

LEPC meeting, January 29th, 2024 (approved)

-In-Attendance: David Dohe, Missy McGinnis, Terrence Silvia, Tony Perez, Cortney Murrow, Corey Isbell, Rick Horn, Zach Shelton, Eric Jochems, Tom Deneke, Sharon Sahlfeld, Deb Beam, Corina Snyder, Halley Roberson, and Rodger Simoneau.

-Tony Perez motions to accept meeting minutes from July 31st, 2023 meeting, Missy McGinnis second, motion passed.

-David Dohe discussed TTX exercise that took place on 12/07/2023. 44 people from entities throughout the community participated in the event, including individuals from Kyle Railroad. David is still awaiting the AAR from Blue Cell located out of Colorado. Discussion occurred amongst members in the room in regards to their thoughts on how the exercise went overall. Communication was identified as a continued need for improvement.

-David discussed the 2024-2025 HMEP Grant Application HazMat IQ Class. David has already reached out for a quote on the cost of the class and paperwork has been started to apply. The more first responders that sign-up for the class, the less the overall cost will be. 80% of the class would be paid for, through the grant, with 20% needing to be either paid for or by using in-kind match. Mike Cooper made a motion to approve going forward with the process, Deb Beam seconded, motion passed.

-David Dohe motions to appoint Terrence Silvia to LEPC for Communications, Tony Perez seconds, motion passed. David Dohe will take this to the County Commissioners for final approval. Terrence takes Becky Snook's previous spot, as she has resigned. This leaves open the Vice-President spot that needs to be filled at a later date. David Dohe and Cortney Murrow are excluded from being able to be Vice-President due to already filling roles in LEPC.

-Southern Star Pipeline provided a presentation on Emergency Response Liaison.

-David Dohe provided an Emergency Management update. Dive Team is having an exercise coming up dependent upon lake conditions. February 3rd. NCKEMA is hosting an exercise in Beloit, weather related, based on the Dungeons and Dragons game. David will be reaching out to community entities regarding the exercise and resources that can be provided. March 26th the Glen Elder Dam is having an exercise at the EMS building, with tours of the Dam being available afterwards. March 27th National Weather Services will be in the NCKTC Conference Room for Weather on the Plains.

-Stephanie Simmons provided an updated from Regional PHEP and identified that LHDs are currently working on updating various infectious disease plans.

-Corey Isbell gave an update from the NCK Tech College. Corey discussed Narcan training that took place for staff, including training to look for with an overdose and stated that Narcan is now available on campus.

-Rick Horn with Regional EM gave an update and discussed projects occurring at the State level.

-Missy McGinnis provided an update from EMS. EMS purchased a Chevy Tahoe from the Sheriff's Department and also stated they are fully staffed, with multiple individuals interested in Paramedic school. A new EMT class is starting tonight, collaborating with Lincoln County. Stacy Allen with EMS is working on a grant for pediatric supplies and training.

-Deb Beam with Mitchell County Hospital Emergency Preparedness gave an update. Deb states the hospital has been busy with respiratory illness and plans to participate in the Dam Exercise previously discussed by David Dohe.

- Terrence Silvia provided an update from Dispatch. Terrence states they are currently one person down and plan on filling that position soon.
- Cortney Murrow from the Mitchell County Health Department provided an update. The health department is continuing to provide various respiratory related vaccines, preparedness plans are being updated per PHEP requirements, and provided more information on DECK (Drug Endangered Children in Kansas) Grant that is being worked on.
- Mike Cooper with the Mitchell County Commissioners provided additional county updates. Mike discussed updates with EMS, including land purchases, a building in the planning process, and a new ambulance coming in 2026.
- Halley Roberson with the City of Beloit provided an update. Halley has recently taken on the role of Beloit City Administer.
- Sharon Sahlfeld discussed changes occurring with the newspaper, more information to come.
- Tom Deneke with the Fire Department provided an update and encouraged EMS to page Fire for any needs, including lift assist.
- Zach Shelton provided additional updates from the Rural Fire Department, including education updates.
- Tony Perez with the Sheriff's department discussed updates, including a new Sherrif dog coming soon. The new dog handler is Garrett Matthews and there are plans for demonstrations. The jail is currently down due to Saline County having their own jail now. However, Saline county is continuing to bring inmates as needed. LPR system is going well after a glitch with technology was addressed.
- Next scheduled meeting: April 29th,2024. Location NCK Technical College Conference Room.
- Mike Cooper motions adjourn, Missy McGinnis seconds, motion passed.