

**Minutes – Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Meeting**  
**Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**1:00 p.m. – Zoom**



**Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Jim Davidsaver at 1:05pm. Chuck Circo from Madonna Rehabilitation made a motion to approve today's agenda and the September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Meeting Minutes; seconded by Bev Thompson with Lincoln Electric System; motion carried.

Davidsaver introduced the LEPC Officers for 2022. The Chair is Kyle Poore of Lincoln Public Schools. The Vice-Chair is Allison Dye from Bryan Medical Center. The Secretary is Gina Egenberger from the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department.

**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. Sept 14<sup>th</sup>: Lincoln Airport Authority Full-Scale Plane Crash/Mass Casualty Exercise.**

This exercise involved a burn fuselage. Local jurisdictions simulated a response to a refueling airplane that caught fire with passengers on board. This exercise was modified due to COVID-19 restrictions but was still safely completed. We were not able to transport the players who were victims to local area hospitals due to the pandemic.

Davidsaver also mentioned that the Blue Angels are scheduled to be in Lincoln in August of 2023.

**b. Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>: Paradigm Pipeline Safety Workshop-Virtual Tabletop Exercise.**

This is an annual exercise that is usually held in-person. This year was virtual due to the pandemic.

**c. Oct 1<sup>st</sup>: Southeast Region Emergency Management Group Cyber-Security Tabletop Exercise, Lincoln.**

Davidsaver explained the importance of cyber security in today's society. This exercise was for the 14-county Southeast Nebraska PET (Planning, Exercise, and Training) Emergency Management region.

**d. Oct 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>: Association of Threat Assessment Professionals (ATAP)-Great Plains Chapter Fall Conference, Omaha.**

This is a national group that has been around since the late-1980's. The Great Plains Chapter was formed in 2009. The focus is on behavioral mental health and targeted violence. This conference was held in-person and was also available via Zoom.

**e. Oct 13<sup>th</sup>: City of Lincoln Information Services Cyber-Security Tabletop Exercise, Lincoln.**

This was the first of many exercises to be held for the City of Lincoln. We will be working up to a full-scale exercise.

**f. Oct 15<sup>th</sup>: Lincoln Public Schools Full-Scale Reunification Exercise, Lincoln**

This was an exercise which involved transporting students and going through the entire reunification process with students and some volunteer parents. This was a big leap forward for our community and Lincoln Public Schools.

- g. Oct 19<sup>th</sup>: Lancaster County Threat Hazard Identification Risk Assessment (THIRA) Workshop, Lincoln.**
- h. Oct 25<sup>th</sup>: Southeast Region Emergency Management Group Functional Communications Exercise, Otoe County.**  
This was a functional exercise for the Southeast PET region that was held in Otoe County. Members of the Southeast Nebraska Emergency Management Group reported to the Otoe County Fairgrounds with their mobile operation centers and communication equipment to test interoperability.
- i. Nov 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>: Disability Awareness Training, Lincoln**  
This program addresses planning and response efforts as it relates to people with disabilities. This is an ongoing program additional training sessions offered in 2022.
- j. Nov 30<sup>th</sup>-Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>: IMT Planning Section Chief Training, Lincoln**  
This was a part of Incident Management Team training. We are hoping to become a credentialed Incident Management Team in the Southeast PET Region.
- k. Dec 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>: IMT Safety Officer Training, Kearney**
- l. Dec 14<sup>th</sup>: National High School Finals Rodeo (NHSFR) After-Action Conference, Lincoln.**  
This AAR was held this morning. This covered the world's largest high school rodeo held in Lincoln in July. This included high school participants from 47 states and several foreign countries. The rodeo is scheduled to return to Lancaster County in 2026.

Kyle Poore talked about his reunification exercise for Lincoln Public Schools. He mentioned that large scale exercises show the phenomenal resources that are available within the community. It is important to all work together and get the most out of the exercises.

Daidsaver said it's important to practice your plan on a "blue sky day" to be better prepared for those real-world emergencies.

## **New Business**

### **Agency Reports:**

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

Davidsaver talked about the Incident Management Team concept that has been around since the development of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and Incident Command Structure (ICS). Davidsaver explained that this process does not give you new duties and responsibilities but gives you the opportunity to give yourself credit for what you already do. This was made evident during the National High School Rodeo Finals After-Action Review. The Lancaster Event Center staff know how to run a large-scale event as this is something they do regularly. They already implement the components and requirements of the Incident Command structure, they just needed to formalize their processes to establish the Incident Action Plan (IAP) and to be compliant with the Incident Command Structure (ICS). Overall, the event was a huge success.

