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LEPC MEETING MINUTES **September 20, 2006**

Chairperson Myra Reimink called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Members in Attendance: Blain Bechtold, Gerry Dawson, Ken Dziesinski, Chief Dan Henderson, Lee Hoeksema, Don Hutchens, Sindee Maxwell, Lis McNeil, Randy Mergener, Earl Mokma, Susan Paauwe, Dianne Phillips, Myra Reimink, Chris Saddler, Bill Smith, Rich Szczepanek, Beth Thomas, Ken Walits, Paul Ziegler

Members Excused: Dr. Paul Heidel, Anne McManus, Mike Monaghan, Chris Pfeiffer, Bonnie Schuitema, Amy Swords, Rep. William VanRegenmorter

Members Unexcused: Michael Averill, Tom Bosscher, Helen Cox, Paul Hascher, George Keefe, Eric Klingensmith, Chuck Pistis, Ken Porter, Steve VanderHill, Cornelius VanderKam, Jeff VanderWerff, Rick Velderman

New Members Introduced: None

Guests Present: None

Handouts: Abottville Flyer

July 19, 2006 Minutes: Chief Henderson made a motion to approve the July 19, 2006 minutes, seconded by Su Paauwe. All ayes. The minutes were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Subcommittee: (Myra Reimink)

- No Report

Planning Subcommittee: (Amy Swords)

- They would like to look at the mission statement for their committee.
- Blain Bechtold is going to look at having a person from the Groundwater Stewardship program get the information need to complete the outstanding farm site plans.

Public Relations & Promotions Subcommittee: (Randy Mergener)

- Randy reported that pictures were needed for the LEPC PowerPoint presentation

- The Fire Department open houses are coming up and volunteers are needed (see new business)

Outreach Subcommittee: (Su Paauwe)

- No Report

Training & Exercise Subcommittee: (Paul Hascher)

- No Report - Absent

OLD BUSINESS

- The Fairs went smoothly. The MCU was at each one. LEPC info was on a table with OCCDA
- Beth Thomas gave an update on the Homeland Security Grants. We are ¾ of the way thru the 2005 grant. Some projects were altered due to Federal requirements for completion. The 2006 Grant will be more of a challenge due to the focus on regionalization. The 3.5 million will have to be spent according to State and Federal specifications in areas such as planning, training and interoperability. The allocation of money is being determined by the Region 6 Governing Board which consists of 17 voting members and six subcommittees. The Governing Board is in the process of finding a fiduciary. Nothing can be done with the grant until an agreement with a fiduciary is signed.
- A discussion was held on finding a topic for next years LEPC conference. Suggestions are needed. The topics for the past years were:
 - 2006 Health Care
 - 2005 Public Officials
 - 2004 Farms/Agribusiness
 - 2003 Plan Writing for Spec. Needs Groups
 - 2002 All Hazards Planning
 - 2001 Public Officials
 - 2000
 - 1999 Scenario based for industry
 - 1998 Written Plans for everyone
 - 1997 Business and industry

Suggestions submitted to date include education, or agriterrorism

- Dianne is working on updating the LEPC page for the mi.ottawa web page.

NEW BUSINESS

- Abottville training is September 27, 28 and 30th. It is an ICS 100 training using a large table top diorama. It is a 16 hour course that is being coordinated by OCMCBA. 17 medical CEU's will be offered
- Lt. Hoeksema reported that several deputies have attended mobile field force training which is an ODP course. He would like to have a refresher for the training. This would be a request for the LPT.

- Bill Smith reported that there will be group sessions organized for NIMS training IS 700 and IS 800. In the future it will also be necessary to have IS 300 and 400 training
- Rich Szczpanek was introduced as the new director of OCMCBA. He recently retired as Fire Chief of Grand Haven Township.
- Myra Reimink announced that after the November LEPC meeting she will be stepping down as Chairperson of the LEPC.
- The MEMA conference will be held in Traverse City during October 9-11, 2006. This is a worthwhile conference if you can make it.
- Assistance with Fire Department open houses is needed. The MCU will be there with people needed to help at the table. Chris Saddler passed around a sign up sheet. Please let her know if you can help.

HAZMAT/TECH RESCUE TEAM UPDATE

- The HazMat Team will be competing at the HazMat Challenge at the MEMA conference on October 7th.
- There are 3 new members on the HazMat team and 1 new member for Tech Rescue.
- Dianne will not be here for the next meeting. Her surgery for a new hip is scheduled for November 13th.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held November 15, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. in the EOC

TRAINING

A presentation was given by handler Deputy Mark Busse' and his explosives trained K-9 Ike.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.