

## MEETING MINUTES

### COCHISE COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)

Thursday, December 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 December 15, 2022 at 1:30 pm at the Board of Supervisors Executive Conference room at 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona 85603.

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#### AGENDA

1. Roll Call - Members of the Cochise County Local Emergency Planning Committee will attend either in person or by telephone, video or internet conferencing  
Tom Crosby – Present; Kevin Venos – Present; Chris Higgins – Present; Kraig Fullen – Present; Josh Steinberg – Present; David Noland – joined meeting at 2:20pm; Larry Scott – Present; Michael Allen – Present.
2. Call to Order  
Mr. Steinberg called the meeting to order at 1:32pm

3. Approval of meeting minutes: September 15, 2022

Mr. Higgins moved to approve the Minutes from the September 15, 2022 meeting.

Mr. Venos seconded.

Vote: Unanimous

4. Call to the Public – This is the time for the public to comment. Members of the Committee may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda

No one spoke during the call to the public.

5. Cochise County Emergency Management Training and Exercise plan review

Mr. Duchon presented on the Cochise County Emergency Management Training and Exercise plan with included the history of the Departments training and exercise from 2017 to present.

6. Presentation and discuss of the Cochise County Emergency Management FY23 Full Scale Exercise Program

M. Duchon presented on the proposed County Emergency Management FY23 proposed exercise plan. Ms. Wilkins presented on the training schedule. Mr. Hollister commend on the schedule.

7. Presentation and discussion of the All Hazard Incident Support Team (AHIST)

Mr. Duchon presented on the AHIST proposal. Mr. Venos commented and asked to be included.

8. Discussion regarding HAZMAT situation at 642 S. Highway 90, Benson, Arizona, on December 4, 2022.

Mr. Duchon provided an overview of the situation from Benson FD initial response to DPS turning over to commercial fuel response team. Mr. Steinberg presented on the response, and the AAR which was conducted with the HAZMAT working group.

9. Discussion and possible request for direction, regarding the Tactical Interoperability Communications Plan (TICP)

Mr. Duchon presented on the TICP, and how it was currently an Annex of the EOP. Mr. Hollister presented on the history of how it was previously maintained by RACES and the LEPC. There was no direction to move the plan back to the LEPC.

10. Accept the LEPC application of Brain Ford for Group 5 membership.

Mr. Ford introduced himself.

Mr. Venos moved to accept the application of Brian Ford.

Mr. Higgins seconded.

Vote: Unanimous

11. Updates and Reports:

a. Chairman's report

Mr. Steinberg provided a brief chairman's report.

b. HAZMAT training and activity

Mr. Duchon provided an update on the HAZMAT working group, training schedule and upcoming grants.

c. Technical Rescue Team (TRT) training activity

Mr. Duchon provided an update on the TRR working group and standardization of equipment.

d. All Hazard Incident Support Team (AHIST) training and activity

No further update.

e. Membership

Mr. Duchon state the LEPC now had all groups filled.

f. Exercise Planning training and activity

Mr. Duchon provided a brief update, and stated the schedule was mostly covered in previous items.

g. Permit Review

None

h. Emergency Plan Review training and activity

Mr. Duchon and Ms. Wilkins provided a brief update.

i. Tier II Facility Survey Committee training and activity

Mr. Steinberg stated he would like to continue the program and start site visits again.

- j. Health Department training and activity  
Ms. Mitchell provided an updated on Flu/RSV/Covid winter surge.
- k. Search and Rescue (SAR) training and activity  
Sgt. Noland provided an updated, busy November, slow December, working closely with DPS Air Rescue.
- l. Radio Amateur Civilian Emergency Service (RACES) training and activity  
Mr. Hollister provided update on public service events, and MCU radio upgrade.
- m. Emergency Management training and activity  
Mr. Duchon provided and update on Title 42 being rescinded. Mr. Hammarstrom from AZDEMA provided an update on State Emergency Management.
- n. Community Organizations Active in Disasters training and activity  
Ms. Wilkins provided an update on organizing NGOs for recovery.
- o. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Weather Service (NWS) weather update training and activity  
Mr. Drozd provided a weather update on monsoon wrap up and winter storm season.

12. Next Meeting Date/Location: Thursday, March 16, 2023, at 1:30 pm. Cochise County Complex, 1415 Melody Lane, Bisbee, AZ.

Mr. Duchon noted the meeting could be held in other location if the LEPC desired.

### 13. Meeting Adjournment

Mr. Venos moved to adjourn.

Mr. Higgins seconded.

Vote: Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 2:39 pm.