



**Minutes – Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Meeting
Tuesday, March 8th, 2022
10:00am
Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department, Lower-Level Meeting Room**

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by Jim Davidsaver at 10:04am. Loretta Pierce from Lincoln Surgery made a motion to approve today's agenda and the December 14th, 2021 Meeting Minutes; seconded by Dave Thurber with Lincoln Transportation and Utilities; motion carried.

Davidsaver introduced the LEPC Officers for 2022. The Chair is Kyle Poore of Lincoln Public Schools. The Vice-Chair is currently vacant. The Secretary is Gina Egenberger from the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. Everyone went around the room and introduced themselves.

Old Business

1. Ongoing COVID-19 Situation: Jim Davidsaver- Lincoln-Lancaster County Emergency Management Agency

Davidsaver deferred this topic for later in the agenda under "New Business" when Gina Egenberger gives her update regarding the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department.

2. Recap of Significant Events: Jim Davidsaver- Lincoln-Lancaster County Emergency Management Agency

Davidsaver discussed the significant events and trainings since the last LEPC meeting:

a. February 22nd-24th: S-359 NWCG Medical Unit Leader Course

This course was held in Lincoln by the National Wildland Coordinating Group. This is one of the courses that you could take to be a part of an Incident Management Team in order to be NIMS compliant. It is our goal to help everyone be NIMS compliant. It does not give you new responsibilities but gives you credit for what you already do. There were 13 participants in the MED-L course.

b. December 15th, 2021: FEMA-4641-DR Disaster Declaration

The Governor declared a disaster declaration for the December 15th severe weather event. This did not include Lancaster County.

New Business

Agency Reports:

1. LLCEMA: Jim Davidsaver- Lincoln-Lancaster County Emergency Management Agency

a. Severe Weather Awareness Week (SWAW): March 21st-25th, 2022

Lincoln-Lancaster County Emergency Management went to the Nebraska State Capitol on March 7th to recognize Abigail Strilkivsky for getting 3rd place in the Statewide SWAW Poster Contest for 3rd grade students. She is from Fredstrom Elementary School.

Lincoln Community Foundation Emergency Preparedness Grant

The Lincoln Community Foundation has Emergency Preparedness funding available. We were able to secure some of those funds and our goal is to distribute 100 NOAA Weather Alert radios to vulnerable populations.

Statewide Tornado Drill

The statewide tornado drill is scheduled for Wednesday, March 23rd at 10:00am. Lincoln-Lancaster County Emergency Management encourages all those who participate to fill out the [Online Participation Form](#). Even if an agency cannot participate on March 23rd, they can do the drill at their convenience and fill out the form any time throughout the year.

b. Hazard Mitigation Grant

Lincoln-Lancaster County Emergency Management has secured some hazard mitigation funding from the State of Nebraska. We have about 102-103 sirens in Lancaster County and we always have a goal of adding one siren per year. Sirens typically cost up to \$30,000. With this hazard mitigation funding, we can now put in three sirens in Lancaster County. The locations are SW 12th and W Denton, NW 27th and Alvo, and S 70th and Saltillo- Standing Bear. The Southwest location is by the bypass and Lincoln Racetrack. The Southeast location will be by Standing Bear High School. The focus is on high density populations.

c. LEPC: LEOP Annex F (Fire Services and Hazardous Materials)

LLCEMA has submitted Annex F to the State for review so that the LEPC is in full compliance.

d. Incident Management Team (IMT) Training and Certification Overview

Jim talked about the Incident Management Team and that we are scheduling more in person training to promote the IMT concept in our area and across the state. We are not giving ourselves new duties and responsibilities, but we are giving ourselves credit for what we already do.

2. LLCHD: Gina Egenberger, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department

a. COVID-19 Update

COVID cases and hospitalizations have dramatically decreased the past few weeks. It has been two years this month since LLCHD started personal protective equipment (PPE) distribution to over 400 facilities in Lancaster County. Warehouse management and delivery was made possible with LTU staff, Dave Thurber and Troy Griffin's dedication. A decrease in PPE requests and the State's discontinuation of PPE to local health departments is leading LLCHD's decision to demobilize PPE operations while assisting health care facilities build a cache of supplies for future emergencies. Currently, the health department has N95s, KN95s, face shields, goggles and TyVek gowns available for distribution.

Two weeks ago, the State of Nebraska supplied local health departments with eMed Test kits for distribution to the public at no cost. LLCHD is distributing the kits to schools, childcare centers, developmental disability agencies and cultural centers across the county. In addition, the public is invited to pick up kits for home use from the clinic on first floor. A virtual assistant can be contacted to proctor the test administration allowing the results to be used for work or international travel.

