

Sherman-Valley LEPC
Meeting Minutes
July 19, 2016

Present:

Alec Baillie, Mayor – Loup City
Tom Bandur, Sherman County Board of Commissioners
Alma Beland, Region 26 Emergency Management
Larry Bruha, Sherman County Local Emergency Management
Larry Copp, Ord Volunteer Fire
Eli Curry, Ashton Fire Department
Mike Dorsey, Loup City Volunteer Fire
Casey Hurlburt, Valley County Sheriff
Michael F. Janulewicz, Sherman County Sheriff's Office
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
Randy Scott, Trotter Inc Safety
Jack Van Slyke, Valley County Supervisor & Region 26 Board Member
Daniel Steinert, Sherman County Sheriff's Office

Pre-meeting tours: The Sherman-Valley LEPC met at the Trotter Greenhouse and Learning Center where Gary Lawrence explained how the Litchfield Public School elementary students, during the school year, grow food for the school lunch program. He also showed us the gardens where they grow produce to take to Hy-Vee to help with labor costs.

We then went over to the Trotter Dry-Fertilizer Terminal facility where Dean Wood gave us a tour and explained how to mix a load and how efficient and quickly a truck can be loaded and unloaded. He informed us of safety precautions taken for employees and went over the products and the characteristics of each one. He also gave us a handout with the amounts of building products used to construct this mammoth building. Randy Scott also shared with us safety measures taken at this facility.

Our last stop was the Trotter Fertilizer where they house chemicals. Jim Goodner showed us the storage area and the containment area in place in case of a leak. He shared with us the safety measures and commented in case of a fire not to add water due to the chemicals involved.

The tours were very interesting and informative. Thank you to each one of you that took the time out of your evening to share your knowledge with the LEPC group.

1. Chairman Baillie called the meeting to order at 8:32pm. The Open Meeting Laws were brought to our attention; therefore participation from the attendees is encouraged and welcomed.
2. Mike Janulewicz moved, seconded by Randy Scott to waive the reading and approve the April 12, 2016 minutes. All voted aye, motion passed.
3. Linda reported on the upcoming exercise to be held in Litchfield on August 15th. An email invitation will be sent out to the LEPC members.
4. Training activities were reviewed by Alma. The North Central Planning, Exercise and Training Region is hosting three events; 1. Livestock Emergency Planning Workshop for Ag producers, feeders, law enforcement, feed suppliers etc. These will be July 27th at Ainsworth, August 8th at Broken Bow and August 15th at Ord. 2. Credentialing training August 23rd and 24th location to be determined. 3. Active School Shooter at Ord on August 11th & 12th, for Law Enforcement Only.

5. Future Training plans – Chairman Bailey asked about an exercise for a drowning event and asked what the responsibility as a City would be to provide grief counselling. It was mentioned the City should get together with the schools which have a grief management plan and personnel. Nebraska State Patrol has teams that can come out for the responders if there is a need.

Daryl Jorgensen shared that they were planning to have training at Davis Creek on August 5th. They are adding 42 more camping sites which to an already busy area will increase the chance for more emergency events. The Advanced Life Support team from the Valley County Hospital and the Burwell Dive Team will be involved.

6. Upcoming Summer Events – Sherman and Valley County Fairs, Popcorn Days-North Loup, Arcadia Fall Festival, Pumpkin Festival-Elyria, Junk Jaunt. When it comes to weather planning who in these events should be notified to give a heads up in case of a weather event; fire chiefs, law enforcement, local emergency manager, mayors? Bailey envisioned for Polish Days the key planners being the ones overseeing the Beer Garden, Carnival and other specific events. If this is the case then Alma would need to be given a list with names and numbers. Janulewicz thought it would be in the best interest to inform Law Enforcement and local Emergency Managers only; they would take ownership of it and there would be less conflict amongst the planners.

Scott Philbrick mentioned that he sends text messages already to the Sheriff Office and Fire Chiefs. During Farm Safety day he has one contact that he will keep in touch with.

Alec mentioned that BRAN has their own set of team members that are in contact with the weather service keeping them up to date.

7. Hazard Mitigation – The process of updating is going on right now. Most have picked up their packet which when they submit a project will make them eligible to be considered for financial assistance. The plan needs to include the purpose of protecting lives. If a plan is not submitted by an organization they will not be eligible for any funds. Electronic copies of the plan are available. These are updated every (5) five years. Janulewicz made note that the Farwell Irrigation District for the reservoir is under a separate plan.
8. Larry Proskocil reported on the exercise at the Valley County Hospital that involved 26 counties. The departments were given tasks to test their area of operation to the point of being overwhelmed and to review their departments plan on what they would do in this situation.

The hospital is going to be having a tornado drill tomorrow in the morning and evening to catch the different employees and different times of the day will bring different issues.

9. Next meeting will be October 11 in Valley County location to be determined.

10. Adjournment at 9:15pm

Submitted by Region 26 Emergency Management/Secretary
Linda Lewis

Approved by: