



CUSTER COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

April 21, 2021

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. There were 20 in attendance and one attending by audio remote.

Mr. Galloway updated the attendees on disinfectant spraying and tote locations for public use. There are currently 4 disinfectant totes located within the County - two at the Clinton Public Schools, one at SWOSU where the disinfectant spray is produced. There is a tote located at Weatherford Fire Department now being used for a different product and one at Clinton Fire Department which was transferred to the Clinton Public School site. The disinfectant spray is hypochlorous acid which is up 8 times stronger than Clorox and has a 60-90 day shelf life. Once its PH level drops, it will rust metal. Due to lowered usage, currently there are only two totes in use. The disinfectant spray can be utilized and is free for use. Please contact Mr. Galloway for assistance.

Mr. Galloway advised the LEPC members that the Custer County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) is finished and needs to be printed. Members will receive the EOP as soon as it printed and the Concurrence Page is signed. This will be available as a digital copy also.

Mr. Galloway asked about training opportunities for the Region. The annual Emergency Management business meeting will be held by ZOOM from 1-5, April 28, 29, 2021. Weatherford Fire Chief Mike Karlin stated that the burn tower for Weatherford is under construction and should be available for training this summer. For those interested, FEMA I.S. 300/400 is available by virtual class on May 4 and May 26. Lynn Gould stated that if at least 15 people showed an interest, she might be able to get an instructor to provide an in-person class for this area. Plains Pipeline will have an exercise for First Responders. Please go to Oklahoma Pipeline Awareness (OPAL) okpipelineawareness.com/upcoming_events for the schedule of training classes. Eve Adams from DEQ shared that there will be a Homeland Security Exercise & Evaluation Program course to be held at Ft. Sill somewhere around June 16-17, 2021. They need additional participants to hold the class.

Mr. Galloway informed the LEPC attendees of the changes made for the SWOR 911 Board. This Board covers 8 counties and the following changes were made: Weatherford Police Chief Louis Flowers was replaced by Melinda Farrow, Kurt Hamburger replaced by Mike Karlin and Michael Galloway replaced by Brett Russell. This large system, E911 must prepare the next generation of communications. The revenue created by land lines and even cell phones is falling below the levels required for updating to new technology. This revenue lapse could require options such as lower technology or the loss of four PSAPS.

Regarding the Whole Community Planning Group, this consists of members of two representatives from each ESF from the Emergency Operations Plan. This group needs to be updated from each ESF to have current members. It also assists with the Hazard Mitigation Plan. The current Hazard Mitigation Plan expires and must be updated in 2022. Copies of the current Plan was dispensed to members that were in attendance. Mr. Galloway reported to the LEPC attendees that generators were a large portion of the current Hazard Mitigation Plan. Several entities have installed permanent generators. The Town of Arapaho has most of its facilities on backup generators at this time. One part of the Plan is to be prepared for loss of multiple or all utilities and having the ability to work around this.

Clinton Public Schools is installing a saferoom at its old administration building which has been converted in a daycare area. Mr. Galloway will be using his EMPG grant to assist with reimbursement after the installation is complete. He has utilized funds from the EMPG grant to provide Ipads for County Commissioners and Fire and Police with GEOSAFE programming.

The Custer County 2020-2021 Saferoom Hazard Mitigation Project has been approved with 59 applicants on the list. It is just waiting on funding approval to proceed. Currently there are three FEMA disasters in action for Custer County:

DR4530 declared January 20, 2020 - Coronavirus/Vaccine/PPE. This is the first disaster declared the covers all counties in every state. FEMA has provided assistance for Funeral Expenses due to COVID death. Information is available by calling 1-844-684-6333 or going to www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance. This disaster is still open and ongoing.

DR4575 for the period October 26-29, 2020 - Severe Ice Storm and covers mostly debris and generator usage.

DR4587 for the period February 8-20, 2021 - Snow/Subzero Temperatures. RPA for this disaster is due by April 25, 2021.

Mr. Galloway asked LERC Sandy Settle about any information regarding upcoming vaccination PODS. Mr. Settle stated that Monday, April 26, 2021 will most likely be the last POD held at the Custer County Fairgrounds. The Health Department is preparing to do walk up vaccinations and utilize a van for the POD. Please contact Sandy at 405-343-7812 if your business would like to schedule a vaccination clinic. Kerry Stafford with Oklahoma Health Department stated that there is about a 90 day supply of PPE and they are trying to get that supply down to about 30

days. Mr. Galloway shared that Debbie Maley-Hoffman is storing N95 masks at the warehouse in Weatherford and will be conducting fit tests at various facilities over the next few months.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.



Michael Galloway LEPC Chair

The meeting dates for 2021 are as follows: January 20th, April 21st, July 21st, and October 20th. If you cannot attend, please send a representative.