

**LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
MASON COUNTY, MICHIGAN
MEETING MINUTES
August 20, 2019**

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 Office.

Present: Liz Reimink, Rita Copenhaver, Annette Howe, Joe Cooper , Jerry Funk, Jim Herrema, Orville Theaker, Karen Ripke, Seth Earl, Derrek Wilson, James Myjak, Kathy Winczewski, Mary Samuels, John O'Conner, Steve Hull, Janet Vyse-Staszak.

Motion by J. Funk and seconded by K. Ripke to approve the agenda for the August 20, 2019 meeting and the minutes from the May 21, 2019, meeting. Motion carried.

Notifications/Correspondence Received: The LEPC received notice from Padnos that they have a compliant PIPP Plan under Part 5 rules.

HMEP Grant Updates: The updates to the SARA Title III facilities should be complete by September.

Hazard Mitigation Plan Update: WMSRDC (West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission) will be updating the Hazard Mitigation Plan for Lake, Mason and Oceana Counties. The plan will eventually need to be approved by all entities in the County in order to be eligible for FEMA funding in the event of a disaster.

CodeRED Updates: Mason County had 5 incidents in 10 days and the CodeRED system was used in these incidents. There is a new way the public may sign up by texting to enroll. Text masonmi to 99411 to get a link to the enrollment page. L. Reimink tested the specific list notification portion of the system at the Friday Night Live this year and it was a success. She has been approached by West Shore Bank for use with the Rhythm and Dunes Concerts next year.

Strategis National Stockpile Presentation by Karen Ripke: K. Ripke of District 10 Health Department noted that in the spring of 2019 was the largest outbreak of Hepatitis A. This has slowed down.

She then updated the committee on the SNS (Strategic National Stockpile). She explained this is medicine, vaccines, and supplies that the government has kept in undisclosed places. If there would be an outbreak and people needed medicine or vaccines the Health Department would set up PODS (Point of Dispensing Sites) in each county. She noted that drive through clinic are the most efficient. She also noted the extra personnel need by each county to staff the clinics.

Mason-Lake Conservation District: Seth Earl of the Mason-Lake Conservation District reviewed the EWP (Emergency Watershed Protection) Program which allows communities to quickly address long-lasting damages to infrastructures and to the land after a natural disaster strikes. The EWP offers financial and technical assistance for various recovery efforts. The program has two distinct options for assisting local communities and individual landowners. If interested please contact Mason-Lake Conservation Office for information and details.

Upcoming Dates & Events: September 7, 2019 is the County wide exercise

Agency Updates:

Emergency Management: The County wide exercise is scheduled for September 7, 2019. Volunteers are still needed. L. Reimink is awaiting the Environmental and Historic Preservation approval from FEMA. An ICS 300 class will be held on October 25, 26, 27. She is also updating the NIMS training spreadsheet which is due by September. During the July 20th severe storms, Emergency Management did establish an area command center. Everyone did a good job and things ran smooth for the most part on all incidents. Salvation Army did a great job providing food and drinks for the Command Centers during the last drowning event on July 26th. Mason County also may have set a State record for rainfall on July 20th; waiting on the results from a National Weather Service survey.

Rural Fire: J. Cooper noted there will be a charity softball tournament between First Responders this coming weekend. All proceeds are being donated to the Cancer Center in Mason County.

Mason County Sheriff Office: The Department has been very busy. The Department has been trying to fill the 4 new deputy spots that were created with the passage of the millage. If anyone on the committee knows of anyone interested in a position with the Sheriff Department please have them contact the Sheriff Department.

AFFEW: K. Winczewski noted that the City of Ludington has applied for the City to be a listed as a Green Community and will find out if the city qualifies in September.

Road Commission: M. Samuels noted that most roads are repaired from the July rains costing over \$300,000 in repairs. The Road Commission is feeling the strain from the Reith/Riley strike but projects are getting done.

County Commissioner: S. Hull noted that there are only 2 weeks until school starts

Any Other Business:

Motion by J. Funk and seconded by J. Herrema to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 17, 2019.