



## CUSTER COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

January 16, 2019

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 with the members that Custer County LEPC has an agreement with DEQ to receive funds in lieu of direct billing of facilities. There is currently \$3,000.00 received from facilities for non-compliance. Mr. Galloway will be purchasing iPads for 1<sup>st</sup> Responders who he hasn't assisted yet. By ruling, he must purchase the iPad first, then transfer to the Responder organization. The iPad has greatly enhanced the Responder's ability to respond in the event of an emergency.

Mr. Galloway requested an update from the attendees of ESF#2 - Communications. What is the current position of Responder Agencies and which agencies have converted to digital from analog bandwidths? Attendees stated that Clinton Fire, Weatherford Fire, Sinor Ambulance, Butler Ambulance, Lifeguard Ambulances, SWOSU, Weatherford Hospital, all Beckham County law enforcement, and Blaine County law enforcement are all currently utilizing digital. Washita County is currently all analog. Roger Mills County has gone out for bid for digital repeaters, the Sheriff Department and Fire Departments will switch at the same time. Roger Mills County didn't include handhelds in its bid. Lonnie Risenhoover, Beckham County EM asked if anyone had thought of C-Bridges - an internet connection at the repeater using Time Slot 2 for communications. He stated that there are currently four C-Bridges in the United States at the cost of about \$1,200.00 each.

Mr. Galloway issued a reminder of the Hazard Mitigation Plan Grant which is available to entities which have updated their Mitigation Plans and had them approved. Custer County applied for the grant which will pay back 75% of the cost of the generators and installation now up and running at the Clinton and Weatherford Health Departments. Mike Karlin, Weatherford Fire Chief stated that the Hazard Mitigation Plan Grant was assisting Weatherford in updating

their storm sirens and new generators. Mr. Galloway stated that he and the former EM Director for the Town of Arapaho utilized the services of SWODA for the paperwork preparation.

Custer County is in the process of completing the application for the 2019 Individual Saferoom Project Grant. Mr. Galloway has at least 75 applicants for this newest Saferoom Grant application.

Mr. Galloway shared the following training events:

City of Weatherford is hosting Substance & Alcohol Abuse for Supervisors training January 23, 2019, contact Lisa Young, Human Resources for the City of Weatherford; OKDH Washita County POD set up drill January 29, 2019, 9:00 - 10:30a.m., at the Activity Center in Cordell; Pipeline Liaison Services training to be held February 21, 2019 at the Pioneer Event Center, Weatherford; National Tornado Summit and Disaster Symposium to be held March 4-6, 2019 at the Cox Center, Oklahoma City; EM Day to be held at the Capitol, March 27, 2019; SW EM Conference, April 3-5, 2019 at the Western Technology Center in Elk City; NW EM Workshop June 18-20, 2019, Enid, OK. Weatherford Mid-Year Frist Responder & Business Leadership Training Conference, July 25-26, 2019, Pioneer Cellular Event Center, Weatherford.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

/s/Michael Galloway LEPC Chair

***The meeting dates for 2019 are as follows: January 16<sup>th</sup>, April 17<sup>th</sup>, July 17<sup>th</sup>, and October 16<sup>th</sup>. If you cannot attend, please send a representative.***