

LEPC Meeting Minutes

October 26, 2022

Meeting called to order by Chair Jeanette Bomberg at 8:45 a.m.

Roll Call. Present were Jeanette Bomberg, Amanda Mulvey, Dan Miller, Joe Witynski, Jessica McCoy, Tym Sauter, Donna Trudell, Kelly Sleeter, Tim Bomberg and Annette Seibold. Excused: Kelly Crotty, Amber Kolberg, Ann Price, Tiffany White and Robert Dorgan.

Motion to approve the agenda by Dan, second by Tim. No opposition. Motion carried.

Approval of the July 27, 2022 Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve by Joe, second by Dan. No Additions/Corrections. No opposition. Motion carried.

Reports/Updates:

- a. County Hazmat Team – Amanda reported one incident, semi-truck rollover on US 2. Florence Fire handled with the hazmat members on their department. Minor amount of diesel fuel spilled.**
- b. Auto notification system for generators at County EOC/Resource Center, Courthouse and Sheriff’s Office – Tim reported this will be a project he will look into further. Dan reported that the Sheriff’s Office can come off of this list. Their department has notifications built into their 911 system. Dan will loop Tim into conversation with the Cummins representative. Carryover without the Sheriff’s Office for next meeting.**
- c. COVID Recurring Testing/Vaccination – Annette reported they have begun giving the newest Omicron vaccine. They have been giving this and the flu vaccine at the satellite clinics and have a clinic scheduled in Florence 1/27. Contact tracing: Seeing 2-10 new cases weekly which remains about the same. Continuing to work with the school and long-term care facility directly along with calling all positive cases reported in the community. Testing continues to be done by healthcare providers.**
- d. Floodplain Mapping Project Update – Kelly reported no contestations to this point. Resurfacing on Hwy 70/139 has a couple culverts that will be affected near Seven Mile Creek (a trout stream) but no flow change anticipated. Project remains on target.**
- e. Utility project in the Commonwealth area – Tim reported that all utility projects have been placed on hold at this point.**
- f. Highway projects 2023 – Joe reported Hwy 70 from Hwy 139 to Lauterman is scheduled for 2023. Lauterman to US 2 has been pushed back to 2025. The County C project has been moved back to 2024 due to funding. In 2023 the Highway Dept. will focus mostly on maintenance.**
- g. Forest Service Contracting Process Change – Tym reported on the new 32-page contract with the Forest Service. He will meet with Fire Chiefs at the December Emergency Responders Association meeting to assist them in completing the agreement and answer any questions. This will need to be renewed every 5 years with the annual operations agreement being renewed yearly. The annual ops agreement contains the department equipment and rate listing which is not likely to be used given the mutual aid in place with billing starting after the 24-hour period. Tym reiterated this does not impact the way things work on the ground, it is strictly an administrative requirement.**

911 Subcommittee Grant – Dan reported applying for \$60,000 with this grant for items included in the existing budget (PFN line, Zurcher (Central Square) charges and 911 office supplies). Awards anticipated to be announced by January 1, 2023.

Countywide EMS Update – Amanda reported beginning to look at building sites for consideration in planning. Posting for Assistant EMS Coordinators has resulted in a great candidate pool; hoping to hire 2 for this role. Posting of the budget brought and increase in public contact. Please feel free to direct any questions. Estimate being up and fully operational by June 1st with priority being given to the Florence and Aurora sites based on call volumes. Legal is currently reviewing MOA's and contracts for townships that will be moved forward to County Board for review/approval. A press release went out last week to the Mining News to provide a summary of the project. It is a large project and support from stakeholders continues to be appreciated.

Round Robin Reports – Emergency Management: ICS 300 in Forest Co in December, ICS 400 in Marinette Co in January, grant opportunities surrounding substance use disorders, PIO training request for 2023. County Clerk: Elections Commission anticipates concerns with 11/8 election, 9th District Court advises contact with local judge for any concerns that arise. Sheriff's Office: Increase in Fentanyl being seen, remind responders to wear gloves to avoid contact. Fundraising for K9 with gun raffle going well, book created featuring K9 Rambo, secured a second K9 which should be on the road by mid-February. Encourage families to take children to the Trunk or Treat event, its safe and fun for the kids. Flyers regarding safe trick-or-treating and awareness of possible candy contaminated with drugs will be posted on department social media sites to increase awareness. Public Health: Fentanyl test strip availability-discussion on possibly bringing this to Florence Co. and how that may be implemented as a harm reduction program, Narcan/needle exchange programs discussed. Reminder of the Trunk-or-Treat event. Highway: Winter maintenance – 18-hour coverage county (4a-10p) unless there is an ice event in which case, they will do 24/7 coverage. To report poor road conditions please contact dispatch and they will use the on-call number. Joe will meet with Sheriff & Dispatch to go over these policies and establish call out procedures. New truck for the Aurora/County N area has arrived. Maintenance: Sanitary Sewer project on US2/Main St. in Florence is a priority due to a reoccurring sink hole near Craig's Auto. Clay tile between manholes may be failing. This project needs to be handled ahead of the Commonwealth project listed on the agenda. Public Health (continued): Clinic van purchased with ARPA funding is here with the purpose/use being to do outreach clinics in rural towns and at the schools for vaccinations and other treatment services. Additional grant funds still available for public health emergencies.

Public Comment – None.

Motion adjourned by Jeanette Bomberg, LEPC Chair at 9:21 a.m.

Next meeting set for 01/25/23 at 8:45 a.m.

**Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Mulvey
Emergency Management Coordinator
LEPC Secretary**