

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
MASON COUNTY, MICHIGAN
MEETING MINUTES
August 18, 2020

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 & via Zoom. Committee members in attendance were: Liz Reimink, Jackie Cole (Zoom), Orville Theaker (Zoom), Jeffery Nawrot (Zoom), Mary Samuels (Zoom), Ray Hasil (Zoom), Tim Kozal (Zoom), Melissa Alvarado (Zoom), Joe Stickney (Zoom), Holli Werner (Zoom), L. Russell (Zoom), Nathan Weaver, Jodi Hannahs, Annette Howe, and Dennis Dunlap. Committee meeting was hosted virtually and in-person to accommodate CoVID-19 restrictions.

Motion by R. Hasil and seconded by M. Samuels to approve the agenda for the August 18th meeting and the minutes from the June 16, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.

Notifications/Correspondence Received: None.

HMEP Grant Updates: Plans were submitted. Contractor almost done with updating the SARA title III plans. Should be done by end of September.

Hazard Mitigation Updates: Update on hazard mitigation grant from West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission (WMSRDC). They needed more information Please use link provided in the minutes that were emailed to you and see if there is anything you would like added. Then record your notes on the action item sheet.

CodeRED Update: Liz updated on enrollment numbers. On July 4th the text key word was launched for the Beach Safety group. As to date we have 400 sign up's for the alerts, has been used a few times for weather warnings and break wall closings. CodRED text key word was used for the Ludington Offshore Classic fishing tournament. It was a success and we had very good feedback from the fisherman. D. Dunlap asked if this would be something that could be used to warn people of an algae bloom in a lake in Mason County. Yes it could, only downfall is you have to have people signed up that live around the lake in order to receive the message. Marketing the app is something we need to work on because it can be used in many different scenarios.

Three-year Training & Exercise Schedule: Liz went over the schedule

Medilodge Community Response TTX- Medilodge table top exercise was a success and very good input by all.

Upcoming Events & Dates: No events or trainings planned.

Agency Updates/ Roundtable:

J. Stickney:

- City of Ludington have Loomis Street is closed for construction projects until sometime in September 2020.
- M116 to US10 will be having resurfacing done.
- A gate has now been installed on the North Break wall to close when people need to stay off along with warning signs to stay off the break wall and CodeRED has been utilized to tell people.

H. Werner:

- Spectrum Ludington Hospital is going to have a (camper style) trailer for COVID-19 testing in the parking lot of the hospital starting 8-25-20. This is still appointment based testing and should help keep people from going to the Emergency Room or Main Hospital, that is the goal.

L. Russell:

- Remind everyone to fill out the 2020 Census.

Any Other Business: No other business was reported

Adjournment: 5:05 pm.

Next Meeting December 15th, 2020.