

Sherman-Valley LEPC
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 10, 2018

Present:

Alec Baillie, Mayor of Loup City
Alma Beland, Region 26 Emergency Management
Larry Copp, Ord Fire Department
Casey Hurlburt, Valley County Sheriff's Office
Ashley Jeffres, Loup Basin Public Health
Daryl Jorgensen, North Loup Fire
Craig Kamler, Ashton Fire Department, Village of Ashton
Linda Lewis, Region 26 Emergency Management
Scott Philbrick, Valley County Emergency Management
Larry Proskocil, Valley County Health Systems
Jay Welch, Ord Police Department
Ben Young, Valley County Health Systems
Keely Zavala, Asera Care

The Sherman-Valley LEPC gathered at the Zangger Popcorn Hybrid Plant near North Loup and met with Josh Zangger for a plant tour. Josh provided us with detailed information on the history of Zangger Popcorn and how it began back in the 1950's explaining how the operation was run then and brought us up to speed on how it is done today with machinery specifically made for this type of operation. The machinery they have today allows them to clean, sort for size and quality, do specific treatments, package and ship in a much quicker time frame than ever before. Josh also explained how they work with approximately 30 countries by either shipping their product for that county to grow for their own company or working with them as test plots and being able to have a second growing season in warmer climates in the southern countries. Zangger Popcorn is a company that distributes seed to growers and not a place one can buy popcorn to pop in your home. There are several companies in Nebraska that plant Zangger popcorn seed and the harvest from this crop may end up on your stove top or microwave. We learned that there is a lot of science and research behind the beloved snack we American's can find at every sport event we attend plus many other events. Thanks to Josh for taking the time to educate us on something that is clearly a passion for him.

- 1) Chairman Alec Baillie called the meeting to order at 8:14pm.
- 2) Zangger Plant tour (moved to the beginning)
- 3) Alma Beland moved, seconded by Larry Proskocil to approve the January 9, 2018 minutes. All voted aye, motion passed.
- 4) Old Business
 - a) Report on Region 26 Severe Weather Symposium – Alma reported that it was a great day with a good turnout. There were about 15 booths, Mike Moritz and Travis Klanecky gave weather talks, there were a lot of kids and they enjoyed the kid's booths and of course ice cream and trail mix. Alec commented the Community Center was an excellent venue and the opportunity to showcase the new fire hall for Loup City was appreciated.
 - b) Report on Valley County Severe Weather Awareness – This year it was at the North Pole because spring will never get here. There were 20 people in attendance including a group of Boy Scouts. They had questions to be answered by using cell phones to test your knowledge about storms which made it interactive and fun.
 - c) Update on "Active Shooter Exercise" - Larry Proskocil reported that on April 16, 2018 there will be a Table Top Exercise with the hospital's senior management with a shooter coming in and harming doctors, nurses, patients and then disappearing. After this event planning will begin

with meetings being held to organize a community wide exercise to be held in September. One obstacle that needs to be worked out is the time of day, with community involvement it may be difficult to work with different schedules. The scenario will be an active shooter coming through the front door and threatening, possibly harming workers, residents or anyone in their way as they make their way to a specific room where a family disturbance will ensue. The goal of this exercise is to test the Hospital Emergency Plan.

- d) Other Old Business – Alma mentioned the weather services across Nebraska have a goal to create a statewide siren policy that is standardized with information of when and why a siren may be sounding and a description of the different sounds a siren may have. The goal for the policy is for the safety of the traveling public, if they are in a new town and the siren goes off they will hopefully know what it means and if they need to take action.

5) New Business

- a) Review Tier II Reports – A summary of facilities for both Sherman and Valley Counties with the hazardous material they have and where they are located was reviewed.
- b) 2018 Events for Weather Support – Alma talked about the support the weather service offers during larger events in the county. Region 26 has submitted several events and if there are any others please let us know so we can submit them.
- c) Other New Business: Alma attended a meeting with Homeland Security when they talked about the GETS card. (Government Emergency Telecommunications Service) They encouraged fire chiefs, EMT captains, law enforcement, elected officials and emergency managers to have a card of their own so that if they were in need to get through on the telephone to get help they would be able to by using this card. This is intended for emergencies only.

- 6) Election of Officers – Casey Hurlburt moved, seconded by Scott Philbrick to keep the officers as they are. All voted aye.

7) Adjournment: 8:45pm

Submitted by Secretary

Linda Lewis – Region 26 Emergency Management