

**Alcona County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Meeting
Minutes, January 16, 2006**

ALCONA COUNTY

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

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MEMBERS

Larry Reaman (Chair) Carolyn Brummund (BOC/Vice Chair) Tim London (EM/Secretary)
Douglas Ellinger (Law Enforcement) Evonne Cooke (Human Services) Ralph Klotz (Fire Services)
Dean Parker (Communications) Cori Upper (Public Health) Kristen Hoffman (EMS)
Stanley Darmofal (Amateur Radio) Tony Beran (Hospitals)

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1:00 pm Commissioners Meeting Room

Present: Larry Reaman Tim London
Cori Upper Jesus "Yogi" Yruegas
Tony Beran Ralph Klotz
Stanley Darmofal
Excused: Evonne Cooke
Carolyn Brummund
Dean Parker

I. Introductions/Public Comment:

No Public Comment

Larry opened the meeting at 1:00 pm and noted introductions were not necessary.

II. Prior Minute and Agenda Approval:

Moved by Tony/Stan to approve November 21, 2005, minutes (as amended) and today's agenda. Carried.

NOTE: Cori Upper noted that the minutes, Para V. a. should read Association of Federal Retired Employees vs. American Legion of Oscoda Township.

III. Old Business

a. Family Preparedness Kit – Tim

Tim asked everyone to gather around the example kit he had assembled and discussed several of the contents with the group. There was much discussion on what the role of emergency management and the LEPC should be in regards to the Family Preparedness Kit. After still further discussion, it was agreed that Tim will work with Larry and Stan on providing a Family Preparedness Kit as part of the LEPC display at the Fair. It was further agreed that the Office Emergency Management's primary role in regard to this issue should be public education.

b. Other Old Business: None

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IV. New Business

- a. No Spills Conference – Larry
Larry gave an update on the No Spills Conference. He explained that it got its start in 1990 by the 7th District Emergency Management Association. Larry explained that the Coast Guard and EPA eventually got involved, along with several other organizations. Larry went on to tell the group that this year's conference will take place on January 24 and 25, 2006, in Traverse City. Discussion Followed.
- b. Other New Business: Larry updated the group on the latest Red Cross status in Alcona County. He told everybody that Fred Glass, the current primary point of contact, had expressed reservations at being the emergency management liaison. Larry went on to express concern at the lack of a Red Cross plan locally. He went on to say the Red Cross lacks agreements with schools and other potential shelters. Larry is very concerned that the Red Cross has not established the necessary shelters in the County. Discussion Followed.
NOTE: Shortly after the meeting, David Gutierrez, from the Red Cross, called Tim to say that Evonne Cooke had agreed to assume her old position as DAT Red Cross team leader and EM liaison for Alcona County.
- c. Larry told the Committee that he had attended a recent Iosco County LEPC meeting. He said he was very pleased to see their Committee getting organized again. At the Iosco County LEPC meeting, the question of cot availability came up. There was much discussion after that comment about the availability of cots in a crisis. Tim explained that he had access to approximately 100 cots in Oscoda County. Tim went on to say that he was confident that cots would not be a major issue in a crisis due to the fact that Alcona County has mutual aid with all surrounding counties. Tim also pointed out that State and Federal resources could be applied towards assisting us. After that, there was discussion about resource availability. It was generally agreed that Alcona County would need assistance in a large disaster and that the necessary Agreements are in place to make that happen.
- d. Other New Business: Ralph Klotz discussed the training he participated in at Anniston, AL. He explained that Dave Toro is now a certified bomb awareness instructor and that all the training in AL was excellent. Ralph went on to say that the Alpena City Fire Department was able to retain \$100,000.00 worth of the RRTN equipment. The Department is working towards becoming a certified Hazardous Materials Team. Discussion Followed.

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V. Standing Committee Reports

- a. Citizens Corps Council – Cori
Nothing to report locally; however, the State of Michigan now has a Volunteer Registration database available online. The system verifies drivers' license information and automatically does a criminal background check. Cori will be the administrator locally, but he thinks that EM will also be given administrative privileges at a later date.
- b. Hazard Mitigation Advisory County – Tim
There is nothing new to report. Tim explained that the Plans are at the Township level for final adoption.
- c. Emergency Management Advisory Council – Tim
Tim explained that he had a budgetary problem with the 2004 Homeland Security Grant. Although Motorola had sent him a fax message stating all bills were paid, another Motorola office contacted him about an unpaid bill after the grant was closed out. Tim asked the EM Advisory Council for advice. After much discussion, it was agreed that Tim will explain the situation to the LPT and ask authorization to pay the bill with 2005 Homeland Security Grant funds. Tim went on to explain that there will be an Exercise Workshop on March 30, 2006; time to be determined, and a Wildfire Drill sometime during the last week of June.

VI. Committee Reports

- a. Amateur Radio/Fair – Stan
The amateur radio group is working with the Sheriff Department on the Forensics Trailer project. Also, Stan will be attending the 3rd District meeting on March 4, 2006, which will be conducted in the Alcona County EOC. The State is now encouraging amateur radio operators to take the IS-700 and IS-800 courses. Stan will be setting up classes for the courses. The annual Sky Warn training is set up for March 23, 2006, 6:30 pm, in the EOC. Stan went on to tell everyone that this year's Fair will take place on August 19 – 26, 2006.

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- b. Bioterrorism Planning Board – Tony
Nothing new
- c. Communications Committee – Doug
Tim stood in for Doug and explained the efforts to develop the Plan
are still ongoing.

VII. Next Meeting Date: March 20, 2006, 1:00 PM

VIII. Adjournment: Motion by Tony/Cori to Adjourn. Carried

Minutes Approved By LEPC on: _____

Signature: _____