

**LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
MASON COUNTY, MICHIGAN
MEETING MINUTES
February 16, 2021**

Emergency Management Coordinator Liz Reimink called the LEPC meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. in the lower-level Conference Room of the Mason County Sheriff Office & via TEAMS. Committee members in attendance were: Liz Reimink, Larry Gaylord, Derrek Wilson, and Joe Cooper in person. Andrew Velky, Jackie Cole, Fabian Knizacky, Ray Hasil, John O'Conner, Orville Theaker, Melissa Alvarado, Janet Vyse-Staszak, Tim Kozal, Jim Herrema, and Steve Hull attended virtually. Committee meeting was hosted virtually and in-person to accommodate CoVID-19 restrictions.

Motion by T. Kozal and seconded by M. Alvarado to approve the agenda for the February 16, 2021 meeting and the minutes from the December 15, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.

Notifications/Correspondence Received: Liz updated the committee on the PEAS notification made on Monday February 8th for a vehicle accident in Pere Marquette Township.

HMEP Grant Updates: Mason County Received the HMEP grant application and will use clerical staff to complete. There are 13 plans to update with the \$1500.00 Support Grant.

Hazard Mitigation Updates:

- a. The Plan is available on the Mason County website under the Emergency Management page.
 - b. Planning Grant Application Update –No update from FEMA on the planning grant.
- Liz encouraged committee members to share any mitigation efforts that occurred since the last meeting.

CodeRED Update: Mason County had an increase in people registering through the website. The Scottville Senior Center will be including an article in their next newsletter, and there will be CodeRED information included in the Family Affair packets.

EOC Orientation: Liz gave an orientation on the basics of the Emergency Operations Center ahead of next month's EOC exercise.

Upcoming Events & Dates: No events or trainings planned.

Agency Updates/ Roundtable:

J. Cole: Finalizing sub area contingency plans.

O. Theaker: State Emergency Managers are working on finding enough vaccination sites. Governor Gretchen Whitmer toured the site at DeVos Place in Grand Rapids today; in addition to the FEMA Regional Administrator's tour last week, this is good exposure for West Michigan.

R. Hasil: Mason/Oceana 911 is implementing a new computer aided dispatch.

M. Alverado: Working on Emergency Plan. Would like the LEPC to help review the plan.

T. Kozal: Asked if we will have monitors at the March exercise to give feedback. Liz advised not at this time.

S. Hull: Schools are doing well and everyone is following the rules set for the schools. No spread of the virus in schools that they have found. 70% of students are in person while 30% are virtual. John Cotten is the new Mason County Veterans Affairs Officer. Cayla Christmas is the new Mason County Zoning Director.

Any Other Business: No other business was reported.

Adjournment: 4:36 pm.

Next Meeting May 18, 2021.