


 Lac qui Parle County
Local Emergency Planning Committee

1st Qtr. Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order – 1:08pm

(11 Members Present, 0 Public)

Blain Johnson (Emergency Management), Daryl Tobias (Emergency Management), Gloria Tobias (Public Health), Scott Schake (Madison Ambulance), Allen Anderson (Sheriff's Office), Jill Wittnebel (MHS), Dave Craigmile (Environment/Soils/Public), Ann Jensen (Dawson Ambulance), Josh Beniga (LqP VS/Safety), John Maatz (LqP Board), Jerry Berge (Highway)

2. Approval of 4th Q Minutes / Agenda

Motion made by committee, seconded to Daryl Tobias, motion passes.

3. Introductions (name, title/agency)

Josh Beniga of the Lac qui Parle County Veterans Service office, who also serves as the Safety Officer for the courthouse buildings and staff has joined the permanent committee. Welcome Josh! Also joining the committee on a permanent basis will be a member of the County Highway Department, today Jerry Berge joined us. Welcome Jerry/Sam!

4. Old Business

a. County Shelter List

Blain has shelter list completed but would like to notify each facility and discuss tour options before finalizing.

b. School Safety Meeting

Blain discussed the School Safety Meeting that was held on Wed Jan 9th. Schools were present as well as Public Health and local/county law enforcement. The meeting went very well and additional meetings are planned for the future. Blain mentioned the schools both are eager to enhance their plans, trainings, and exercises.

c. ICS Trainings (ICS 100, IS 700)

John got Blain trainer name and contact information of hospital ICS course to be put on this spring through the healthcare coalition. Blain made contact with Dan, waiting on a reply, and will look to host an ICS 100 / 700 a couple times this spring for first responders.

5. New Business

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

Al says nothing new to report. He is up to full time staff and call volume is normal. Al mentioned that there was a house fire in Bellingham that displaced

one family. Done a lot of ALICE trainings the past several months with schools and businesses. Andy Stock was not in attendance.

b. Emergency manager report

i. Emergencies/Disasters

No major incidents besides normal winter storms. Blain mentioned last disaster from April flooding was closed with a total reimbursement of \$87,400. Props given to Daryl Tobias and Jerry Berge for a job well done in estimating damages, which came in very close to final totals.

ii. Climate Update

Blain gave quick update on snowfall totals, precipitation and temperatures. Current outlook is well above normal for temperatures in the 1 month outlook, and above normal for the 3 month outlook. Precipitation is right on average. Some group discussion as to the method for measuring snow at the Madison airport, whether it was an automated system or not. NWS missed 5" or so from last storm that is not reflected in the record yet. Normal precipitation is expected in the next 3 months.

iii. HazMat update

Nothing new to report. New E-Plan Tier II material is due in Mar/Apr timeframe so will update committee with new information at next meeting. Blain said the Dawson Co-op safety manager was interested in coming to this meeting, but may be attending future meeting with questions for the group.

iv. County COOP Plan

Blain continuing work on the county Continuity of Operations Plan which highlights key personnel, priority tasks and services for each county department and how business would be handled in the event of a major disruption to keep county services going.

v. County SAR Annex

Blain continuing to work on new Search and Rescue Annex to Emergency Operations Plan. Will including information and best-practices from October Weber SAR incident.

vi. Hazard Mitigation Plan

County Hazard Mitigation Plan review is almost completed with new plan coming out sometime this spring. Not much new information here.

c. No Travel Advisory Policy

Blain, Al, Jerry, and Sam recently signed a new 'No Travel Advisory' Policy for the county detailing when, how, why, and who to contact when a NTA is issued. Last storm worked well and group has a good system down now on who can and when to issue an advisory. We are one of the only counties in the area with an official NTA policy, so Blain highlighted the progress we have made as a

county. Daryl brought up the question as to why the road signs are not lit up when a NTA is issued or MNDOT plows are taken off. Blain said if the county issues a NTA, it will not be reflected on the MNDOT 511 App, although the local authority should be respected and does cover all roads/highways within county.

i. **Snowplow Decisions**

Jerry Berge gave quick update on why and when the decision is made to pull snowplows off the road, key indicator is visibility.

d. **SAR Training / 3-ECHO Training**

Blain is looking to bring up both a Search and Rescue Training and 3-ECHO (first responders response to shooting incidents).

e. **County/City Emergency Exercise**

Blain said there is some interest by some in doing a county or city wide exercise, possibly both in Dawson and Madison / alternating each year. Committee members were in favor of this, focused around a pre-determined scenario and discussing response actions.

6. Committee Member Updates

a. **Agency Updates**

Dave (Public/Soil) – As a citizen, Dave thought the good NTA communication was helpful. Historical Society has new climatology book/history book about LqP. Some odds and ends included in that.

Jerry (Highway) – County Highway is back to full capacity after being down a couple guys in December. Cutting back snowbanks now to allow for more snow. Mentioned interested parties listening to county plow radio to go to www.broadcastify.com.

Josh (VSO/Safety) – VSO now providing teleconferencing services; can meeting with their provider over the online system if travel is a concern. No accident reports for county employees in last 3 quarters. Personal Safety/Threat Awareness training coming up Feb. 7th at City Hall in Madison, put on by Sheriff's Association; morning and afternoon session.

Scott (Madison Amb) – Call volume for 2018 was up 16 calls from 2017. Nov and Dec was very busy. Jan has only featured a transport, standby, and helicopter call. 19 Mental Health calls. LENS notification system works alright for calling out the mental health transport vehicle.

Ann (Dawson Amb) – Call volume for 2018 was down about 20 from 2017. Nothing much new to report, some new volunteers filtering in, and some looking to get out so some changes in personnel may be coming up.

John (Lqp Board/Healthcare Coalition) – County Board finished up first meeting of the year and settled on committee appointments. Coalition has sent out some training invites.

Jill (Madison Healthcare) – Nothing new to report.

Gloria (Public Health) – Working on Mass Dispensing (Medical Countermeasure) training and exercises; working with both medical communities to be closed POD (Point of Distributing). Coalition sponsored Family Assistance Center (FAC) which focused on caring for families when a big emergency happens. Would like to see FAC stuff worked

7. LEPC Exercise

8. Public Comments

None

9. Next meeting

- a. Thursday, April 11th, 2019 @ 1-2:30 – EOC
- b. Thursday, July 11th, 2019 @ 1-2:30 – EOC
- c. Thursday, Oct 17th, 2019 @ 1-2:30 – EOC

Quick discussion on how well the 1pm time worked. No discussion. Will leave as is for now. John mentioned 4th Q meeting was on the 3rd Thursday instead of the second, Blain said he had a conflict on Oct 10th.

10. Adjournment : 2:08pm

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