

LEPC
Meeting Minutes
05/19/2022

JD Mersman called the meeting to order at 10:03 at the Garnett Fire Station. There were 11 members present.

Introductions were made. JD Mersman gave a recap of what the Local Emergency Planning Committee is and why the partnerships are important to Anderson County.

The minutes from the previous meeting on July 1st, 2021 were not available and will be voted on at the next meeting.

Election of Officers:

First order of business was the election of officers for 2022. Current officers are:

President: JD Mersman

Vice President: Mick Brinkmeyer

Secretary: Julie Wettstein

Information Coordinator: JD Mersman

Eric Mills made a motion to retain the current officers for 2022, Todd Barnes seconded. All voted yes.

New Business:

Trainings/Exercises

JD inquired about any Trainings or Exercise Plans that organizations were needing where the LEPC could help out with, such as tabletops, run throughs, or full scale.

- EKAE
 - Would like to conduct a mock fire drill with the City of Garnett firefighters
 - Possibly late summer
- SCHOOL DISTRICT
 - Active shooter training
 - Involve more agencies – larger scale incident
- CITY OF GARNETT
 - Contaminated water supply (new water treatment plant soon)

Grant Received

JD received a grant to pay for a full-scale exercise that will be conducted by a firm. It would be a hazard materials exercise that would affect Hawkins. The tentative date for the exercise is Saturday, September 10th. A planning meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 3rd at 10:00am at the Law Enforcement Center.

Roundtable:

- KDOT – Roy Whitcomb talked about an expansion to the roundabout but will be a few years away.
- County – Julie Wettstein said the Community Building will be getting renovated over the summer and possibly into the fall
- Fire – Mick Brinkmeyer gave an update on the new fire station/training facility on Westgate; their fire season has been very busy with medical call on the rise
- Beachner – no business
- Coroner – Don Nungesser thanked the EMS & Fire for their assistance while he was recovering from his back surgery; gave some ideas on set up for training exercises
- EMS – Troy Armstrong also mentioned their calls being up which puts a strain and miles on their transfer truck so will need to be replaced sooner than expected; gave an update on the new equipment the department received from the ARPA monies; beginning to offer more classes for trainings within the county
- Health Department – Sam asked if anyone need hand sanitizer or sharps containers due to their overstock
- Hawkins – no business
- EKAE – Todd Barnes said they have no renewable diesel at this time due to corn prices are high; they purchased AED's for the facility and will be doing trainings on them during shutdown.
- City of Garnett – Eric Mills gave an update on projects coming up such as Park & Maple stores, storm water improvement on US-59, water treatment plant, and an addition to the vet clinic

The next meeting is scheduled for July 28th, 2022 at 10:00am at the Law Enforcement Center.

Mick Brinkmeyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:52, Don Nungesser seconded. All voted yes.