



Minutes for The Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Meeting

Held on the 12th of September 2023, 1000hrs.

At the Lincoln Lancaster County Health Department- Lower-Level Meeting room

Call to Order

Mr. James Davidsaver called the meeting to order Tuesday, September 12th at 10:03 AM.

The first motion was approval of previous meeting minutes, Captain Michael Scriven from Lancaster County Sherriff's Office proposed for the minutes to be adopted. Mr. Shawn Martin of Tabitha seconded, and the minutes were adopted.

At 10:05 Mr. Davidsaver asked the official and all meeting attendees to introduce themselves. After introductions he thanked the LEPC officials; Kyle Poore- Chair Loretta Pierce- Vice Chair, and Gina Egenberger- Secretary, respectively for their diligent service the last year.

At 10:08 a motion of approval for the current LEPC officers to continue was raised by Mr. Robert Frank, Lincoln Airport Authority, the motion was seconded by Sydney Staats, Mental Health Crisis Center. The motion was approved and members duly elected/ appointed unopposed.

Old Business

Mr. Davidsaver addressed the following issues:

- a. **Guardians of Freedom Airshow-** Mr. Bob Frank from the Lincoln Airport Authority was also the operation section chief for the airshow indicated that a total number of 340,000 attended the 2-day event (26th- 27th August 2023). He termed the event a success but with a few challenges. Mr. Davidsaver agreed that the event was a success though some issues were notes. Some of the issues Mr. Davidsaver mentioned were the difficulty in getting people in the airshow in comparison to it being easy to get them out. The other issue was the rain on Friday night/ Saturday morning that limited use of the parking areas. Mr. Davidsaver told the members Lloyd Eddie Mueller, Battalion Chief, Lincoln Fire and Rescue was the Plans Section Chief and made significant contributions. He acknowledged that he was part of Unified Command. He further mentioned that Rapid Tag from Salamander was used for controlled access to restricted areas. Lastly, he appreciated the weather was very favorable during the airshow with few medical issues.
- b. **UNL Volleyball game.** Mr. Davidsaver mentioned that the record-breaking **92,003** attendees at UNL's Volleyball Day in Nebraska game. The EOC was activated- but fortunately turned out to be more of a watch party for the event. The National Weather Service advised it went well. Initially there was an air-quality concern due to the smoke

but all turned out well. He further mentioned that the University are well-prepared to host a football game on a Saturday, but to hold a game on a Wednesday is a different circumstance though successful. He mentioned that the biggest takeaway during the after-action review (AAR) was parking challenges. Lastly, he indicated that a volleyball crowd is different than a football crowd, mentioning that roughly 20,000 people stayed until the end of the concert. It was a staggered influx and egress. As far as the event goes- It went very well.

New Business

Agency Reports

a. Lincoln Lancaster County Emergency Management - Jim Davidsaver, Director

Mr. Davidsaver mentioned to the members that Lancaster County Board issued a resolution recognizing September as National Preparedness Month further indicating that it was a good companion to Severe Weather Awareness Week in March. He further reiterated an all-hazards approach and urged everyone to be prepared.

Mr. Davidsaver mentioned that wireless technology upgrades have been completed in the EOC. He indicated that he had hosted an Emergency Support Function (ESF) representatives meeting in August to introduce the new technology. Acknowledging the wireless ability to share your information with the whole group in the EOC with ease.

Mr. Davidsaver informed the members that he would attend the County Board staff meeting this Thursday to get permission to add an Emergency Management Training Specialist. The hope would be to have someone available to dedicate training and exercise full-time attention to the county and the Southeast Region.

He also mentioned the 911 outages- Thursday Aug 31st- Nebraska's first football game- Lumen fiber was cut in the Douglas county area. Lincoln's 911 Communications Center was not affected. There was no disruption in service. Friday evening this past week there was a fire in the Windstream building. The back-up generator started then malfunctioned. The Public Service Commission is conducting a full investigation. The 911 Center shared information on Saturday regarding potential phone line outages. The center implemented it's continuity of operations plan and will make adjustments as needed moving forward.

b. Lincoln Lancaster County Health Department - Gina Egenberger, Emergency Response Coordinator

i. Situational Update

Gina Egenberger informed members as follows:

COVID: Reported cases have leveled off this week. However, wastewater reports show an increase in levels. This suggests cases are likely being underreported.

Confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations remain in the single digits. There was 1 death reported in August.

RSV: I'm not aware of any RSV cases being identified in Lancaster County this season at this time. Some parts of the country have seen increased levels of RSV. RSV testing is currently below the numbers seen in 2021 and 2022 statewide.

