



CUSTER COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

April 19, 2023

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 introduced Clayton Painter with Plains Pipeline. Mr. Painter's presentation for Pipeline Safety began with Plains Pipeline background. Plains Pipeline is a U.S. and Canada company with approximately 4,081 employees as of June 2022. The company offers grants for 1st Responders. Mr. Painter offers pipeline safety training to Responders and will come to facilities. Plains Pipeline has a purpose for reliability in the production, transportation and refining in the Crude Oil Value Chain. They have approximately 18,300 miles of pipeline. One of their main lines lies south of Elk City, Clinton and Weatherford. Mr. Painter gave information regarding the ability to view the National Pipeline Mapping System, www.npms.phmsa.dot.gov which available to anyone. Mr. Painter gave an overview of the work that pipelines do for the safety of pipelines and the public. Mr. Painter provided food for all attending.

Mike Karlin, Weatherford Fire gave an update on Rt 66 Fire situation. The fire burned approximately 1500 acres, beginning at I-40 east of the Loves Cherokee and burning northeast up to 1000 Rd. Approximately 250 personnel responded. Air support came from Texas, small planes laid down fire retardant. There was some miscommunication regarding areas that needed to be evacuated. Mr. Galloway was informed of the initial start of the fire and when it was decided to set up the evacuation area, what was called in became a much larger unnecessary area. Chief Karlin also stated that when asking for mutual aid, there were calls sent out to departments further away, rather than the closest counties.

Mr. Galloway introduced Major Aaron Dougherty of the 63rd Civil Support Team. Major Dougherty 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 dates of the exercise will be by May 23 to be held on campus at SWOSU and May 25 to be held at Crowder Lake. This exercise will test equipment, personnel and shift change protocols. NIMS and ICS response shall be practiced. This will also test the Custer County Emergency Operations Plan. All responders and entities are invited to attend and play.


Public Health Emergency Preparedness Annual Stakeholders and Partners Meeting which must be held for each District in 2023. The handout included Emergency Contact and Memorandum of Agreement forms. They operate under the ESF 8 – Health. The MIPS (Mass Immunization Prophylaxis Strategy) has been renamed the Medical Countermeasure Plan (MCM). The All Hazards ERP for District 1 is complete. Call Down Drills are resuming – now known as RAVE. Drills will be sent out to cells, voicemail, text and email and success is a 75% response. Mrs. Barnett discussed OMERC which is a volunteer program. Volunteers consist of nurses, but do not have to have medical background. She is working on getting a current list together. She took over the position about a year ago.

Mr. Galloway asked for any training upcoming. Sandy Settle & Peyton Barnett may set up classes to train others in CPR. Mr. Galloway asked about “Stop the Bleed” kits and whether the Health Department would have those available. There will be OK Safety training for Safety Directors in Tulsa on July 25. An EM workshop is going on currently in Enid.

For the Whole Community Planning Group, Mr. Galloway stated that the ESF groups help with the County Hazard Mitigation plan. Mr. Galloway will conduct meetings with various groups and municipalities to work on the Hazard Mitigation plan. The Custer County Hazard Mitigation Plan is being updated through the State Office.

Mr. Galloway reported to the attendees that the Custer County 2020 Individual Safe Room program is still in progress. There are about 5 remaining to complete this ISR. This is the 5th ISR that he has gone through. It starts with approving the plan, applying for the program and receiving funding. This particular program started in 2020 and finally approved in 2022. Because this was under COVID, the payment to individuals was 90% up to \$3,290 rather than the regular 75%.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.


Michael Galloway LEPC Chair

The meeting dates for 2023 are as follows: January 18th, April 19th, July 19th, and October 18th. If you cannot attend, please send a representative.