



CUSTER COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

January 14, 2026

Custer County LEPC met in Special Session at the Custer County EOC, 1605 N Airport Rd., Weatherford, OK. The meeting was called to order by Hardy Sperle, LEPC Chairman at 10:00 a.m. Sign in sheets were placed at the entrance to the meeting for all to sign.

Mr. Sperle had everyone state their name and company affiliation as an introduction. Discussion was held regarding the Emergency Operation Center at the current location. The location was established in 2021 as a Fire Training Center and the Custer County EOC was moved here in 2024. It has also been designated as a National Guard station for this area. There will be approximately 18 soldiers stationed here. State Assets will be based here and teams will be available to assist during storm situations on I-40 in this area. There are plans by the National Guard to add another building north of where Devon Energy is located if funding is available. That would maybe provide an area to store vehicles out of the weather as well as training facilities.

Sandy Settle, ODSH said they are working on getting current Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs) with their Push Partners. The Plans for the Health Department are being updates. He is still attending Regional LEPC meetings. He still shows that one fourth of the Health Department staff is working on CPR training. Region 1 RMRS – MRSE has a drill March 5, any questions contact Kirby Justice. There will be a communication drill April 1. OEM Conference is February 17, 18 at OKANA. ODSH-District 1 has posted a link for applications for Sandy's position. His official retirement date is April 30, 2026. He stated it was a great position and place to work.

Mr. Sperle stated that he has turned in the application for the Saferoom grant for Custer County. He's hoping to get an approval sometime this summer. He's also working on a Safety Plan for the Courthouse and will exercise the plan after completion.

Mr. Sperle asked for any training upcoming and asked that any future training could be emailed to him. There will be NARcan Training January 20, 2026 at the Frisco Center in Clinton; Storm Spotter training will be held March 9, 2026 in Watonga at the C&A Emergency Response Center and March 31, 2026 at Roger Mills County Fairbarn; OK-First Refresher on March 26, 2026 at WRTF; Paradigm Pipeline, February 24, 2026 at the Pioneer Event Center.

Mr. Sperle stated the Custer County Emergency Operations Plan is being finalized. L. E. Marshall will be sending it to him to be presented to the Board of County Commissioners for approval. Once that is complete, a digital copy will be available.

Mike Karlin, Weatherford Emergency Manager spoke for Whole Community Planning Group – he is constantly updating the Weatherford EOP. Severe weather time is coming – Mr. Karlin will be on the radio discussing the need to be weather aware. Mr. Karlin stressed the importance of storm shelter registry. City of Weatherford has a link on its website to find the registration paperwork. The storm shelter registration in Weatherford was begun by a former County Commissioner's son as an Eagle Scout project. The registry can be overlaid in GeoSafe which is very helpful for location after a disaster.

Mr. Karlin also spoke of the recent anhydrous ammonia leak which occurred in Weatherford. It is still an ongoing NTSB investigation, so not much information is available. He did state that this disaster actually proved the need for training and exercising the EOP. He felt that there was a very good outcome, in that there were no fatalities. They are still processing the responses to the disaster.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hardy Sperle', written over a horizontal line.

Hardy Sperle LEPC Chair

The meeting dates for 2026 are as follows: January 14th(special), April 15th, July 15th, and October 21st. If you cannot attend, please send a representative.