



LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

The primary mission of the LEPC is to be an effective community network for planning for emergency management of incidents involving spills or releases of hazardous materials.

07 June 2018

Merrick County LEPC held a meeting at 7pm on Thursday June 7th, 2018 at the Central City Fire Hall. Meeting began at 1920hrs. Those in attendance included LEPC Chari Francis McCulla, Vice Chari Dean Hartwig, Chapman Fire Diane McCulla, CC Fire Troy Wells, Merrick County Supervisor Russel Kreachbaum, Sheriff John Westman, Region 44 Emergency Manager Thomas Smith, Clarks Fire Jeff Gravert, Merrick Sheriff's Office Pat Benson, Tall Grass Rob Bomberger. Other in attendance include Platte Valley Communications Howard Nispel and Ed Meedel, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Kirk Handrup and Deb Wehmeier. Previous meeting minutes were reviewed, motioned by Russ and seconded by Rob for approval.

Special Discussion was held by the LEPC regarding the consolidation of the PSAP/Dispatch between Merrick County and Hamilton County. Concerns were raised on procedures to include burn permits, activation of storm spotters, other calls (carbon monoxide, burning without permit, alarms). Hamilton County Dispatch currently tracks all burn permits and plans to do the same for Merrick, burn permit number is 402-694-6936. On Carbon Monoxide calls fire chief will be notified, concerning someone burning without a permit fire department will be dispatched if fire department needs to cite person will request law enforcement to be dispatch. Many of the same procedures will be in place, dispatch will answer to call sign, "Aurora". **Deb requested fire department rosters be sent to her and departments should feel free to contact her at 402-694-6936 or email 911supervisor@hamilton.net.** Private Alarms companies and Public Facility Alarm companies should be notified of change to contact **402-694-6936 by July 1st**. 911 calls will all go to Hamilton County, the goal is to have the transition complete by **July 1st**. Hamilton County currently tests sirens the first Monday of every month, departments present agreed Merrick County should test at same time.

Tom informed committee all LTE boosters are installed and delivered iPads to Chapman Fire and Central City Fire Departments.

Tom will contact Lorrie Johnson to set up booth at the fair.

Rob informed committee Pipeline Association's meetings will likely start around September 10th.

Next Meeting: September 19th 7pm

Adjournment 21:01hrs