We are working on creating an Incident Management Team in our Southeast Region. We also have full buy-in from the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency. It is a formalized process to be credentialed through completing task books. Anyone can complete the task book. If interested, please contact Jim Davidsaver.

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

- a. COVID-19 Update**

Egenberger discussed the current COVID-19 pandemic and said it is still taking a toll on the community. There were 986 cases last week and the cases continue to increase. One of the main areas of concern is the number of hospitalizations. There are currently one hundred and twenty-five

(125) individuals hospitalized. Eighty-four (84) of those hospitalized are Lancaster County residents. There will be a mayor's press conference today at 3:30pm for more updated information.

The PPE distribution is winding down. This will coincide with the state's end of distribution to the local health departments. Health care and City/County agencies have been notified. For the most part, supply chains have been reestablished for agencies to order from. There are 2500 Tyvek gowns (non-medical) and cloth face covers that they would like to get out into the community for use. Contact Gina Egenberger if you have questions.

**b. Lincoln-Lancaster County Healthcare Partners Meeting**

The Southeast Nebraska Healthcare Coalition (SENHCC) is working to formalize reactivation with the state. This will allow the Lancaster County Healthcare Partners to officially reorganize. They are looking to set up a meeting after the first of the year to discuss training needs.

**c. Adoption and Implementation of Standard Response Protocols (SRP)**

Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department started the process over 2 years ago to implement a standard response protocol in the building to respond to emergencies. The purpose was to generalize policies to try and better prepare for any type of emergency situation. Kyle Poore with Lincoln Public Schools helped to implement these processes and create the same language throughout the community. He has also assisted with the training for the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. A poster had been created and was shown during the meeting.

Kyle Poore said these standard response protocols are based on best practices. It focuses on common language and stays away from code languages. If your agency is wanting to follow this route, Poore recommended to reach out to Gina Egenberger.

LLCHD is using the On Solve Code Red program to push out the notifications to their employees.

## **Training Opportunities for 2021**

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

Davidsaver discussed the following training opportunities:

**TEEX Pediatric Disaster Response Course (MGT 439) December 15-16, 2021**

This 16-hour course addresses pediatric emergency planning and medical response considerations through lectures, small group exercises and a tabletop exercise. The location changed recently to the address listed below.

Location: Nebraska State Patrol Headquarters (Old Verizon Headquarters)  
4600 Innovation Dr, Lincoln, NE 68521

Registration information will be sent out when available or contact:  
Gina Egenberger at 402-441-8067 or [gegenberger@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:gegenberger@lincoln.ne.gov).

Davidsaver discussed the independent study (IS) online training opportunities of the IS-520: Intro to COOP for Pandemic Influenzas, ICS 100: Intro to the Incident Command System, ICS 200: Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response, ICS 700: National Incident Management System: An Introduction, and ICS 800: National Response Framework: An Introduction.

## **2021 LEPC Meeting Schedule**

Daidsaver discussed the proposed 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 (Proposed) Meetings at the LLCHD, Lower Level**
  - a. Tue, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 10am
  - b. Tue, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 10am
  - c. Tue, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 10am (***Annual Meeting***)
  - d. Tue, December 13<sup>th</sup> 10am

## **Open Floor Discussion and Announcements**

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

## **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 1:43pm. The next LEPC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00am. Submit agenda items to Jim Daidsaver at [jdaidsaver@lancaster.ne.gov](mailto:jdaidsaver@lancaster.ne.gov).

# ATTENDANCE

<b>NAME</b>	<b>ORGANIZATION</b>
Allison Dye	Bryan Health
Andie Trimble	Doctors Outpatient Surgery Center
Kevin Haberman	Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital
Bob Frank	Lincoln Airport Authority
Kellen Skarka	Lincoln Airport Authority
Shad Stutheit	Lincoln Electric System
Bev Thompson	Lincoln Electric System
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
Troy Griffin	Lincoln Transportation & Utilities
Jesse Keebler	Olsson
Lori Kreifels	Physician's Surgical Center
Cheryl Church	Physician's Surgical Center
Kellie Heiman	CHI Health at Home
Jenna Stratman	Urology Surgical Center
Ashley McGee	Lincoln Endoscopy Center
Carrie Budd	Kindred at Home
Tommy Trotter	Lancaster County Sheriff's Office
Jesse Lile	Olsson
Shawn Martin	Tabitha Health Care Services

Shelly Andre	St. Elizabeth Regional Medical Center
Chuck Circo	Madonna Rehabilitation Hospitals
Gina Troncone	American Red Cross
Crystal Livingston	Doctors Outpatient Surgery Center
J Petersen	Lincoln Orthopaedic Surgery Center
Mike St.Cin	Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services