

Grand Forks County LEPC Meeting

Minutes

May 4, 2017

3:00 — 4:00 PM

The Local Emergency Planning Committee held a meeting on Thursday, May 4 at 3:00 PM in the EOC. Members of the LEPC in attendance were Chad Cutshaw – GFFD, Kari Goelz – GF EM, Shawn Leach - GFAFB EM, Mike Torrey - Henningsen Cold Storage, David Jones - GF County State’s Attorney, Becky Ault - PSAP, Delbert Streitz - GFPH, Sheryl Austin - Altru, Rick Litzinger – Altru, LeahRae Amundson – City of Grand Forks Public Works, Lisa Botnen City of Grand Forks Public Works, Mike Lefever – UND EM, Jason Doyle – GFAFB EM, Ryan Nelson, Enbridge, Eric Halstenson – Simplot, Irene Melby – United Way, Art Culver – Altru, Chris Deitz – GFK Airport Fire, Nick West – GF County Highway and Donna Flaten GF EM.

I. Call to order

Chairman Chad Cutshaw called the meeting to order.

II. David Jones - GF County State’s Attorney made a motion to approve the minutes. Shawn Leach, GFAFB EM, second the motion. Motion carried.

III. New Business

a) Kari addressed the Final Amendments to the Risk Management Program (RMP) Rule from the EPA.
<https://www.epa.gov/rmp/final-amendments-risk-management-program-rmp-rule>

On August 1, 2013, President Obama issued Executive Order *(EO) 13650: Improving Chemical Facility Safety and Security* following several catastrophic chemical facility incidents in the United States. The focus of the EO is to reduce risks associated with hazardous chemicals to owners and operators, workers, and communities by enhancing the safety and security of chemical facilities.

The keys areas of emphasis under the EO are:

1. Strengthening community planning and preparedness,
2. Enhancing federal operational coordination,
3. Improving data management, and
4. Modernizing policies and regulations.

On April 3, 2017, EPA published a proposed rule to further delay the effective date of the RMP rule amendments for 20 months until February 19, 2019. This action will allow EPA to consider several petitions for reconsideration of the RMP rule amendments and take further regulatory action. EPA held a public hearing regarding the proposed effective date on April 19, 2017. Written comments must be received by May 19, 2017.

b) Severe Weather Planning:

Severe Summer Awareness Week was April 24 – 28. Siren testing brought about two issues regarding sirens in the downtown area of GF. Rick Hanson from City Engineering is addressing those issues.

Kari is working with Grand Forks County Tax and Finance about getting a siren installed in Arvilla Township, 11 miles west of Larimore. A siren was installed at Turtle River State Park in 2014 in hopes

that Arvilla residents would also benefit but, the biggest challenge in the county is the wind which diminishes the sound of the siren when activated.

c) Enbridge Pipeline Grants

Ryan Nelson spoke on Enbridge grants available to agencies and/or depts. The Safe Community Grant is the most popular grant and can be applied for annually. Both PSAP and Emergency Management were awarded the Safe Community Grant this year. Grand Forks Fire along with East Grand Forks Fire received a 2006 ¾ Ton Extended Cab 4 Wheel Drive with a Service Cab from Enbridge. Enbridge gave away approximately 20 vehicles. All the trucks were maintained and well cared for. Ryan noted that everyone that applied for a truck this year received one. Community Investment Grant for \$5,000 was awarded to the City of Emerado for their After School Backpack Program.

Enbridge Safe Community Grants and Community Investment Grants applications are available on the Enbridge website.

d) Training Events

ICS 300 - 400

GFK Airport Fire requested a ICS 300 – 400 class to certify new responders. Discussion ensued on holding an ICS 300 - 400 class for minimal expense using local instructors and/or printing their own participation manuals. Kari told the group that the Emergency Management Office received a training grant from Enbridge Pipeline for \$1,000 that will be used to offset some of the costs for the class.

Technician class

Technician Level Amateur Radio class has 5 participants. They will wrap up their training with a review on May 17 and certification on May 24.

Discussion on the FEMA trailer owned by the Emergency Management Office and used for Field Day Exercises every year will be refurbished by ARES club members. After it becomes operational, it will be decaled and recognized as a Grand Forks County asset. The Field Day Exercise will be held on June 24 Technology Circle which is between the NWS and I-29. It is also used as the UND soccer field.

UND is hosting a Managing Critical Incidents for Higher Education Institutions (MGT -361) on Tuesday, August 8 – 10 from 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM in room 211 at the Skalicky Tech Incubator building, 4200 James Ray Dr on UND campus. For more information on the calls or to register go to the NDDDES website at <http://www.nd.gov/des/events>.

e) Committee Project Updates

1. Planning Chair – Donna Flaten – GF EM

The Planning Committee did not get a chance to meet this quarter regarding the county Hazardous Materials Emergency Operations Plan. A meeting to discuss the plan will be held after the August 3 LEPC meeting due to summer schedules.

2. Training and Exercise Committee Chair – Jon Simundson – GFSO

Jon Simundson from SO was in a serious car accident this spring and asked that we elect a new Chair to the Training and Exercise Committee.

Floor open for nominations for interim Training and Exercise Committee Chair. Kari nominated Rick Litzinger, Manager of Emergency Preparedness for Altru as interim Chair of the Committee. Mike Torrey second the nomination. David Jones moved that nominations cease. Kari second the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Shawn Leach - GFAFB told the group that the All Hazards Response Planning Team (AHRPT) will be holding a Full Scale Exercise on Base on Thursday, September 21 or Friday, September 22, 2017. Information on a preparedness meeting will go out to the response agencies around the end of May.

3. Public Outreach – Shawn Leach - GFAFB

The Public Outreach Committee did not get a chance to meet this quarter regarding the projects for the LEPC. Shawn will be working on the project within the next couple months and bring the committee together.

Kari mentioned that the Emergency Management Office will be involved in an Older Adult Expo on Thursday, June 1 from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM at the Grand Cities Mall. Invitation to the group to participate in the Expo or if you have information to share, let us know and we will distribute. Older Adults is our more vulnerable population so the more information we can get out to them the better off we will be in helping them.

Discussion ensued on different processes of reaching Older Adults through printed materials and different avenues that can be utilized.

f.) Tier II and Other Hazmat Reports

Donna emailed 8 reminders this week regarding Tier II Reporting. There are 128 Tier II facilities in Grand Forks County that have reported to date.

VI. Open Discussion

Chad Cutshaw, LEPC Chair asked the group if there was anything else to report. Rick Litzinger said Altru will be involved in a low/no notice Functional Tabletop Exercise through the ND Health Care Coalition. The ND Health Care Coalition is responsible for the surge test for the hospitals in ND. The facilities will either be evacuating or surging. If evacuating, Altru will be reaching out to Emergency Managers and Public Health for assistance. The six major hospitals in the state will be involved. The exercise could take place any time after July 1 but could be the Nov/Dec time period.

Del Strietz mentioned that DMORT (Disaster Mortuary Operations Response Team) training will be taking place in Bismarck next week to address a bad accident or disaster in the state. Approximately 60 First Responders will be in attendance.

On May 9 – 10 the NTSB (National Transportation Safety Board) will be holding a class in setting up a Family Assistance Center (FAC) after a transportation disaster. Emergency Management, Red Cross and GFK Airport Fire will be attending the training in Bloomington, MN.

Discussion ensued on safety procedures and what individuals can do in the event of severe weather.

IV. Adjournment

Chad made a motion to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.