

Minutes LEPC Meeting

April 29th, 2015

After a potato bar meal the monthly meeting of the Cloud County LEPC was called to order by Chairman Bob Gering with 13 members of the committee signing in. Minutes of the last meeting were read and corrections made and minutes were then approved as read. Member reports were then given.

Rhonna Annon, Hospital, discussed concerns with not being notified of an armed robbery at Funk Pharmacy and questioned as to why the hospital was not notified of need for lock-down. Concordia Police Chief Bruce Johnson stated that the reason the lockdown was not initiated was due to the fact they knew the suspect had left the area and that no further threat was perceived. Protocol for lockdown was discussed and Chief Johnson stated that if a threat is perceived that dispatch will notify the hospital of need to initiate lock down procedures. Chief Johnson stated that he felt that all had went well during the incident and later the arrest of the individual.

Janet Eubanks, college, talked of an upcoming exercise with Gary County Campus on active shooter. Janet will be helping with this exercise. Janet also gave the report for Larry Eubanks, Emergency Manager stating the HazMat Mitigation Plan was finalized and is 800 pages long. He will be placing thumb drives on the Cloud County Web site that can be used if anyone wants to look at the plan. Eubanks also stated that the Infrared Cameras from homeland security will be going to Clyde, as they presently do not have this equipment.

Kathy Coleman, Miltonvale EMS, discussed a Life Star landing training for firefighters that will be held in Miltonvale on May 16th. All surrounding areas are encouraged and invited to attend. She stated anyone wanting more information could contact her. Miltonvale will also be hosting a grain extraction seminar presented by KU. Kathy will be sharing more information as the times approach. Kathy also reported that Miltonvale now has 14 on staff which has cut down on call time tremendously.

Eric Voss, Concordia, Fire Chief, stated that he had been elected as Firefighter Association president at the last meeting. This will place the Burn Trailer or Skills Trailer at the Concordia Fire Department so it will be easier access for training. Concordia Fire Department will be holding an EMR class that will aid with transfers and another EMT class in August or September. Voss also thanked the Miltonvale Fire Department for their help with the semi accident at the 81-24 junction.

Edward Rudolph, Clyde Fire Chief, stated that Clyde presently has one firetruck out of commission.

Diana Gering, Health Department, brought up to the committee the problems of scheduling meetings. It was decided to rotate every month as far as evening or day. Gering also brought up the need to rotate who prepares the meal or else discontinue the meal. It was decided to continue the meal at the noon meetings and whoever is hosting the evening meeting can make the meal decision. Committee all agreed to this and next meeting will be at the Concordia Fire Department on May 27th at 11:30am and meal will be provided by Health Department and then the rotation will begin. Gering stated that the fire department staff had brought up the Mini Lock containers which contains shelter provisions in the event of a disaster. Gering also discussed that the Health Department was not notified that raw sewage being dumped into the Republican River during a break in the sewage line. She noted that protocol was followed and all has been resolved but it would have been nice for the Health Department to know in case health problems had arose as they have to report to state.

Gary Caspers, Commissioner, stated that Ottawa County is hosting an Animal Disease workshop. Caspers also stated that Homeland Security had approved giving Concordia EMS CO2 detectors to be placed on ambulance carts to detect CO2 when entering a home and a light tower.

Election of officers was held and Eric Voss moved and Kathy Coleman seconded a motion that officers remain the same. Diana Gering stated that it was fine for Gering to stay as Chairman but the committee did not have an officially elected vice-chair or secretary. Voss then amended his motion by stating that he moved that Bob Gering remain as president, Kathy Coleman, vice-chairman and Diana Gering, Secretary. Motion was seconded and passed.

Committee also discussed meeting regulations for LEPC meetings. It is felt that we are in compliance with notification of the public of meetings, publication of minutes and all information sent to state as requested. These requirements are being met by Facebook and County Web-Site. Discussed area papers possibly publishing minutes of the meetings and notification of a meeting. Diana Gering will call the Blade-Empire and Kathy Coleman will talk to the publisher of the Miltonvale and Clyde papers. Diana Gering passed out a copy

of the LEPC By-laws and the Emergency Operations Plan. Members were asked to review the By-laws and next meeting the committee will amend or accept the By-laws. The By-laws will then be sent to state.

Next meeting is May 27th, 2015 at the Concordia Fire Department at 11:30 am. Motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded motion passed and meeting adjourned.

Diana Gering RN

Secretary