



CUSTER COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

July 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 23 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 - one at the Clinton Public Schools, one at Weatherford Fire Department and two at SWOSU where the disinfectant spray is produced. 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 plans on passing out the EOP by the next LEPC meeting in October.

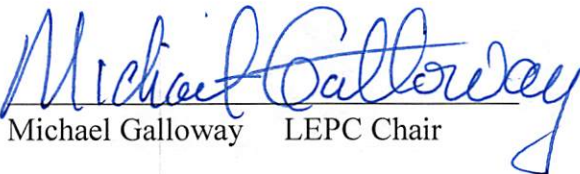
Mr. Galloway asked about training opportunities for the Region. Plains Pipeline has offered to host a pipeline training class which would grant the LEPC \$300.00 and give responders three hazmat hours. Please go to Oklahoma Pipeline Awareness (OPAL) [okpipelineawareness.com/upcoming events](http://okpipelineawareness.com/upcoming%20events) for the schedule of training classes. The Health Department has no training scheduled.

Regarding the Whole Community Planning Group, the Weatherford Planning Group has list of people who help with Hazard Mitigation. Mr. Galloway informed the attendees that there is a new law on the horizon which would require the LEPC to assist public water facilities where a hazard has spilled near a public water source. If there is a spill near a public water source, any water plant should be advised. Policy should be to contact each public water source and confirm the hazard.

Vaccination clinics for schools are being offered. Sandy Settle stated that vaccinations are still being offered at the Health Departments and most pharmacies. The First Baptist Church of Clinton is working on a backpack program for students and want to provide a vaccination clinic at the same time. Sandy Settles, Local Emergency Response Coordinator stated that COVID numbers are rising. He advised getting on the Portal to set an appointment for a vaccination, but is not required. Approximately 39% of Oklahomans are fully vaccinated. There are some breakthrough cases which seem to be in the 12-35 age group. Approximately 50% of the new COVID cases are in four states, Arkansas, Louisiana, Missouri and Nevada as reported in the previous week. Mr. Settles suggested returning to masking and limiting human interaction.

The Custer County 2020-2021 Saferoom Hazard Mitigation Project has been approved. It is waiting on funding approval to proceed. Mr. Galloway stated that it is time to begin the process for the Hazard Mitigation Plan update. The current Plan expires in September, 2022. The County HMP involves every school (5), city/town (6) and SWOSU. Mr. Galloway will be asking for input from each entity with a reminder that hazard mitigation is available to all. FEMA has found that it is cheaper to prevent loss of life and damages to property rather than repair. Examples of hazard mitigation projects are sirens, safe rooms, flood projects, fire projects to enable a city/town to become Fire Wise. Please look at your entity's current Hazard Mitigation plan and determine if items have been achieved and can be crossed off the list and to look at what new projects might be added for the new Hazard Mitigation Plan. Part of the planning will done in the Whole Community Planning Group.

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.