

**LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
MASON COUNTY, MICHIGAN
MEETING MINUTES
August 17, 2021**

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 Department. Committee members in attendance were: Liz Reimink, Kate Carrigan, Mary Samuels, Kathleen Kenyon, Jim Herrema, Larry Gaylord, Jen Hansen, Andrew Velky, Courtney Miller, Tim Kozal, Derrek Wilson, Fabian Knizacky, Melissa Alvarado, Joe Stickney, and Shannon Stickney. Stephen Carlson, Chris Fannesbeck, and Constance Andersen were also in attendance.

Motion to approve the agenda for the August 17th, 2021 meeting and the minutes from the May 18th 2021 meeting by D. Wilson supported by M. Alvarado. Motion carried.

Notifications/Correspondence Received: L. Reimink read a letter from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives informing the LEPC of licensee within our community.

HMEP Grant Updates: Emergency Management Assistant, K. Carrigan, is updating the HEMP plans and has been modeling the sites. All updates should be completed by September 2021.

Hazard Mitigation Updates:

- a. Mason County received their Hazard Mitigation Grant. The Plan is available on the Mason County website under the Emergency Management page.
- b. Stephen Carlson gave an update on the Hazard Mitigation Process and what the committee members can expect as we work to update the plan over the next 3 years.
- c. L. Reimink and Stephen Carlson mentioned the availability of the new FEMA hazard mitigation grants now known as BRIC (Building Resilient Infrastructure & Communities). Member of the public expressed concern over the recent severe storm response and mitigation plans moving forward.

Three Year Exercise & Training Plan:

L. Reimink presented the requirement to have submit a 3-year training and exercise plan and asked if other groups had exercises or trainings planned that could be included in the plan.

CodeRED Update:

L. Reimink shared that the enrollment numbers for CodeRED keep increasing. All agencies are asked to continue promoting the system.

Hazard Risk & Vulnerability Assessment:

L. Reimink lead the group through the additional hazard assessments.

Upcoming Events & Dates: Prepare Fair September 11, 2021 from 1pm to 4pm at Walmart. L. Reimink described the plans for the State sponsored fair.

Agency Updates/ Roundtable: Agencies present shared the following updates:

Mason County Road Commission: Crews have been busy cleaning up trees from the prior week's storms. Plans are in place to do chip sealing and road improvement projects. MDOT will be adding in right turn lanes in front of Meijers.

House of Flavors: Facility will be conducting a table-top exercise with community agencies on August 25th.

Quick-Way: Has received a National Safety Award.

USCG: Station Ludington will be closing for the season on September 11th.

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Pere Marquette Fire Department: Has seen an increase in calls for service like many area departments. Noting an increase in mental health related calls.

Ludington Police Department: Also seeing an uptick in mental health related calls for service.

Ludington DPW: Also working on cleaning up the impacts from the August 10-11 storms.

DHD#10: Vaccines are still available.

Life EMS: Fortunately, no major impacts with COVID positive staff in Mason County operations. Limited injuries and impacts seen during the August 10-11 storms.

Mason County Sheriff Department: Has had a busy summer, and noted the great working relationship with area Fire Departments for the responses to severe storms and drowning incident.

Mason County Emergency Management: September will be National Preparedness Month and encouraged all agencies to share preparedness messaging.

Any Other Business: No other business was reported.

Adjournment: 5:15 pm

Next Meeting December 21, 2021.