



CUSTER COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

October 25, 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 discussed the Emergency Operations Center for Custer County is located at Weatherford, north on Airport Road. The EOC is shared by Custer County and Weatherford Emergency Management. The big advantage is its located close to I-40, near truck stops, hotels and restaurants that all have independent generators.

Peyton Barnett, Local Emergency Response Specialist with the State Health Department stated that she is working with 10 counties. She stated that flu season has arrived and flu shots are available at all health departments and there are some drive-thru clinics occurring.

Elizabeth Woods, RMRS Director for Region 1 MERC spoke to the attendees regarding upcoming meetings and exercises: RTAB on 1-23-24 (in person); RMPG on 1-23-24 from 1-3pm; Redundant Communication Drill is November 20th from 0800 to completion and be utilizing phone and email. She plans on visiting every county within her region (which encompasses 18 counties) by the end of December. There will be a combining of MRSE, pediatric exercise and chemical exercise as a tabletop/function exercise on February 29, 2024. She is looking for workgroup participants. The 63rd CST Road show is coming to Region 1. This training will focus on how to develop a HAZMAT Plan for your organization, ow to make a patient assessment of a contaminated patient and how to DECON a contaminated patient. Training will be as follows: October 16, Cheyenne is to be moved to a future Saturday; November 6, Enid – <https://arcg.is/1OPjjP>; December 4, Woodward, registration coming; January 22, Boise City, registration coming.

Mr. Galloway stated that the exercise in May with the 63rd CST was one reason for creating a county EOC at the Weatherford site.

Mr. Galloway asked for any training upcoming. Training for the ESF8 is shown above. Mike Karlin stated that training for ICS 300 is January 15-17, 2024, ICS 400 is February 21-22, 2024 and G191 is March 1, 2024. All will be held at the EOC in Weatherford. Mr. Galloway said the

Emergency Management Conference will be in March 2024 at Durant. There will be exercises in November at the Custer City and OneOk gas plants.

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 is working with SWODA for the updates. Hopefully it will be completed in 2024. With the Hazard Mitigation Plan approved, this opens the for future mitigation grants. One goal is to have a generator for every city hall, fire department.

Mr. Galloway reported to the attendees that the Custer County 2020 Individual Safe Room program is still in progress. There is 1 applicant remaining to complete this ISR. This is the 6th 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%. Mr. Galloway stated that he has been given approval to include the remaining alternates. The money for this hasn't been processed, just the approval. There is already a list of people who want to be on the next Saferoom Grant.

Mr. Galloway called for updates for the damages done in July, 2023 to Clinton and Weatherford. Weatherford has almost all debris removed and back to normal. Clinton Fire Chief Brett Russell spoke about the damage done to the 2.5 million gallon water tower. It is almost completely drained and pressures in the water system have held. Once the tower is drained, estimates for repairs or replacement can move forward. Mr. Galloway stated that if the estimate is high, it could almost be considered within the FEMA amount. Currently, all damages have been through request to the State. As much paperwork has to be completed whether State or FEMA.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.


Michael Galloway LEPC Chair

The meeting dates for 2024 are as follows: January 17th, April 17th, July 17th, and October 16th. If you cannot attend, please send a representative.