

**LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
MASON COUNTY, MICHIGAN
MEETING MINUTES
February 20, 2018**

Emergency Management Coordinator Liz Reimink called the LEPC meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in the lower level conference room of the Mason County Sheriff Department. Committee members in attendance were: Liz Reimink, Richard Dunnill, Janice Brower, Anita Young, Joe Cooper, Jim Herrema, Oscar Davila, Jody Hartley, Jerry Funk, Mark Szoboszlay, Jim Mylak, Orville Theaker, Mark Russo, Wayne Schoonover, Jannice Lamm, Joe Stickney, Tom Routhier, Steven Hull, Steve Ruba, Janet Vyse-Staszak, Karen Ripke, and Fabian Knizacky.

Motion by J. Funk and seconded by W. Schoonover to approve the agenda for the February 20, 2018 meeting and the minutes from the December 19, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.

Notifications/Correspondence Received: L. Reimink reported on an informational email from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) indicating the names and contact information for facilities in Mason County who are federal explosives licensees and permittees in Mason County.

Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning (HMEP) Grant Update: The 2017 - 18 HMEP Grant application was submitted to the State in January. New requirements this year: in order to qualify for the \$1,000 support grant, all 302 SARA Title III sites are required to be updated. There will be no extra funding for updates as in past years. New facility plans will continue to be reimbursed. L. Reimink is recommending a contract with Meredith Filter to update the SARA Title III Off-site Response Plans.

Hazard Mitigation Plan Action Items Update: L. Reimink discussed with the committee the action items from the Hazard Mitigation Plan. She then distributed a worksheet for the committee to document any action items completed by their entity. She also updated the committee on the status of the Hazard Mitigation Plan update which is due in 2020.

Upcoming Dates & Events:

SkyWarn Weather Spotter training will be held April 21st from 10:00 a.m. - noon at the Ludington City Hall.

Agency Updates:

J. Herrema: The ambulance service is seeing a lot of flu cases.

J. Funk: Updated the committee on Ludington's new fire barn.

K. Ripke: The Health Department is encouraging people to get the flu shot. Hepatitis A is starting to be a problem, especially in Mecosta County. They are doing a lot of public education. Volunteers need to be documented for the drive through vaccination clinic plan.

M. Russo: Lt. Russo will be retiring at the end of February. He introduced Orville Theaker as the new Michigan State Police District 6 Coordinator.

W. Schoonover: The Road Commission has a number of projects scheduled for 2018: Custer Road bridge, two bridge projects on Darr Road, road work on Anthony Road, and a number of township projects.

M. Russo: The Michigan State Police Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division is ramping up for the flooding issues in the area.

J. Lamb: Oakview Medical Care Facility is fighting the flu outbreak at its facility.

R. Dunnell: The American Red Cross is working on establishing shelters for the possible flooding downstate.

J. Stickney: The City of Ludington will have upcoming road projects on James Street and Fifth Street in 2018.

J. Cooper: The Rural Fire Department is filing for an Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant for replacing fire fighting gear.

S. Hull: Ludington Area Schools has implemented panic buttons and continuing to review security issues.

Any Other Business: No other business was reported.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on May 15, 2018.