

March LEPC Minutes
March 14, 2013

Members present: Mike Simons, Fred Rinne, Gary Gugala, Pam Gilchrist, JD Book, George Powers, Carl Wood, Bill Towery, Don Pyle, Kelly Gillette, Mike McLeod, Mike Ryan, Steve Geier, John Gagliardo, Joey Adams, Melanie Schaper, Janis Goedeke, Derek Crumpacker, Pat Holt, Karen Brooks, Justin Pride, and Rob Poole.

Meeting called to order by President Mike Simons.
Introductions were made.

Eldon moved to accept the minutes. Seconded by George Powers. Minutes approved.

Weather radio grant was tabled to next month due to awaiting additional information.

Eldon Bedene discussed the COML Course Application and in the future any FEMA courses taken must have an SID number. There are multiple prerequisites before you can take any of these courses.

Table top exercise has been pushed to June 25 at Memorial Auditorium. This is a regional exercise that involved a tanker truck spill, and would put gas down all the storm drains.

Regional Mitigation meeting will be held April 15 9-12 DePaul Hall.

Fred Rinne reported on Hazmat Vulnerability changes. Tornadoes are the highest threat, weather related events, disease outbreak, hazmat threats such as train by hospital, workplace violence. Via Christi is working on active shooter plan. Additional threats risk would include construction risks due to possibility of shutting down utilities, and infection control risks as Via Christi joins the new addition.

Eldon recommended that active shooters plans include sheriff's department in their planning.

Agency Reports:

Joey reported on the need to rebadge everyone in Crawford County. There are frequent tag changes by state. Tag system is now web based. The latest version included equipment definitions.

A discussion was held on how to handle the identification with pastoral care. There will be a rapid tag at the disaster site and the hospitals would issue those tags.

Discussion was held about the concern of recarding every two years. It was decided that George Powers, Gary Gugala, fire, police and health department would have staff to train on the badging system.

Joey Adams will work with Don Pyle to select people that has time to learn tag system and that would be available during disaster.

Training on ICS county wide. Fred Rinne will develop training for county ICS. He will collaborate with John Gagliardo in setting up these classes.

Gary Gugala reported he is working on critical incident case management training. Salvation Army now has two trainers who are certified to present these classes. Goal month is October. The course is a one day introduction and a two day emotional spiritual care. He may use memorial auditorium for care. Salvation Army will supply room and board for presenters. The training is tentatively set for October.

Red Cross is looking for shelters that are handicap accessible. Red Cross would like to present at fire department meetings to see how they would work together.

Red Cross is hosting the Pratt Institute. All training is free. Red Cross also has a tornado app for smart phones that will siren when your area has a tornado, and gives you instruction on what to do.

Baker Township started an auxiliary group and they would like to work with Red Cross and Salvation Army to cross train.

Pittsburg fire has new storm sirens being tested. One siren is voice activated.

Next meeting at Crawford County Jail.

Joey moved to adjourn. Don Pyle seconded motion.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Janis Goedeke