



**PINAL COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

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**Minutes of Meeting
PINAL COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)
Thursday, May 7, 2015 at 3:00 PM
Pinal County Emergency Operations Center
31 N. Pinal St., Bldg F. Florence, AZ 85132**

I. Call to Order

Due to the nonattendance of the chairperson and the vacancy of chair-elect position, Art Carlton, LEPC Coordinator, called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Coordinator Carlton explained to committee the County Attorney representing the LEPC and the director of the Arizona State Emergency Response Commission agreed the coordinator could facilitate the meeting until the new chair-elect was elected by the committee members.

II. Roll Call

Chairperson:

Peter Zick – Not in attendance

Coordinators:

Art Carlton, PCOEM

Chair-elect

Vacant

Resource Member:

Vacant

Committee:

Mark Zeibak, Coolidge Generation Station

Kore Redden, CPHSD

Kelly Weddle, Eloy Fire

Scott Miller, Casa Grande FD

Glenn Boothe, Ak-Chin FD

Rick Haddow, Community

Richard Ochs, SFMD

Guests:

Charles Kmet, PCOEM

Cindy Perez, PCOEM

AZSERC:

Rob Jarvis, Coolidge FD
Ken Waters, NWS Phoenix
Ken Drozd, NWS Tucson
John Kemp, Florence FD
Dave Icenhower, ARC
Gale MacDougall, ARC
Eddie Rodriguez, Maricopa FD

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Glenn Boothe requested the November 6, 2014 minutes be corrected to reflect his proper job title as Division Chief of the Ak-Chin Fire Department. Rick Haddow made the motion to accept the minutes with the appropriate correction and Scott Miller second the motion. Motion was approved with unanimous vote.

IV. Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Membership: Discussion and possible action

There was no membership applications submitted during the second quarter.

V. Annual Election

The committee nominated and voted for a new chair-elect. Mark Zeibak nominated Rick Haddow as chair-elect. The motion was second by Glenn Boothe and approved by unanimous vote.

Coordinator Carlton stated the committee could not select a new chairperson until Chairperson Zick has missed two unexcused meetings. Coordinator Carlton stated the May 7, 2015, public notice and agenda was mailed to Chairperson Zick's home address. As of to date, Coordinator Carlton has not heard from Chairperson Zick.

VI. Grants: Discussion and possible action

FFY2015 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant:

Coordinator Carlton stated he is still working on a contractor to conduct the commodity flow study for \$10,000.00 dollars.

SFY2015 Emergency Response Fund (ERF) Grant:

Coordinator Carlton mentioned he still needs pictures of the equipment purchased with ERF Grant funds.

Coordinator Carlton stated there were some residual funds awarded to the LEPC from the ERF Grant. The residual funds were distributed among those jurisdictions that went over their individual award amount.

Coordinator Carlton informed the committee that starting July 1, 2015, AZERC will no longer be under DEMA. AZSERC will be moved to ADEQ at the Washington Street office.

VII. Tier II: Facilities Emergency Plans Update

Coordinator Carlton stated he received plans from Monsanto, Delta Pine, and AT&T Corporation.

VIII. Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Sub-Committee Reports

LEPC Committee:

Coordinator Carlton gave special thanks to Deputy Doug Stinson and Battalion Chief John Kemp for their assistance on the Hazardous Material Equipment Committee. Coordinator Carlton mentioned the LEPC committee requested over \$256k for equipment and was awarded \$37k from the ERF grant.

Exercise Committee:

Coordinator Carlton asked the committee for any suggestions for the next LEPC exercise scheduled for August. Hearing no suggestions, he advised the committee there may be a possibility of doing a joint exercise with Gila County LEPC. The exercise would be a hazardous materials transportation accident somewhere along U.S. 60. The exercise objective would be to assess joint responses from both counties. The exercise would be held at the Pinal County Emergency Operations Center.

