

Franklin County
Local Emergency Committee (FC LEPC)
Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2016

Present: Bill Bennett, Ryan Buckingham, Jeff Coleman, Judy Courter, Jennifer Good, Rich Good, Ronda Koch, Gayla Sink, Shirley Spangler

Ryan Buckingham, Franklin County LEPC (FC LEPC) Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. The meeting was held at Franklin Hospital's Conference Room, in Benton.

FC LEPC members were asked by Ryan Buckingham to review the previous meeting minutes that were sent out to membership before the meeting and provide any comments and suggestions for revision. Members had no changes or comments; all responded affirmatively. Judy Courter made a motion to approve the October 22, 2015 meeting minutes, Shirley Spangler seconded. The motion carried.

Correspondence

Secretary, Ronda Koch, provided correspondence received for the FC LEPC at the Health Department to Ryan Buckingham.

Announcements/Training Opportunities

Announcements

- Ryan Buckingham honored Cletus McBride, former Sesser Fire Chief, who had recently passed away. The FC LEPC honored him with a moment of silence.
- The missing radiological material (well testing) has been found in a farmer's field in another jurisdiction, Ryan Buckingham reported. The radiological material was not compromised.

Training Opportunities

- IEMA – Social Media Training.
- May 17 & 19 – Safety Day
- May 21 – Basic Disaster Life Support/Medical Training offered at JALC
- June 6-10 – Hospital Decon Training
- EM Track and Web EOC training (June 30) offered at JALC. Ryan Buckingham asked that the trainer be asked about whether EMAs will be getting this too.

Exercises

- Ronda Koch announced that Illinois LHDs (including FWBCHD), hospitals (including Franklin Hospital), county EMAs (including FC EMA) and others will be participating in Statewide IDPH SNS Exercise on June 14.
- Ryan Buckingham announced that IEMA is now requiring EMAs to participate in 3 exercises per year and he is very interesting in partnering with others.

Grants

- Ronda Koch announced that the BREATHE Easier in Power Outage Emergencies campaign was launched, February 2016. An appreciation and recognition ceremony is being held for the Home Medical Equipment Providers who are implementing the program with their patients. This was the basis of the program's media launch. Additionally, Koch secured a \$37,000 grant that will allow FWBCHD to purchase more BREATHE preparedness worksheet magnets and develop a BREATHE website. Work has been halted until IDPH and the CDC releases grant funding for project distribution. Ryan Buckingham praised the program and asked for electronic versions of the BREATHE resources.
- Work to build Fatality Management through Family Assistance Center (FAC) planning and resource allocation continues through the \$50,000 FAC grant, facilitated by FWBCHD's EP Division. Ronda Koch stated that the first workshop was conducted on March 23rd. An additional workshop that focuses more specifically on antemortem data collection will be conducted in May in addition to two train-the-trainer trainings on the antemortem software program – VIP (Victim Identification Program) to be held in May and June.
- The FCEMA was awarded a grant from the USDA for a 2017 Ford Policy utility Vehicle that will be used as a command vehicle. The vehicle will be equipped with radio communications, command status boards, and a UAV for video and photo assistance.

Planning Project Report

- FCEMA will continue to administrate the HMEP grant on behalf of the Franklin County LEPC. FCEMA will be required to provide a soft match to keep the grant. IEMA attempted to require a hard match only which will make the grant inaccessible to Franklin County in the future. Buckingham has appealed the decision on behalf of the FCEMA and is awaiting word on a decision from IEMA to reverse the match back to soft and/or hard match.

Old Business

New Business

- Discussion about officer elections took place in which it was suggested to retain all current officers through December 2016. Ryan Buckingham stated that he currently fills the PIO and Emergency Coordinator positions out of the FC EMA office. Gayla Sink made a motion to retain all current officers, Jeff Coleman seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Ryan Buckingham suggested approving new members: Barry Wright, Leigh Caldwell, Kelly Whitener, Jennifer Good.

Upcoming Meeting

- Next meeting: July 28, 2016, 10am, Franklin Hospital Conference Room.
- Next meeting – presentation on Emergency Transfer about pipeline. Energy Transfer currently operates a natural gas pipeline (Trunkline Gas) in the Franklin County

jurisdiction. In addition to their natural gas line, they are in the process of converting one of the other existing lines to transport crude oil, as part of the Energy Transfer Crude Oil Pipeline project (ETCOP). The converted 30-inch diameter will transport 450,000 barrels of light sweet crude oil per day, with a capacity as high as 570,000 barrels per day from the North Dakota Bakken and Three Forks production areas to reach the Patoka hub near Patoka, Illinois and continue to refineries in the Gulf Coast area.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the committee, Jeff Coleman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Gayla Sink. Meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Minutes provided by FC LEPC Secretary, Ronda Koch