Influenza: Influenza levels remain very low, but cases in 2021 and 2022 began increasing in November.

ii. Lancaster Healthcare Preparedness Workgroup

a. LHCP Group is now operating under the Public Health Emer Prep grant (PHEP) with a focus on community preparedness.

b. Met in August:

i. TTX: Community Preparedness among HC facilities.

ii. Contact/resource list among facilities

c. UNMC is working with a diverse planning team to design the TTX on December 6th at 1 p.m.

c. Southeast Nebraska Healthcare Coalition Update

i. Becca Thompson, Healthcare Coalition Coordinator, Bryan Health

Becca Thompson addressed the following:

1. Emergency operations plans has not had an update since 2014- reach out to Becca if you'd like to be a part of it.

2. Radiation Tabletop Exercise is scheduled to be held on November the 16th from 0900 to 1600hrs in Beatrice. (Lunch will be provided)

3. CDC health alert for RSV and Flu. She further clarified that the flu vaccine had been effective in the southern hemisphere and experts are hoping for the same in the northern hemisphere.

4. Monovalent booster for covid is on the way and will act as both a booster and for first time use.

d. Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) Update

Mr. Davidsaver communicated that NEMA was not able to attend today- SERC coordinator Rayce Hoole left. NEMA's temporary coordinator's last day was last Friday. The SERC is still a standing committee but has limited guidance from the state. He mentioned we follow the recommendations from the SERC, but we do not have any additional information at this time. Once NEMA identifies a SERC Coordinator, he will continue to report.

e. Review of LEPC membership Application and Approvals.

Mr. Davidsaver suggested updating the membership list via identifying members of good standing on the lengthy list and discussing the best way to administer the local emergency planning committee.

At 10:32 am Mr. Davidsaver Introduced and welcomed **Gina Troncone**, of **Red Cross** for a **Presentation** entitled **Prepare, Respond and Recover**. Gina gave a presentation for 16 Minutes. Gina's presentation is included with the minutes.

Upcoming Training Opportunities

Incident Command System (ICS) online training opportunities.

ICS 100: Introduction to the Incident Command System
ICS 200: Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response
ICS 700: National Incident Management System: An Introduction
ICS 800: National Response Framework: An Introduction
For full ICS information and course participation details, click here.

NEMA Training Schedule and Calendar
They can be found at the following link:

<https://training.fema.gov/emiweb/is/icsresource/trainingmaterials/>

NEMA also has training opportunities available at the following link:

<https://nema.nebraska.gov/nema-calendar.php>

Events Calendar

September- November	Home Husker Football Schedule
October 19 th	Nebraska School Safety and Security Summit
October 20 th	ATAP-Great Plains Fall Training Event

LEPC Meeting Schedules

Mr. Davidsaver Informed the members the last LEPC meeting for 2023 is scheduled for December 12th, at 10am.

2023 LEPC Meeting Schedule at the LLCHD, Lower-Level Meeting Room

- a. ~~Tue, March 14th, 10am~~
- b. ~~Tue, June 13th, 10am~~
- c. ~~Tue, September 12th, 10am (Annual Meeting)~~
- d. Tue, December 12th, 10am

Open Floor Discussion and Adjournment

The floor was open for discussion.

There being no discussion or any other business, Mr. James Davidsaver thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 10:50 AM on Tuesday, September 12th, 2023.

ATTENDANCE

No	Name	Organization
1.	Karina Vargas	Bluestem Health
2.	Darin Huss	Bryan Health
3.	Andie Trimble	Doctor's Outpatient Surgery Center
4.	Ezra Strubbe	Hawkins Inc.
5.	Rusty Dawkins	KLKN Channel 8 news
6.	Michael Scriven	Lancaster County Sherrif Office
7.	Calli Witherby	Lincoln Endoscopy Center
8.	Gina Egenberger	Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department
9.	Amy Badman	Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department
10.	Kyle Poore	Lincoln Public School
11.	Robert Frank	Lincoln Airport Authority
12.	Scott Collier	Lincoln Regional Center
13.	Jim Davidsaver	Lincoln-Lancaster County Emergency Management
14.	Amanda Burki	Lincoln-Lancaster County Emergency Management
15.	Leshan Taruru	Lincoln-Lancaster County Emergency Management
16.	Anthony Duffy	Lincoln-Lancaster County Emergency Management
17.	Loretta Pierce	Lincoln Surgical Hospital
18.	Sydney Staats	Mental Health Crisis Center
19.	Brian Smith	National Weather Service
20.	Dyulani Thomas	Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services
21.	Heather Whalen	Nebraska Hematology Oncology PC
22.	Colin Clark	Star Tran
23.	Becca Thompson	SENHCC
24.	Gina Tronccone	Red Cross
25.	Shawn Martin	Tabitha, Inc