

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**COCHISE COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)**

**Thursday, September 15, 2022, at 1:30 pm**

Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Cochise County Local Emergency Planning Committee and to the general public that the Cochise County Local Emergency Planning Committee will hold a meeting open to the public on September 15, 2022 at 1:30 pm in the Board of Supervisors Executive Conference Room, at 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona 85603.

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**AGENDA**

**1. Call to Order**

Mr. Steinberg called the meeting to order at 1:31pm.

**2. Roll Call**

Present: Kevin Venos (2:02pm arrival), Chris Higgins, Lt. Rose (proxy for Kraig Fullen), Josh Steinberg, Bob Hollister (proxy for David Noland), Brain Ford (proxy for Nick Norton).

Absent: Tom Crosby, Larry Scott, Michael Allen.

**3. Approval of meeting minutes: June 16, 2022**

Meeting minutes from June 16, 2022 were discussed.

Motion: Mr. Higgins

Second: Mr. Hollister

Vote: 5 ayes

**4. Call to the Public**

Chris Higgins introduced Holly Ballotine, a future proxy for him. William Owens, Fort Huachuca EM, introduced himself. Nick Spino, First Net, introduced himself. Michel Martinez, ADEQ, updated the group on Arizona State Emergency Response Commission (AZSERC) upcoming meetings.

**5. Presentation, discussion, and vote on changes to the Local Emergency Planning Committee By-Laws**

Mr. Duchon presented updated bylaws to the committee. Mr. Hollister asked if the Tactical Interoperability Communications Plan (TICP) fell under the LEPC's responsibilities and asked that this item be placed on a future agenda.

Motion: Mr. Rose moved to adopt the bylaws as presented

Second: Mr. Higgins

Vote: 5 ayes

**6. Update on statutory requirement (ARS 42-125) of LEPC to exercise emergency plan biennially**

Mr. Duchon presented on the LEPC's statutory responsibility to exercise the emergency response plan biennially, specially how ADEQ has granted an extension for this until June 30, 2022.

**7. Discussion regarding HAZMAT release on I-10 near Bowie, Arizona on September 9, 2022**

Mr. Steinberg briefed the committee and attendees on the HAZMAT situation which occurred on September 9, 2022, on I-10 near Bowie. A tanker truck carrying anhydrous ammonia crashed on I-10 and the following agencies responded: DPS, Bowie Fire, HCI. The interstate was shut down most of the day and a specialty team responded to move the trailer and download the contents. The

discussion included Mr. Henson, DPS, Mr. Conway, Cochise Risk Management, MR. Varela, ADEQ, and members of the LEPC.

**8. Discussion and possible vote on recommendations for Special Event Permit for an October 2022 Arizona Burners, AKA Saguaro Man, event in Cochise County.**

Mr. Duchon, County Emergency Management, Mr. Coxworth, and Mr. Esparza, the latter two from Cochise County Development Services Department, presented on the special event permit for the October 2022 Arizona Burners, AKA Saguaro Man, event in Cochise County. The permit application, map, and evacuation route were evaluated.

Motion: Mr. Venos moved to make no recommendation on restrictions to the special event permit.

Second: Mr. Hollister

Vote: 5 ayes

**9. Updates and Reports:**

- a. Chairman's report – Mr. Steinberg presented
- b. HAZMAT training and activity – Mr. Steinberg presented on meeting of HAZMAT working group and upcoming training in Yuma
- c. Technical Rescue Team (TRT) training activity - Mr. Duchon provided update on State Homeland Security Grant Program equipment awards
- d. All Hazard Incident Support Team (AHIST) training and activity – Ms. Wilkins provided update on upcoming Incident Support Team training
- e. Membership – Mr. Duchon presented on new vacancy from Mr. Norton, and relayed how Mr. Ford, Apache Nitrogen, and Mr. Davila, SVFMS, had expressed interest.
- f. Exercise Planning training and activity – Ms. Wilkins provided update on Boeing landing
- g. Permit Review – nothing further reported
- h. Emergency Plan Review training and activity – Mr. Duchon mentioned the HAZMAT plan
- i. Tier II Facility Survey Committee training and activity – no activity
- j. Health Department training and activity – Ms. Wilkins provided update

- k. Search and Rescue (SAR) training and activity – Mr. Hollister provided update; new SAR Coordinator hired.
- l. Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) training and activity – Mr. Hollister presented, recommended COML training
- m. Emergency Management training and activity – Ms. Wilkins provided update, including recent flooding events in St. David and Elfrida
- n. Community Organizations Active in Disasters training and activity – Ms. Wilkins provided update
- o. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Weather Service (NWS) weather update, training and activity – no report

**10. Next Meeting Date/Location: Thursday, December 15, 2022, at 1:30 pm. Cochise County Complex, 1415 Melody Lane, Bisbee, AZ.**

**11. Meeting Adjournment**

Motion: Mr. Hollister

Second: Mr. Venos

Vote: 5 ayes

Meeting adjourned at 3:01pm