

## **LEPC Meeting Minutes**

November 3, 2021

Zoom Meeting

### **Present:**

Keith Humphres, Joseph Wieser, Michael Jackson, Mark Jenkins, Domingo Kaller, Joe Prangl, Rebecca Kumar, LaMonte' May, Lauren Luebker, Don Jensen, Christopher McBrady, Chris Franz, Kamaria Brown.

Meeting called to order by Vice Chairperson Humphres at 9:02am

Introductions: None

Review of meeting minutes from October 6, 2021. Motion by Treasurer Joe Wieser, seconded by Domingo Kaller. Motion carried.

**Chairperson Report:** Report given by EM Specialist Kumar.

CDC approval of the Vaccination of ages 5-11 with the listed locations CVS, Walgreens.

Booster Dose are available

Mobile Clinics available Countywide

Check with CDC website for additional information.

Free COVID Testing is still available at 102 W. Water St, Waukegan

Drive up location

M, W, F & Sat 8 a- 4 pm

NO covid vaccines are offered at that site.

There was a question about the State and Open Meetings, currently there hasn't been a change from the Executive Order. We will still be meeting via Zoom until further notice.

**Vice Chairperson Report:** Vice Chair has nothing to report.

**EM Manager Report-**EMS Kumar mentioned that LCEMA was working in the following areas:

### **COVID-19 Response**

- LCEMA and the LCEOC continues to provide direct support in the COVID-19 Response. The LCEOC has been active for almost 600 days.
- LCEMA continues to maintain a stockpile of Personal Protective Equipment and supplies, and as of Oct 26<sup>th</sup> has distributed over 4.3M items.

## **Training and Exercising**

- LCEMA is working with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency in scheduling planning, communications, and emergency operations trainings in early 2022. A total of five trainings have been scheduled so far and will be hosted at the Central Permit Facility.
- LCEMA participated in a Joint Operation Center (JOC) exercise with ComEd and municipal partners in which they prioritized critical infrastructure in the event of a widespread power outage.
- EOP Development Class Jan 26 - 27<sup>th</sup> 2022, G290 Feb 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, G291 Feb 17<sup>th</sup>, G191 March 16<sup>th</sup>, G2300 April 18<sup>th</sup>.

Prairie State Virtual CERT Challenge for this Saturday.  
<https://checkin.merits.com/web-checkin/checkInWith>

## **Planning**

- LCEMA has been working extensively to assist in reviewing and improving municipal Emergency Operations Plans (EOPs). In September, LCEMA reviewed close to 20 EOPs and approved 10 plans (Bannockburn, Beach Park, Buffalo Grove, Deerfield, Deer Park, Gurnee, Mundelein, Lake Bluff, Lake Forest, and Third Lake).
- LCEMA continues to participate in planning efforts around a new EOC/911/ETSB building.

**Treasurer's Verbal Report**-Treasurer Wieser stated that our current account balance is \$6,308.31 with a written report submitted. Motion by Secretary Jackson seconded by EMS Kumar to accept the report. Motion carried.

## **Committee Reports:**

### **Public Relations/Education Committee**

Holding 2022 Summit TBD based on the current COVID Status.

Rick Emery will be hosting the 2022 Midwest Hazardous Materials Conference May 5-7, 2022.

### **Grant HMEP**

Secretary Jackson stated that all reports have been submitted.

## **Website**

This matter is still hold.

## **Business Partners Updates**

### **American Red Cross**

Joe Prangl-

**Red Cross will implement a vaccine requirement for all employees, effective January 1, 2022. Additionally, this requirement applies to all volunteers who work in-person in Red Cross facilities and operations.** That means these employees and volunteers will need to be fully vaccinated or have received a first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine by December 31 to continue working in 2022. While we will continue to have a medical and religious accommodation process for employees, we will not offer testing as an alternative to vaccination, as this option would make us non-compliant with known federal, state and local regulations.

My colleague Charlotte Hazel will be doing a MARC overview presentation with emphasis on the Naperville/Woodridge tornado as the role of donations and volunteer management as well as CERT as MARC ambassadors at Prairie State CERT Cyber Challenge 2021 on Saturday 11/6.

### **Department of Homeland Security-CFATS**

Inspector Jenkins informed us that they are at normal status and will be continuing Outreach activities for the remainder of 2021 & 2022, and there will be some new outreach goals forthcoming. The Agency is still trying to visit facilities and industries to educate them about CFATS.

### **By-Laws Committee**

Secretary Jackson stated that he hasn't received any other responses and requested that it be tabled to the December Meeting.

### **Unfinished Business**

Haz-Mat Annex was tabled to the December Meeting.

### **Nominations**

At the request of Vice Chairperson Humphres Secretary Jackson conduct the nominations process. Nominations for the LEPC position of Vice Chairperson & Treasurer. Nominees for Vice Chairperson Keith Humphres Motioned by Jackson seconded by Wieser, and for Treasurer Joseph Wieser Jr. Motioned by Jackson seconded by Humphres. Motions carried. Each position was announced three times for any other nominations for the floor. Having no other nominations, the nominations were closed Motioned by Humphres seconded Wieser, and a final vote will be held at the December Meeting.

Treasurer Wieser mentioned that our Business Partners are eligible to hold the Offices, and that our current Chairperson will not be running for office in 2022.

**New Business-**

None currently.

**Good of the Order-** It was mentioned that we need to change the December meeting from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup>, as most of our membership will be in training or not available. Motion by Humphres seconded by Jackson. Motion carried.

No other business at this time, it was motioned by Joe Wieser seconded by Domingo Kaller to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:36am.

Next meeting December 8, 2021 at 9:00am.

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Michael Jackson Sr., CEM®  
LEPC Secretary