

LEPC/PHEP Meeting

April 30th, 2014

The monthly meeting of the LEPC committee was called to order by Eric Voss on Wednesday, April 30, 2014 at 11:30 am. Nine Members were in attendance: Fire Chief Eric Voss, Police Chief Bruce Johnson, Rural Fire Chief Bob Gering, Hospital Sector; Rhonna Annon and Eric Sallman, Health Department; Diana Gering, Vonda Pumarlo and Michelle Kindel and Commissioner Gary Caspers.

Chief Voss started the discussion telling the committee about the Mass Casualty Trailers that Homeland Security will be buying and that Concordia will house one of these trailers to be used during disasters. He reported that his Fire class and Hazmat classes went well. He will be going over City of Concordia Emergency Preparedness Plans with City Officials'. He stated that the Fire Department has been extremely busy with fire calls and it already above last year's calls and this is just April.

Eric Sallman talked about the training that he is headed to Alabama to take regarding Mass Casualty for Hospitals. This is free training that is paid for by the FEMA puts on in Alabama each year. Rhonna Annon discussed the table top exercise in Salina on April 2nd, 2014 that herself, Eric Sallman, Vonda Pumarlo, and Bob and Diana Gering had attended. She told the committee of the some of the weaknesses of Cloud County and some of the strengths that we have. All attending felt like it was a good workshop but we needed to work on our Emergency Management plans. Rhonna also talked about the upcoming LEPC conference in Junction City to be held on May 7th and 8th at the Marriott. She also talked about an upcoming two day training in Salina called Train the Trainer for Active Shooter.

Committee discussed Emergency Management plans and need for all to know what is in the Cloud County Local Plan and the ability to know how we all relate to one another with our Essential Service Functions.

Police Chief Bruce Johnson talked about the new animal regulations for the City of Concordia and how it would possibly pay a part in a disaster situation.

Commissioner Gary Caspers told the committee about some of the new items that the Homeland Security had purchased and would be giving to Cloud County. The Concordia Fire Department will also be receiving a new infrared camera.

The committee discussed the idea of having a table top exercise next meeting that would utilize the County Essential Service Functions. It was decided to set the table top of May 21st, 2014 at the Cloud County Health Department basement which is the Emergency Operations Center. It was decided to invite Joelle Vignery from Pawnee Mental Health to join the group and also to invite the two Concordia Mortician's to join in the table top exercise.

Fire Chief Voss stated that Dr. Justin Poore had received EMT Medical Director Award this last month.

Next meeting will be May 21st at the EOC at 11am with table top exercise. Taco Bar will be furnished by members of the committee.

Submitted by: Diana Gering RN, Health Department Administrator