Daidsaver asked if there was a temperature threshold for the test kits when being shipped during the cold. Egenberger said the direction from the State was that they are OK to be shipped in the cold for a few days but must be stored at a temperature between 36-86 degrees once received.

b. Lincoln-Lancaster County Healthcare Partners Meeting

The Southeast NE Healthcare Coalition (SENHCC) is in need of a lead fiscal agent to move forward with reactivation with the State. Without SENHCC, the Lincoln-Lancaster County Healthcare Partners are not formally recognized or eligible for funding to support training. The five health jurisdictions in SENHCC have communicated to the State on the need to reactivate. LLCHD will be reaching out to health care providers to get feedback on Lancaster County training needs and their desire for networking opportunities.

Upcoming Training Opportunities

1. Jim Davidsaver- Lincoln-Lancaster County Emergency Management Agency

Davidsaver discussed the following training opportunities:

- a. L-958 Operations Section Chief Course March 14th-18th (Currently Full)**
- b. NIMS ICS 300 Intermediate Incident Command System: April 8-10, 2022, Bennet**
- c. NIMCS ICS 400 Advanced Incident Command System: April 23-24, 2022, Bennet**
- d. Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) Training Schedule**
 - i. <https://nema.nebraska.gov/operations/training-schedules>
- e. IS-520 Intro to COOP for Pandemic Influenzas (IS: Independent Study)**
 - i. Online course. For additional information or to take the online course, click [here](#).

f. Incident Command System (ICS)- Online Training Opportunities

For full ICS information and course participation details, click [here](#).

- i. **ICS 100:** Introduction to the Incident Command System
- ii. **ICS 200:** Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response
- iii. **ICS 700:** National Incident Management System
- iv. **ICS 800:** National Response Framework

Events Calendar:

- a. UNL Red-White Spring Game: Saturday, April 9th
- b. Lincoln Marathon: Sunday, May 1st

Volunteer Opportunity

Cornhusker State Games: July 8-24, 2022

Lincoln, Omaha, Columbus, Kearney & surrounding areas

Medical Volunteers needed. [Full details here](#).

Adoption and Implementation of Standard Response Protocols (SRP)

Kyle Poore and Gina Egenberger presented on the Standard Response Protocol. The Standard Response Protocol was created by the "I Love You Guys" foundation to build safety in schools. All of their resources are free. SRP's create a common language throughout the community. There are 5 actions: Secure, Lockdown, Evacuate, Shelter, and Hold. Each are only 1 word and easy to remember. Poore went through each of the 5 actions in more detail (see included PowerPoint and Poster for reference).

Egenberger described her experience with implementing the SRP's to the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. She said they have used these SRP's a few times now and it has been very successful. There has been a learning curve but they continue to grow after each activation. LLCHD uses the OnSolve Code Red notification system in conjunction with the SRP actions.

Poore and Egenberger reinforced that the SRP's are a great tool and it is important to make it your own for your own agency. They also discussed the importance of gaining the support of your agency's leadership team. It's important to make sure everyone is on the same page.

A video with more information on the Standard Response Protocol can be found [here](#).

2022 LEPC Meeting Schedule

Davidsaver discussed the meeting schedule for 2022. The meetings will be held in person at this time. Information will be sent out closer to the dates if this changes.

1. **2022 LEPC Meeting Schedule** Meetings at the LLCHD, Lower Level
 - a. Tue, March 8th, 10am
 - b. Tue, June 14th, 10am
 - c. Tue, September 13th, 10am (**Annual Meeting**)
 - d. Tue, December 13th 10am

Open Floor Discussion and Announcements

Davidsaver opened the floor for discussion. No one had anything to add.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:58am. The next LEPC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 14th, at 10:00am, at Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department, 3131 'O' St.

Submit agenda items to Jim Davidsaver at jdavidsaver@lancaster.ne.gov.

ATTENDANCE

NAME	ORGANIZATION
Jim Davidsaver	Lincoln-Lancaster County Emergency Management
Mark Hosking	Lincoln-Lancaster County Emergency Management
Brooke Siefker	Lincoln-Lancaster County Emergency Management
Gina Egenberger	Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department
Kyle Poore	Lincoln Public Schools
Loretta Pierce	Lincoln Surgical Hospital
Dave Thurber	Lincoln Transportation & Utilities
Danelle Nelson	Nebraska Emergency Management Agency
Leo Larkin	Nebraska Emergency Management Agency
MSgt Tom Guilford	155 EM Air National Guard
Brian Smith	National Weather Service
Tommy Trotter	Lancaster County Sheriff's Office
Mike St.Cin	Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services
Ashley McGee	Lincoln Endoscopy Center
Wesley Rice	Elite Professionals Home Care Old Cheney Rehab
Shawn Martin	Tabitha Health Care Services
Mark Rhodes	Advanced Medical Imaging ASC
Scott Collier	LRC
Brenda Knutson	Lincoln Surgical Hospital
Mark Robertson	University of Nebraska-Lincoln Emergency Mgmt
Jill Hain	Urology Surgical Center
Jason Krauss	Hawkins Water Treatment Group
Darin Huss	Bryan Health
Jody Jinright	Madonna Rehab Hospital
Kylie Weyers	Lincoln Urology P.C.

Sidney Staats	Mental Health Crisis Center
Andrew Wiedman	The Lexington Assisted Living Center
Amy Badman	Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Dept.