



LEPC Minutes September 20, 2016 Courthouse Basement

**Meeting called to order by Chuck Massie at 13:00pm.**

- Minutes read by Melanie Wilmer. Ken Maston made a motion to approve the minutes as read, seconded by Marty Noonan, motion passed.

**Secretary/Treasurer Report**

- Melanie reported that there is \$500.00 in the LEPC line. The Code Red grant agreement has arrived and is under review and awaiting signatures. There is no word yet on HMEP grants. Marty Noonan motioned to approve the treasurer's report, Randy Bury seconded.

**Vice-Chair Report**

- Randy Bury reminded those involved in the Strata Exercise planning to stay after the meeting. He suggested that the LEPC needs to move forward and start planning for emergencies. He would like all agencies to bring an emergency idea they would like to focus on planning for. This will allow agencies to test their emergency operations plans, learn the chain of command, and be incorporated into the county emergency operations plan. He would like to see more fire volunteers from around the county participating in the LEPC, but regular working hours makes this difficult. There is a hospital first receiver class on October 6-7. Scholarships are available, see Randy for those applications.

**Chair Report**

- Chuck Massie said he has been trying to reach out to the fire departments, most specifically the Moorcroft Fire, but is having a difficult time reaching them. He has had more luck getting in touch with the EMS. Is there a way to fix this? Sheriff Hodge recommended going to their trainings or meetings when held in the evenings.

**New Business:**

- Bob Rudichar of Pine Haven Volunteer Fire gave a power point presentation on CISM (critical incident stress management). He encourages anyone in LEPC or any first responders to contact Melanie, or call or email him with questions or interest in the program.

**Unfinished Business:**

- There was no unfinished business.

**Old Business:**

- There has been no word on the HMEP grant yet. We will be awarded the grant as far as we know, with word from Rick Lopez at WOHS. A possible scenario was given at the last meeting of a crude oil spill on Highway 14 between Beulah and the South Dakota Line. This is not a centralized location in the county, and WYDOT will not allow a road closure. It will also cause safety issues to the public. Discussion was held regarding using a county shop yard, or a WYDOT gravel storage location. Rules, how the exercise is handled, etc. need to be planned. We need to have the Sundance Fire Chief and the WYHP here in order to move forward in this planning. Planning will be on hold, and a special request will be sent to WYHP, Sundance Fire and EMS to attend the December meeting.
- Jeanne spoke about the use of MOU's in the fire departments, and the inter-county MOU that Melanie is working on. She also asked about RERT (Regional Emergency Response Team), who pays them and who they work for. Melanie stated there are 8 regions in the state broken out by Homeland Security. They are only deployed when requested from the state as part of their jobs, and the state pays them.
- The 2016 Emergency Response Guides (ERG) are available for county vehicles, help yourself.

**Randy motioned to adjourn at 14:29, Jeanne seconded.**

**Next meeting: December 20, 2016 at 13:00.**