



## CUSTER COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

October 20, 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 19 in attendance.

Mr. Galloway updated the attendees on disinfectant spraying and tote locations for public use. The State Emergency Management gave these to different areas. The disinfectant spray has a short shelf life and is not being utilized as much. SWOSU still has the machine to produce the disinfectant on demand. Currently, the only tote being used is stored at the Administration building for Clinton Public Schools. The disinfectant spray can be utilized and is free for use. Please contact Clinton Public Schools to set up an appointment to bring your own jugs for the disinfectant.

Mr. Galloway advised the LEPC members that the Custer County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) is finished and is in the process of being printed. Members will receive the EOP as soon as it is 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 State Emergency Management is having its Annual Conference February 20-24, 2022 to be held in Durant. The Health Department will be hosting a PODSOPS - Point of Distribution Operation, but not sure of the date. Jane Nickel with Indian Health Services stated that there will be a tabletop exercise early in December for an active shooter scenario. There will also be a tour of the new facilities. Mr. Galloway spoke of the new Cheyenne Arapaho Tribe Emergency Operations Centers that have now opened in Hammon, Watonga, Seiling, Clinton, Concho and Geary. The new EOC's were constructed utilizing CARES Act funds.

Mr. Galloway shared information regarding the tornado causing damage at the Clinton Airport on October 12, 2021. He has been touring the damage path looking for additional damages. One thing he has discovered is that well site signage may not provide current contact information. After finding some damages, he attempted to contact personnel from the signage and most numbers were disconnected. The information that he has in office is often outdated regarding

emergency contacts. From LEPC standpoint, it is very important to have updated information in case of spills or damages. District 2 Commissioner Bruce Walker suggested contacting the Corporation Commission.

Regarding the Whole Community Planning Group, the Weatherford Planning Group has list of people who help with Hazard Mitigation. The current Custer County Hazard Mitigation plan expires next year. Mr. Galloway needs input from cities, county and entities with new ideas. For hazard mitigation projects. Mr. Galloway would like to attend Board meetings in order to get feedback.

Mr. Galloway shared that the County and the Health Department would be hosting a flu shot clinic at the Courthouse on Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 9:00. Sandy Settle, LERC with State Department of Health stated that SWOSU is scaling back on COVID vaccinations due to less demand and numbers of currently vaccinated. Flu season is now upon us and strongly encourages vaccinations for flu and COVID if not already vaccinated. The Cheyenne Arapaho tribe can provide in-home vaccinations if elderly and not able to get out. Please call to set up appointments.

Mr. Galloway shared that there is approximately 15 pallets of PPE to be dispensed on this date. If anyone is in need of PPE, please go out to the poultry barn and pick up what they need.

A discussion was held regarding the recent tornado and numerous complaints of no warning or sirens not working. No tornado warning was issued by the National Weather Center. Electricity was out and some sirens did not work. Mike Karlin, Weatherford Fire Chief stated that he was storm spotting on the storm as it came in from the southwest and it appeared to reduce magnitude until it intensified on the east side of Clinton. He stated that most cities/towns have their own spotters who determine whether to set off sirens. He said, based upon what he saw, he would have chosen not to set off sirens due to the storm having lost strength until it redeveloped east of the populated areas. Setting off sirens too early or too late has many different impacts. Mr. Galloway said each city/town should determine internally when to set off sirens and to have a written plan for this.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:44 a.m.



Michael Galloway LEPC Chair

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