

February 22, 2018 – Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Paul Sandoval- Ames Fire	Rawlin Kinney-Syngenta
Gary Backous- SCSO	Matthew Conley-3M
Mason Adams- Alliant Energy	Tom Sailer- Alliant Energy
Lacey Hogan-Alliant Energy	James Stevens-Burke Corp
Margaret Jaynes- Story Co. EH	Phil Zeller-DuPont
Keith Morgan- SCEMA	Melissa Spencer-SCEMA

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 1:30PM. Welcome and Introductions.

Approval of Agenda & Minutes

Motion by Sandoval, 2nd by Backous to approve the November minutes and February agenda.
MCU

Guest Speaker: Mason Adams, Alliant Energy- Discussions on Repose to Disasters in the Energy Sector

After the hurricane struck Puerto Rico the LEPC Chair felt it was important for LEPC members to have an understanding of the electrical restoration processes. Mason Adams, Tom Sailer and Lacey Hogan from Alliant Energy provided information on how their company responds to energy emergencies and their processes to restore electricity. Highlights of the presentation are as follows.

- Alliant Energy provides gas and electric services to a combined 42,000 people in Story County.
- Alliant Energy conducts internal Continuity Of Operations Planning (COOP) to look at the impact of the reduced employee availability and/or loss of equipment and facilities. They use a worst-case scenario of an incident occurring on Thanksgiving Day to identify processes their business would use to restore internal and external services.
- Alliant Energy trains personnel on the Incident Command process so they have understanding of local response and recovery processes to allow them to rapidly integrate into these processes.
- Alliant monitors National Weather Service information to identify potential future incidents, which allows them to pre-stage equipment and personnel for likely large-scale events.
- If an event occurs, Alliant relies on outage information from the public and reports from boots on the ground to prioritize response efforts in the affected areas. They are moving towards an automated system to rapidly provide outage information.
- 75% of the time electrical systems can be restored in less than two hours. If the outage is wide spread, it will be longer. For community wide or prolonged outages, Alliant communicates with local officials to improve their situational awareness and coordinate the response.

- They will rely on information from the local jurisdiction or emergency management to prioritize restoration of power to critical facilities.

Old Business

Story Co Emergency Management is conducting a Training, Exercise, and Planning Workshop (TEPW). The workshop's focus is to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of these activities in Story County through enhanced collaboration between business, first responders, schools and communities. The first step in the process is to identify TEP priorities and capability gaps. To facilitate this process, all LEPC members were sent a threat assessment spreadsheet to capture data on these issues and the surveys should be returned to Emergency Management by February 23rd. We encourage all agencies to participate to help build a better emergency preparedness and response network in Story County.

New Business

Story County has started revision of the May 2015 Story County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Having a FEMA approved Hazard Mitigation Plan allowed Story County to received \$4 million of mitigation funds for local projects between 2005-2015. LEPC members were encouraged to actively participate in the revision of the plan to ensure their communities adopt and implement the best hazard mitigation strategies to reduce the impact of future disasters.

Training

None

Exercises

None

HMEP Grants

2017/2018 HMEP Planning Grants Update

Commodity Flow Study Update

The LEPC has a contractor conducting a Hazardous Commodity Flow study. The contractor sent Tier II facilities a survey to gather data on what chemicals travels in and out of their facility. LEPC members were requested to ensure they respond to the survey if they received one to provide the contractor a complete picture of what is moving across Story County. The final report should help first responder agencies identifying training and exercise activities that will improve their hazmat response capabilities.

Other

Phil Zeller from DuPont updated the group on their plant closure. The plant has shut down and is at a minimal energy state. They have moved all chemicals off site. They will have 24/7 security at the plant until it is sold. The current plan is to retain the stover in the hope that a buyer will want it when the plant is restarted. They hope to clear eight stover storage sites and reduce the total number of sites to ten in Story County.

The Sheriff's Office hopes to have the Crisis Event & Recovery Access initiative (CERRA) program launched by the end of the year.

Motion to adjourn by Sandoval, 2nd by Jaynes, MCU at 2:45 pm.