IX. Review and Invite Public Comment on Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Hazardous Materials Plan

Coordinator Carlton mentioned Pinal County Office of Emergency Management had a meeting today on updating the County's Emergency Recovery and Response Plan (PCERRP). The LEPC Hazardous Materials Response Plan is required to be part of the PCERRP and will be updated through this process.

Coordinator Carlton invited the committee and the public to review the current plan.

X. Coordinator's (Chairman's) Open Forum

Coordinator Carlton stated the current LEPC by-laws do not provide provisions on who will facilitate the meetings in the absence of both the chairperson and chair-elect. He requested permission from the committee to allow him to draft the appropriate changes to the by-laws to resolve the issue that caused the cancellation to the February meeting. The draft by-laws will be emailed to the members prior to the August meeting for their review and comments. The changes to the by-laws will be agenda item for the August meeting.

Coordinator Carlton was contacted by Bill Jones, EPA Region 9. Mr. Jones stated Region 9 is planning on issuing a newsletter that would provide EPA updates on regulations. Mr. Jones wanted to know if the LEPC would like to receive the newsletter monthly, quarterly or twice a year. The Pinal County LEPC members agreed to receive the newsletters monthly.

Kore Redden, Pinal County Public Health Services District, reported the newly remodeled Eloy WIC clinic is tentatively scheduling a grand opening for June 9, 2015. Invitation for the grand opening will be sent out in the near future. The clinic will be open during the grand opening and then resume normal clinic hours on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Kore mentioned the PCPHSD received seven recognition awards from the Arizona Partnership for Immunization. These awards were presented to the district at the BOS meeting. Kore also stated the district received funding from the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Funding and Readiness Initiative Grant.

Scott Miller, Casa Grande FD, reported Casa Grande FD received grant money from Homeland Security to purchase decontamination containment equipment. He also stated the Eastern RAC met and awarded grant funds to purchase detection equipment, MCT and satellite phone for HazMat truck. The official award letters will be issued sometime in September 2015. He had no incidents to report at this time.

Chuck Kmet, EM Manager, reported the county was awarded a \$20k grant from the Department of Education to offer Pinal County school districts ICS training and multi-hazard planning classes. Emergency management will also encourage the school districts to be a partner on the new mutual aid compact.

Chuck also mentioned emergency management hosted two planning meetings; the first was for the five year renewal of the county's Multi Jurisdictional Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan; and the second was the kickoff meeting to update the county's Emergency Response and Recovery Plan.

Chuck stated he had submitted the application for FEMA's EMPG grant for \$300,000. Emergency management should receive the award letter by August of 2015. The county was also awarded \$150k by East RAC for a new mass notification system that will be used by all four counties, local jurisdictions and agencies within the Eastern RAC. The notification system will be similar to a reverse 911 system.

Glenn Boothe, Ak-Chin FD, reported the fire department, with coordination from Union Pacific Railroad and Region 9, is planning a training exercise for all emergency agencies that may respond to an AMTRAK incident. The exercise will take place in Maricopa sometime in February 2016. Eddie Rodriguez, Maricopa FD, stated MFD will be supporting Ak-Chin FD with training exercise.

Ken Drozd, NWS Tucson, reported his office is working on installing dust camera along the I-10 corridor. The Newman Peak camera is running continuously and they are looking for additional places to install sensors along the highway. He also stated they are involving Pima County on updating the county's operations plan. The new plan will be used during the Pima County LEPC/OEM table top exercise in June 2015.

Dave Icenhower, ARC, reported that emergency responders should contact the Red Cross' "Fire Line" at 800-842-7349 for any families needing Red Cross assistance after a fire disaster. He further stated the Red Cross will conduct disaster assessment and will coordinate with other agencies that can assist with the needs of the families.

XI. Chairman's Open Announcement

No announcements at this time.

XII. Call to the Public

There were no comments from the public.

XIII. Next Meeting Date/Location

*August 6, 2015
Time: 2:00 pm
Pinal County Emergency Operations Center
31 N. Pinal, Bldg F, Florence, AZ 85132*

XIV. Meeting Adjournment

Coordinator Carlton made motion to adjourn meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:09 p.m.