

**PRATT COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
May 27, 2021 Minutes**

Name and Agency Present:

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Attendees: 21

Location: Pratt Community Center

Handouts:

- Kansas Residential Safe Room FAQs
- Today's Agenda

1. Roll Call:

Sherry Besser called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.

Welcomed attendees and explained the purpose of the LEPC to new attendees.

Attendees went around the room and introduced themselves.

2. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the Aug. 20, 2020 meeting were sent out via email prior to meeting and presented for approval. Rick Shriver made a motion to approve the minutes without changes. Charles Collins, 2nd the motion, motion approved.

3. Old Business:

A. **THIRA Update** – Tim Branscom

- Group hasn't met in person in a while. THIRA will not meet again until the EOP is complete and submitted.

B. EOP Update – Tim Branscom

- Emergency Operations Plan - now released by State
- EOP originally was supposed to be completed by August 2020, Due to COVID and the state changing the format and standards, the state has allowed an extension.
- The EOP is now due back to the state by Dec. 31st 2021.
- Tim would like to have it done by June 30th 2021.
- 32 pages, 485 items to address
- Tim will get with people for EOP updates as he needs them.
- Tim will reach out to the surrounding counties to inquire about a joint meeting to address the items as regional partners.
- Tim will need some signatures prior to submitting it to the state.

EOP Mapper – Tim Branscom

- Is part of the EOP update
- We will need to go in and identify sites of all Tier 2 facilities
- Pull sites for Helicopters
- If we can't meet some requirements, then we would need to fill out an attestation form.

C. Other Old Business – Mike Tibbetts is creating an inventory of all the radios in Pratt County.

4. New Business:

A. Public Safety Fair 2022 or 2023 – Last one was held in April of 2019. It's too late to have one in 2021. Sherry asked if anyone was interested in being on the committee to plan the next one. Andie Dean was mentioned since the last one tied together with the PRMC health fair. Need to decide what month to start planning for, keeping in mind that there are a lot of community events coming up. (Octoberfest, Jamboree, Health Fair)

B. Upcoming Training Opportunities

- Darcie sent out the KDHE training calendar for anyone who may have new employees looking for some upcoming trainings.
- Continue sending any trainings (in-person or virtual) to Tim so he can add them to the calendar.
- Tim discussed the FEMA Regional II Preparedness and Resilience Webinars.
- Charles Collins informed every one of a Grain Extraction Training coming up on June 5th from 8am to 4pm at Cunningham. You must go the KU Fire School website to register, or call him with questions.

C. County Partners COVID Roundtable Discussion

- **Hospital** – Sherry Besser, RN/Safety Officer
 - Commends PCHD and community partners on their COVID vaccine response efforts.
- **Emergency Manager** – Tim Branscom
 - EOC activated in March 2020
 - March 13, 2020, Pratt County Declared a Disaster – allows us to request assistance through the state.
 - State Disaster Declaration is set to expire at the end of this month. Will more than likely extend it.
 - County is in an open-ended declaration, will more than likely remain active until the State decides to end theirs.
 - Tim will reach out to community partners to see if there is a PPE need.
- **Health Department** – Darcie Van Der Vyver, RN
 - Commended all community partners for their assistance with the Vaccine PODs and the open communication.
 - Discussed COVID numbers, PCHD continues to test and provide COVID vaccines at the HD on a daily basis.
- **Hope Center – Scott Powell**
 - Discussed the increase in Mental Health situations they have seen in patients at the Hope Center and the fall out post COVID regarding Housing and Unemployment. Multiple agencies are talking about it, perhaps there needs to be one main agency that takes the lead.

D. SPARK/EOC Grant

- Tim gave an update on PPE and EOC update items purchased with SPARK funding. Has PPE in stock in case of a second wave. Most items have a 5 year shelf life.

E. Kansas Sunflower Residential Safe Room Program – Tim Branscom

- Tim handed out FAQs regarding the Safe Room Program
- Lottery system, can register for a FEMA approved Safe Room at a residence, FEMA will cover a portion of the cost.
- Must go online to register between 5/20 – 6/20.

F. Smoke Detector Installation Program – David Kramer reminded everyone that Pratt City Fire still has smoke detectors available for installation. They have installed over 400 detectors in the last 2 years.

Next Meeting Aug. 19th, 2021 at 11:00am, Location TBD.

Adjournment: Sherry Besser made a motion to adjourn, Darcie Van Der Vyver 2nd the motion. Meeting adjourned at 12:22 pm.