

Buffalo County Local Emergency Planning Committee

Quarterly Meeting October 27, 2003

Vice-Chairman Gardner called the meeting to order at 7:37p.m at Good Samaritan Hospital in meeting Room B-C.

Roll call

present (13): Matt Boerkircher, Don Engel Jr, Vern Fiala, Greg France, Ken Gardner, Dale Gibbs, Judy Jobman, Darrin Lewis, Dan Lynch, Mike Martinosky, Wesley Quail, Kim Schmidt and Ken Tracy

excused (5): Robert Anderson, Allen Johnson, Jim Kowalewski, Tim Loewenstein and Dan Saathoff

absent (1): Harlan Simmerman

There was a quorum present.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Dan Lynch seconded by Don Engel Jr. to approve the minutes of July 28, 2003. Motion carried.

Oral Communication

There was no oral communication.

Old Business

Vice-Chairman Gardner then introduced and welcomed Buffalo County Information Technology Manager Binit Pradhanang to the meeting. Binit was present for discussion on the LEPC web page. Ken Gardner stated he had worked with Binit, and he will help with the web page but needs input and asked all of the LEPC committee members to share their thoughts of what information should be on the site.

Ideas were shared and it was decided it should be modeled after the Buffalo County web site. Available on the site should be:

1. Purpose of the LEPC
2. Mission statement
3. Minutes after LEPC approval
4. Links to the following sites:
 - a. From and to the City of Kearney
 - b. Buffalo County
 - c. Emergency Manager
 - d. Shelter-in-Place providing a short explanation like the one presented by Gibbs that was in the McCook Daily Gazette which states:

"Shelter in Place" is an emergency response concept for the general public designed to reduce the chance of injury during a chemical accident. This is to inform the public about the five steps of "sheltering in place" during a chemical emergency. How to "Shelter in place where you are," according to emergency officials, "unless you are instructed to evacuate." If you wish to find out more click here (link will be provided to the site)

- e. Anhydrous concerns (like theft of anhydrous),
- f. Meth labs (what to look for),
- g. Advise where there are Storage areas i.e. nurse tank farms not to go into the area

Binit will add the items suggested to the LEPC web page but will not make it live until after the LEPC members have a chance to review and offer any suggestions or their approval. Then Gardner will advise Binit when he can activate the site for the public

New Business

Ken Gardner updated the members on the Clean Community System Hazardous Household Cleanup Day in 2004 that will be on May 1. Lynch confirmed the availability of the match dollars for the City and Loewenstein for the County. Betty Curtis has asked to attend the next meeting of the LEPC and Judy is to advise her of the time and place. Some discussion was held on the CCSHHC Day with review of the needs for the event with those present agreeing to assume the same responsibilities. The comments from our 2003 event were read by Gardner to refresh us about what we did right and on what we could improve. The Hazardous Household Cleanup Day will be discussed in detail at the next meeting.

Emergency Manager Lewis shared copies of the minutes of the Strategy meeting on Homeland Security that was held with Lieutenant Governor Dave Heineman on October 20, 2003. Everyone from the LEPC who was in attendance thought it was a beneficial meeting. Heineman parlayed worthwhile information to those in attendance while attendees shared ideas and concerns with the Lieutenant Governor that he could communicate to his Homeland Security team. Lewis also advised the last week of October is Winter Weather Awareness week and announcements would be broadcast.

Chief Lynch invited everyone to attend the Open House on the renovations and expansion at the Law Enforcement Center on Thursday, October 30th from 2:00P.M. until 8:00P.M. He advised tours and demonstrations of equipment in the new areas will be available and his hope that all would attend.

Next meeting is January 26, 2004 at 7:30P.M in Miller at the Community Hall.

Reports

There were no reports.

Adjournment

Lynch moved, seconded by Schmidt to adjourn the meeting at 8:12P.M. Motion carried.

Vice-Chairman Gardner declared the meeting adjourned until the next meeting on January 26, 2004 in Miller.