

  
**Lac qui Parle County**  
**Local Emergency Planning Committee**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Qtr. Meeting Minutes**

**1. Call to Order**

(10 Members Present, 0 Public)

*Blain Johnson (Emergency Management), Daryl Tobias (Emergency Management), Gloria Tobias, Libby Halvorson (Public Health), Don Tweet (Farm Services Agency), Scott Schake (Madison Ambulance), Allen Anderson (Sheriff's Office), Jill Wittnebel (MHS), Dave Craigmile (Environment/Soils/Public), John Maatz (LqP Board)*

**2. Introductions (name, title/agency)**

**3. Old Business**

**a. County Shelter List**

*Blain will be assessing each facility before finalizing the county shelter list. The Red Cross may be willing to come and help with that process. Also Blain wants to talk to each facility owner and ensure a shelter is an acceptable and viable option for each facility. Long project, but making headway.*

**b. NFPA 3000 Books**

*Blain ordered NFPA 3000: National Guidance on Active Shooter books from Amazon.com and will be keeping 1 copy, and giving another to the Sheriff's Office and Dawson Police Department. Just as an FYI and perusal for county departments to be aware of the new guidance.*

**c. ICS Trainings (ICS 100, IS 700)**

*Blain is pursuing getting ICS trainings to county staff. Think it would be a good idea as a refresher. In touch with Russ Olson from LqP Village about doing a training. Scott mentioned that it would be well received by the ambulance service and asked who keeps track of ICS material. Blain said EM's used to but are no longer required to. John M says back in 2008, the county was required to be NIMS compliant.*

**4. New Business**

**a. Law enforcement report (Sheriff Anderson, Chief Stock)**

*Chief Stock not present. Sheriff Anderson*

**b. Emergency manager report**

**i. Emergencies/Disasters**

*Nothing recent, closing out flooding disaster from flooding, nearing \$85,000 in reimbursement. Getting prepped for winter weather.*

**ii. Climate Update**

*"Cold and Wet". Blain did not get a chance to look into most recent climate data.*

iii. HazMat update

*No new updates or submissions. Blain had full list of Tier II facilities available to look at, sent to all first response agencies earlier in 2018.*

iv. Sandbags

*Blain ordered Dept of Defense surplus sandbags, free of charge, for the county, 500 to be stored in the City of Dawson, and 500 to be stored in the City of Madison in order to have a few on hand in case they are needed for flooding, stormwater/sewer backup, or simply sign weights. They will be delivered to the respective Fire Departments in 2 weeks.*

v. FEMA Released EOC Skillsets Documents

*Just an FYI for committee members, that FEMA released a new set of EOC Operations skillsets documents for emergency managers, helping address the needs of an EOC and what EOC personnel should be doing.*

c. School Safety Meeting

*Blain met with Dawson Superintendent Shane Tappe several weeks ago regarding a recent safety study done by the Dept of Public Safety. Dawson recently got a state grant for school safety improvements. Blain and Sheriff Anderson have planned a county-wide school safety meeting for later in the year to address local concerns regarding plans, trainings, and exercises needed to ensure safe schools and effective response should an incident occur. Contacts need to be made for several schools yet.*

5. Committee Member Updates

a. Agency Updates

*Soils/Public: Dave Craigmile brought Weather Almanac by Mark Seely and discussed weather history. In 1880, on Oct 15<sup>th</sup> a tremendous Blizzard formed 20' drifts across the area.*

*Public Health: Gloria Tobias Attended climate change webinar from MDH. MDH received grant to study health impacts from climate change; using more regional and local data to inform local preparedness. Focusing on Mass Dispensing/Medical Countermeasures and is working with the Emergency Managers on closed POD facilities and plans.*

*Ambulance: Scott Schake says call volume is up, 230 calls to date. Starting yearly training to meet the required amount of hours in. Has been writing a firehouse grant for a Defib machine. (Est. Cost of \$32,000). Waiting on Appleton Amb to time response to Agassiz Twp area for new specific ambulance boundaries before finalizing new map with EMSRB.*

*Ag: Don Tweet: New fiscal year in Oct, issuing new program payments out. Overall crops wise and weather wise has been decent, just a matter of getting it out of the field now. Working with new program to combat tariff retaliation, as it has affected prices. Hogs, Dairy, Wheat, Soybeans, and Corn will be primary crops. Estimated 10-20% of all crops out of the field only.*

*Madison Hospital: Jill Wittnebel, Held ALICE training from the Sheriff's Dept. Has interest in psychological first aid and wants a training on that. Gloria mentioned there is a regional need for a class on mental health/first aid for all community members. Some resources available through SWEMS. (longer discussion on mental health issues here).*

*Public Official/Healthcare Coalition: Just held exercise design training, and is hosting a De-Con training and EOP training. Next Coalition meeting is on Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>.*

6. LEPC Exercise

*'A Tornado Strikes'. Members participated in a mock Tornado Incident exercise and discussed what each agency would be doing in the aftermath of a large tornado. The exercise was a good start in thinking about what critical tasks would need to be done in this event and what agencies would be responsible for what. The exercise lasted for approximately 30 minutes. **Attachment 1** to this packet is the handout given to participants.*

7. Public Comments

*No Public Present*

8. Next meeting

- a. Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 @ 1pm - EOC

9. Adjournment

## Attachment 1: 'A Tornado Strikes' Exercise Handout



### LEPC EXERCISE



### 'A TORNADO STRIKES'

On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019, at 9am, the National Weather Service releases a 'Tornado Watch' for the entire Lac qui Parle County area for severe weather, capable of producing a tornado, from 3pm to 10pm in the evening. At 7:45pm, a large EF4 tornado is reported 1 mile SW of Madison, MN sheriff's deputy crossing several soybean and corn fields. Local sirens are sounded, and an alert is released on the local County Emergency Notification System (LENS). The tornado moves across the southern half of Madison, leaving nearly total destruction in its wake.

Power has shut off to the entire city and surrounding farmhouses. Watermain breaks have occurred across the city and water pressure is poor. Debris is strewn across town, making travel nearly impossible. Two Prairie Five busses from Montevideo parked at the VFW for Senior Bingo night are missing. Residents begin calling in asking for shelter and food along with spontaneous volunteers wanting to assist in the cleanup effort. Media is descending on the scene and beginning to ask for information and interviews with victims.

It is unknown how many are missing or possibly dead. It is beginning to get dark.

#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. With the information that you have now, and with the current job duties, plans, and procedures that you have, what actions will you (or your agency) be taking? What are your duties in this situation?
2. What resources does your agency have to assist in your above actions? Will you need additional staff/equipment? Where will you obtain that from?
3. Who will you be communicating with, and how? How will rumors be controlled?
4. How will debris removal be managed? Where will it be brought?
5. How will you track/find the missing Prairie Five passengers? Where will the families go to find out more information?
6. Assuming 6 fatalities and 60 injuries, will this incident be beyond local hospital capabilities? Where will they pull resources from? What do they have? Where will patients go?
7. Where will volunteers go? What shelter capacity exists in the city for housing families?

Meeting #: 3