



CUSTER COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

July 20, 2022

Custer County LEPC met in the Patrick Center at the Custer County Fairgrounds. The meeting was called to order by Michael Galloway, LEPC Chairman at 10:00 a.m. Sign in sheets were placed at the entrance to the meeting for all to sign.

Mr. Galloway began the meeting by having attendees introduce themselves and state the organization being represented.

Mr. Galloway presented to the attendees, an update on the full scale exercise with the 63rd Civil Support Team which is planned for spring 2023 in the Weatherford area. The 63rd Civil Support Team is part of the Oklahoma National Guard and is a Response Team. They are based in Norman and after approval for deployment, they are usually on site within 2 to 3 hours. This will be a 72 hour all hazard exercise. This exercise will test equipment, personnel and shift change protocols. All responders and entities are invited to attend and play.

There was no action or discussion for item 2 of the agenda. AT&T FirstNet Lisa Watkins was unable to attend to provide updates on FirstNet activities.

Mr. Galloway asked for any training upcoming. Peyton Parker, Oklahoma Health Dept. stated that she and Sandy Settle will be attending CPR training so that they may set up classes to train others in CPR. Mr. Galloway reported that he had attended EOC classes in Weatherford last week. There is an EM workshop coming up September or October in Enid. In Elk City, there was Radio 101 training being presented by Lucien Jones. This training was to include 2 way radio and all systems in use. This training is important to assist in first responder interoperability. There are training opportunities available through OSU Fire Service and Emergency Management Institute.

For the Whole Community Planning Group, Mr. Galloway stated that the Custer County Hazard Mitigation plan is out for Bid for Consulting Service to update the Plan. Bid opening is set for August 8, 2022 with final product due March 1, 2023. The County Hazard Mitigation plan is important for all ESFs and assistance for all grants. Mr. Galloway

Ms. Parker was asked if there were any vaccination updates. She stated that vaccinations can still be received at the Clinton and Weatherford Health Departments. Please call for dates and times of vaccinations.


Mr. Galloway reported to the attendees that the Custer County 2020 Individual Safe Room program is still in progress. The County hasn't received the funding yet, but the ISR has been updated per FEMA to cover COVID response for those on the list to receive 90% reimbursement rather than 75%. This is only for the 2020-2021 ISR. It has generated a lot of interest in the next ISR.

Mr. Galloway gave an update on the ongoing fire situations. Blaine County fire is still going with many statewide County Task Forces being deployed. It is also reported that Clinton Fire Department has no air conditioning due to a breakdown of a part, with the part possibly being another month before arrival. Temperatures are running 97° in the bunk areas. Mr. Galloway will be contacting FEMA and OEM for portable air conditioners for the Fire Department to alleviate the soaring temperatures. (Informational – air conditioning for Clinton Fire Department was fixed on July 22, 2022.)

Mary Jane Coffman with Red Cross said they are opening sites for assistance from the fires and heat. The Red Cross is offering Preparedness Readiness Programs through camps and training. There is a Pillowcase Project for children, a basic preparedness/coping skills program. Children receive a pillowcase to decorate and learn what to place in it for emergency preparedness. They are offering CPR civilian training but not full certification. Red Cross also offers a Smoke Alarm installation program. The Red Cross is looking for volunteers.

Clayton Painter with Plains Pipeline works on damage control and would like to bring a presentation for responders. Plains Pipeline also offers grants for Fire Departments.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m.


Michael Galloway LEPC Chair

The meeting dates for 2022 are as follows: January 19th, April 20th, July 20th, and October 19th. If you cannot attend, please send a representative.