

**Alcona County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Meeting
Minutes, November 21, 2005**

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
Carolyn Brummund Doug Ellinger
Art Laatz Kristen Hoffman
Cori Upper Jesus "Yogi" Yruegas
Tony Beran
Excused: Evonne Cooke

I. Introductions/Public Comment:

No Public Comment

Larry introduced Mr. Yruegas, the Mikado Township Supervisor, and welcomed him to the meeting.

II. Prior Minute and Agenda Approval:

Moved by Carolyn/Tony to approve September 19, 2005, minutes and today's Agenda. (approved).

III. Old Business

a. Larry gave a brief update on the status of the grant. NOTE: Everything is on track. Larry also handed out brochures and registrations for the upcoming No Spills Conference, taking place in January, 2006, in Traverse City. Larry gave a short history of the conference and described his involvement.

IV. New Business

a. Family Preparedness Kit – Tim apologized for not bringing in the kit. He explained that it is assembled and that it takes two large plastic tubs to contain everything. Much discussion followed. At the conclusion of the discussion, it was agreed that Tim would invite Vicki Dahl and/or Karin Hobbs of DHS to the next meeting to discuss Alcona County's Special Needs population and what can be done to improve services to them (i.e. inclement weather, power failures, etc.) Finally, after much discussion, Larry appointed Carolyn the Chair of the Family Preparedness Kit sub-committee.

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V. Standing Committee Reports

a. Citizens Corp Advisory Council

Cori explained that he had received one phone call from the American Legion of Oscoda Township. Discussion followed. Cori will continue to pursue the American Legion lead and try to build upon it. Larry added that he had attended some CERT training and there are now several CERT incentives taking place at the State level.

b. **Hazard Mitigation Advisory Council** – Tim explained that the final Plan was adopted by the County Board of Commissioners at their October 19th meeting and presented to the Townships at their October 25th Township Association meeting. Yogi noted that Mikado Township had already adopted the Plan and Carolyn stated that Greenbush Township had done so also.

c. Emergency Management Advisory Council

- 2004 Homeland Security Grant Status: Tim explained that this grant has been extended until February 28, 2006; however, there is only \$9.00 remaining in the grant funds, and for all practical purposes, the grant can be considered completed.
- 2005 Homeland Security Grant Status: Tim explained that the Sheriff Department trailer project had been approved and the Sheriff Department can start expending their allotted share of the grant at any time.
- FY 2006 Exercise (s): Tim will have an Exercise Plan Workshop (EPW) on December 8th, at 12:30, in the EOC. Lunch will be provided.

VI. Committee Membership Reports / Activities (if applicable)

a. Amateur Radio/Fair

– Art said the amateur radio trailer was used at the Alcona Township Halloween event. There were approximately 300 participants.

- Amateur radio personnel assisted the Search and Rescue team by building and assembling an antenna system, including a 25 foot tower.

- The amateur radio Simulated Emergency Test (SET) will take place sometime early in December. LEPC members can expect at least one phone call as a result.

-Doug Ellinger told Art that he has another group interested in helping out at the fair. Art will pass the information along to Stan, who is currently visiting family for the holidays.

b. **Bioterrorism Planning Board** – Tony gave an update. The new BT Coordinator, Jim Brasseur, is now on board. The Planning Board will be participating in a retreat on November 28th, at which, it is hoped they can resolve several ongoing issues.

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- c. **Communications Committee** – Doug told the group that the new 800 MHz radios were returned with incorrect programming. However, the State was very responsive and quickly remedied the situation. He went on to explain that the 911 radios were still not installed. They are working on some software issues which should be resolved this week. There was discussion about the many VHF radio problems and how the 800 MHz radios will eventually resolve many communications problems in the county. More discussion followed.

- d. Additional Comments:
 - Doug gave an update on the forensics trailer status. He explained that it should be completed during the winter.
 - Larry asked Tim for a copy of the LEPC mailing list.
 - Yogi indicated he would like to be a member of the LEPC. Motion by Tim/Carolyn to accept Jesus “Yogi” Yruegas as a member of the Alcona County Local Emergency Planning Committee. Carried.

VII. Next Meeting Date: January 16, 2006, 1:00 pm

VIII. Adjournment: Motion by Tony/Yogi to adjourn (carried).

Minutes Approved By LEPC on: _____

Signature: _____