specifically trauma related and how to manage a situation. Further discussion occurred regarding a Mental Health Training for First Responders and other entities. Mitchell County Sheriff, Tony Perez, also expressed interest in additional training for his staff.

-Stephanie Simmons gave an update from the Mitchell County Regional Medical Foundation and the Mitchell County Hospital. As the Regional Preparedness Coordinator for NCKPHI (Regional Public Health Preparedness), Simmons provided an update on annexes required to be updated this year. Simmons also provided further information on the new CEO arriving in February, including her transition out of the interim CEO role.

-David Dohe the concept of a call tree for LEPC, including how it could be implemented and exercised.

-Next scheduled meeting: April 24th, 2023 at noon at a location at NCK Technical College.

-Stephanie Simmons motions to adjourn, Deb Beam seconds, motion passed.