



LAKE COUNTY
Local Emergency Planning Committee / Citizen Corps

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Meeting: LEPC
Date: 1-17-2024

Meeting called to order by Kody Keefer, Lake Co EM at 7:07pm

Present: April Denholm, 911 Manager ; Brady Christiansen, Ramona Fire, Kathy Hansen, MRHS, Wren Murphy, Madison Daily Leader, Bryan Bisson, Nunda Fire, Kelli Wollman, Lake County Commissioner; Terry Reck, Wentworth Fire, Tate Hayford, MRHS EMS, Mayor Roy Lindsay, Randy Minnaert, Madison Fire Chief, Myron Nagel, Ramona Fire, Kelly Dybdahl, Madison City Commissioner, Adam Mathney, Ramona Fire, Robbi Boettcher, Ramona Fire.

Agenda: Approved. #1 Terry Reck #2 Myron Nagel All ayes.

Public Comments: none

Minutes: Minutes were reviewed and approved as written. #1 Terry Reck #2 Tate Hayford

Treasurer report: Kody was absent. Kory stated we received the LEPC grant of \$1229.47. Table the treasurer report till next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

SARA Tier II Reporting

R. Boettcher recommended making a book with the various businesses and list of hazardous chemicals made available to the various fire stations. He states it is nice especially where Lake County has an "ALL CALL" response. He has seen this in other counties. Discussion of who's responsible to for completing recommendations.

VHF Radio Project

Robbie Boettcher/Kelly Dybdahl presented the project to purchase 2 repeaters and 122 VHF Radios for Fire and REACT. Discussion was had on options to get the funds, 1% USDA loan for 5 years. With this loan, each Fire Department would be responsible to commit to pay \$2500 a year, a grant from Sioux Valley Roundup program, Fire-house subsidy, or impose a tax levy. Discussion was also had if the LEPC could become a 501c3 nonprofit organization. Randy stated Jake Dawson from Kleibacker and Lammers did the 501c3 for Madison Fire. R. Boettcher stated he would like to get the radios coming and get them programmed all the same. He stressed this would improve communication between all agencies and safety. Tyler Frost would complete the programming. Training would be completed. Discussion was had on the need to get another FCC license, as April stated the current FCC license only allows one way communication. To get a decision made regarding the radio project, a special meeting will be held on 2/12/2024 at 7pm at the Safety Building.

LEPC Grant Award

As noted above, the LEPC was awarded \$1229.47

SD 511 County/Tribal Access – Postings

SD DOT is allowing local officials within the County to be able to open/close county roads due to hazardous road conditions. It is important to contact the DOT supervisor if a road is going to be closed or need to divert traffic for example a MVC.

P25 Radio

April stated if anyone would like to test their radios contact 911 Communications.

NEW BUSINESS

Homeland Security Grant Application Process – 01/01/2024-2/25/2024

Open Floor Discussion

Tate is working on getting a new quote from Stryker for 5 Lucas devices, a Lucas device provides compressions during CPR.

April asked any problems for Active 911. If any concerns contact April. She stated Dispatch pages first and then Active 911. April would like an updated list of members from each Fire Chief. It is recommended to send Wentworth Fire to all injuries calls, as they can be called off if not needed.

Tate also stated to page out both ambulances for any injury accidents.

Discussion was on had on legislation being introduced to have one Emergency Manager for 4 counties. Various LEPC members stressed the important role the Emergency Manager plays when a call comes in, i.e. being a liaison for family and fire fighters.

Members also stressed having members go to “Fire Rehab”. Fire rehab is a NFPA standard that after 2 bottles of oxygen is used, each fire fighter is check out by EMS. EMS makes sure they are not experiencing any health issues.

Meeting Adjourned

Motion #1 R. Minnaert #2 Mayor Lindsay All ayes.

Respectfully Submitted

Kathy Hansen

LEPC Recording Secretary