

**LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
MASON COUNTY, MICHIGAN
MEETING MINUTES
December 15, 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 TEAMS. Committee members in attendance were: Liz Reimink, Orville Theaker (Virtual), Jeffery Nawrot (Virtual), Mary Samuels (Virtual), Karen Ripke (Virtual), Tim Kozal (Virtual), Melissa Alvarado (Virtual), Joe Stickney (Virtual), Holli Werner (Virtual), Nathaniel Schmidt (Virtual), Janet Vyse-Staszak (Virtual) O'Nealya Gronstal (Virtual) Jim Herrema (Virtual) Fabian Knizacky (Virtual) Ronnie Melchert (Virtual) Shannon Stickney (Virtual) Kathy Winczewski (Virtual). Committee meeting was hosted virtually and in-person to accommodate COVID-19 restrictions.

Motion by K. Ripke 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: The support grant portion was increased to \$1,500 this year, and the contractor has finished updating the plans for the year.

Hazard Mitigation Updates:

- a. Plan available <https://www.masoncounty.net/departments/emergency-management/hazard-mitigation-plan.html>
- b. Planning Grant Application Update –The application being prepared by WMSRDC still has not been approved by FEMA.

CodeRED Update: The number of users is increasing and with winter weather coming warnings will be sent out. Remind loved ones to sign up for CodeRED text masonmi to 99411.

EPA County Fact Sheet: Liz reviewed the EPA fact sheet with the group for Jackie Cole who was not in attendance.

LEPC Plan Review: Nathan Schmidt gave a brief review of his program CFATS (Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards).

Community Emergency Plan Review: No community agencies presented their plans for review.

LEPC 2021 Meeting Schedule Approved by consensus.

Upcoming Events & Dates: No events or trainings planned.

Agency Updates/ Roundtable:

L. Reimink:

- Announced all emergency plans are done.

J. Stickney:

- Gates going out on the brake wall was removed for the winter and all Ludington Street projects are done for the year.

K. Winczewski:

- Discussed high water problems in the City of Ludington. The City will be doing luminaries for Christmas to light Santa's way.
- The City is in the talking stage of bringing back the Siren to downtown.

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K. Ripke:

- Updated about vaccine distributions. They are looking for sites to give them.

M. Samuels:

- Road Commission has had a lot of trees down and clearing out of the roads.
- Waiting on snow so we can begin plowing.

Any Other Business: No other business was reported.

Adjournment: 5:05 pm.

Next Meeting February 15th, 2021.