

Sherman-Valley LEPC
Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2016

Present:

Alec Baillie, Mayor – Loup City
Alma Beland, Region 26 Emergency Management
Larry Copp, Ord Volunteer Fire
Eli Curry, Ashton Fire Department
Michael F. Janulewicz, Sherman County Sheriff's Office
Ashley Jeffres, Loup Basin Public Health
Daryl Jorgensen, North Loup Volunteer Fire
Craig Kamler, Village of Ashton
Linda Lewis, Region 26 Emergency Management
Scott Philbrick, Valley County Emergency Management
Larry Proskocil, Valley County Health Systems
Ryan Simpson, Valley County Emergency Management

1. Chairman Alec Baillie called the meeting to order at 7:06pm. The Open Meeting Laws were brought to our attention and participation from the attendees was encouraged and welcomed.
2. Mike Janulewicz moved, seconded by Larry Copp to approve the July 19, 2016 minutes. 11 voted aye, 0 nays, motion passed.
3. Old Business –
 - a. Exercise Reports:
 - i. Larry Proskocil reported on the Tornado Drill conducted in July at the Valley County Health System facility. The drill was conducted both during the afternoon and night shifts because of the different challenges that would be met. The night shift was somewhat more detailed since they potentially face more obstacles being dark and tornadoes are less predictive since they can't be seen like during daylight hours. Patients were offered the opportunity to participate in the drill and those that participated were physically moved to shelter. It was a success and plans were updated as a result of the drill.
 - ii. Daryl Jorgensen reported on the exercise held at Davis Creek. About 35 people attended representing seven different agencies. There were two scenarios where they had to find and rescue the victims. A pontoon was used and realized that 4-6 responders were needed for a safe rescue. A jet ski was also used with the victim on a back board being pulled slowly to the shore with a responder holding on to the end of the board in the water for a safe transport. The responders made note that whoever was in the water holding on to the back board would benefit from wearing gear that was secure on their body to avoid another scenario.
 - iii. Alma Beland reported on the Litchfield Railroad Hazmat exercise. There were 28 people in attendance including the BNSRR representative from Kansas City that shed a lot of useful information. The Hastings weather service was also in attendance and showed the group what they could do to help in a hazmat situation by creating a plume that would help if evacuating the town was necessary. They had also created a couple of slides for the exercise which were used with other slides using Google Earth to show the location of the event. Scott Philbrick mentioned the APP that the Railroad has called ASKRAIL where you can put the engine number in and find out what is being hauled in that line as well as putting in a chemical number and the APP will take you to the ERG for further information on that chemical. BNSRR will be coming on April 8th to do more training in the Litchfield area.
 - b. Activities Report:
 - i. Livestock Bio-terrorism Training – State veterinarians talked about what may happen during a bio-terrorism event. Feeders, producers, emergency managers, law enforcement and local veterinarians were in attendance and was very beneficial information. The plan is for this to lead into an exercise that would address an actual event.

- ii. Credentialing – With the last grant the North Central Planning, Exercise and Training Region was able to purchase iPads and an app for credentialing that departments throughout the region can utilize. Region 26 has gone through some training and is in the process of fully understanding the system so that we can train the other departments. It will be a very effective tool on several levels of training and response.
- iii. Active School Shooter – This two day training was initially to be held in Ord but due to scheduling issues was moved to the Arcadia High School. This hands on training was led by the Papillion SWAT team and proved to be very intense and beneficial training.

4. New Business

- a. Social Media Outlet: Scott Philbrick presented the idea of having a Local LEPC Facebook page that would enlighten people on what a LEPC is and what the Sherman/Valley LEPC is doing to educate the citizens in a Hazardous Material incident. It was discussed that the page would be created off of Region 26's Facebook account and Scott would create the page making it so people could not post on it without the administrations approval so that negative feedback would not be allowed.

Larry Copp moved, seconded by Daryl Jorgensen for Scott Philbrick to set up a Facebook page through Region 26. 10 ayes, 1 nay, motion passed.

- b. Other:

- i. EOC training was discussed along with NIMS Training for elected officials and fire departments. The NIMS 100, 200 & 700 are required courses for all responders and elected officials. The NIMS 800 course is required for fire chiefs and sheriffs. It is difficult for departments to be in compliance since the course is either a 2 day class or to be taken individually on the computer. Region 26 has been trying to figure out a way to help departments become compliant so they will be eligible for grants.

Also discussed was an orientation for newly elected officials to help them understand who and what Region 26 is and what role they would play in a disaster, their boundaries and the duties in which they would be responsible to fulfill.

- ii. Region 26 Weather Fair. Alma Beland feels a responsibility to inform the public of severe weather issues. The yearly Weather Awareness Presentation has not been a success in reaching the public. She would like to hold a fair possibly at the new Trotter Event Center that would either be a full day or half a day. The goal would be to educate the public, making it interesting and an exciting place to learn about weather preparedness and safety. We will be in search of sponsorships, vendors and attractions that will peak the public's interest. The plan is to hold it on Saturday, April 1, 2017. There is a kids fair at the school that morning which may benefit the attendance for this program. Those in attendance thought this to be a good idea and will further be discussed at our next meeting.

5. Annual meeting will be held on January 11, 2017 in Sherman County at the Loup City Community Center.

6. Adjournment 8:37pm

After the meeting Larry Proskocil gave a tour of the Valley County Health System hazardous material washing station, a place where personnel can safely wash hazardous chemicals from a victim in order for them to receive treatment while keeping the professional responders safe as well. Larry proceeded to give us a tour of the rest of the facility which was very informative and interesting to learn about all the services that they provide to the community so that the community doesn't have to travel a long distance for health care. The facility is quite impressive.

Submitted by Region 26 Emergency Management/Secretary
Linda Lewis