

**LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
MASON COUNTY, MICHIGAN
MEETING MINUTES
May 21, 2019**

Emergency Management Coordinator Liz Reimink called the LEPC meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in the lower level conference room in the Mason County Sheriff's Office. Committee members in attendance were: Liz Reimink, Rita Copenhaver, James Myjak, Joe Stickney, Joe Cooper, Steven Hull, Amanda Lutz, Mary Samuels, Dennis Dunlap, Kathy Winczewski, Janet Vyse-Staszak, Jon Miller, Shannon Stickney, John Ringler, Karen Ripke, Jerry Funk, and Steven Hibschman,

Motion by A. Lutz and seconded by M. Samuels to approve the agenda for the May 21, 2019 meeting and the minutes from the January 15, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

Notifications/Correspondence Received: Consumers Energy sent notification of a discharge point location study at the Ludington Pumped Storage Project.

HMEP (Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning) Grant Update: The FY 2019 HMEP Grant has been received and will be approved by the Mason County Board of Commissioners at their June meeting. A contractor is in place to do the updates to the SARA Title III sites. There may be increased funding available for the SARA Title III updates according to information from the Statewide LEPC meeting. Agencies were asked to bring in their flash drives to download/receive the new emergency response plans.

Hazard Mitigation Plan Updates: L. Reimink distributed the Hazard Mitigation Plan action items and asked committee members to document any items completed. West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission (WMSRDC) has expressed interest in completing the updates of the Hazard Mitigation Plans for Muskegon, Lake, Oceana, and Mason counties. A pre-grant letter will be sent to all townships, villages, and cities to solicit buy-in from municipalities.

Code Red Notification System: L. Reimink distributed business cards with the Code Red registration information to committee members to distribute. The half page post cards were not available at this time. L. Reimink walked through the registration procedure and suggested that participants add the Code Red ID number to their phones. As of April 1, 2019, there were 18 business and 265 residential registrations. As of May 1st 2019, there were 57 business and 620 residential registrations. The committee members suggested the following events and/or platforms for Code Red information distribution: Friday Night Live, Water Safety Day, social media, 4th of July parade (use of banner), senior centers, Lakeshore Resource Center, schools, township officers, realtors (new home welcome packets), Health Coalition, Ludington City website, Downtown Development Authority, and Farmer's Markets. L. Reimink also discussed the difference between Code Red and Amber Alerts.

Upcoming Dates & Events: September 7th is the County mass casualty exercise.

Agency Updates:

Emergency Management: L. Reimink stated that the LEPC welcome packet is being updated and will be available on the county web page.

County Commission: S. Hull stated that Mr. Nicholas Krieger has been appointed as the Commissioner for District 1 to replace the late Wally Taranko. He also noted that the MCCNAB (Mason County Computer Network Advisory Committee) was considering a cyber security assessment for the County.

Salvation Army: J. Miller stated that the Salvation Army is celebrating 125 years. Beginning June 1st, the House of Flavors will have a commemorative cup.

Coast Guard: J. Myjak stated the Ludington Station is getting ready for the summer season.

Environmental Groups: K. Winkczewski stated that AFEW is conducting beach sweeps and invasive species workshops at Cartier Park.

Rural Fire: S. Stickney noted that Jim Wincek is now a member of the Rural Fire Authority Board.

Ludington DPW: J. Stickney stated that the Ludington DPW was busy getting ready for the summer season events. Of concern is the north break wall. With Lake Michigan water being so high, any wind will have waves going over the break wall. Weather monitoring will be a must this summer.

Health Department: The hepatitis A outbreak seems to have settled down. The measles outbreak is still a concern. The department has completed their state accreditation and the national accreditation will be completed next year.

Ludington Fire Department: J. Funk stated that the new fire station for Ludington is completed. The old station is scheduled to be torn down beginning June 1st. There siren for downtown Ludington will still be in operation.

Medilodge: S. Hibschman noted that Jody Hannahs has been appointed as the new administrator for Medilodge.

Mason County DPW: D. Dunlap stated the department is currently conducting an inventory of county drains and culverts and will create a list of priorities for work.

Road Commission: M. Saumels stated that the commission is currently creating a list of culverts within the county and will create a software map of the culverts. She hoped to have the map complete and bring to the next meeting.

Any Other Business: No other business was reported.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 20, 2019.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:56 p.m.