

**ST. JOSEPH COUNTY, INDIANA
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

March 13, 2019 MINUTES

-NO QUORUM, INFORMATIVE MEETING ONLY-

CALLED TO ORDER: 8:35 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kalee Foreman, Elaine Horvath, Greg Hunt, Phil Johnson, Beverly Kingston, Todd Roempagel, Justin Stopczynski, John Szucs

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Antonucci, Paul Burrows, John Carlson, Mike Damiano, Katrina Gilbank, Matthew Hartz, Chris Heck, Julie Kroger Tobey, James Lopez, Elizabeth McCue, Char Monges, Mark Rzepnicki, Jenn Tobey, Mark Walsh, Rob Yeary

GUESTS: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- Will do at next meeting since no quorum to vote.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- Kalee gave updated financial spreadsheet for the LEPC accounts. No new changes this month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Members discussed options to get more attendance at the meetings. Phil Johnson suggested speaking with elected officials about approving video or telephone conferencing for the meetings as an option. The IERC still does not approve of this method at this time. Elaine will start sending reminder emails a week before the meeting dates and again on the Monday before asking for a head count.
- Kalee informed members that EMA will be switching to First Net soon. Kalee submitted an SHSP grant requesting to purchase 4 Rapid Deployment Kits (RDKs) and 3 cradle points that are all powered by Sonim Technology, which is a "purpose-built device," specific for disaster. The RDKs provide First Responders and public safety agencies secure and reliable access and connectivity for use in mission critical deployments. Each RDK is rugged, portable and is equipped with four Sonim XP8 Smartphones, a cradle point modem and a Bluetooth enabled battery monitored system. Each unit operates on a reliable satellite network, allowing First Responders to communicate and coordinate efforts when no other coverage is available. Each cradle point, different from RDK kits, allows First Responders the opportunity to connect to a secure Wi-Fi unit with the ability for 60 devices to connect remotely. Justin Stopczynski said Clay Fire has already switched to First Net.

SPILL REPORTS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- No new updates on the IDHS Statewide exercise at this time. Another planning meeting is being held after LEPC. Updates will be given at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- EMA was awarded grant funds to purchase weather radios that we can distribute throughout the county to the most vulnerable places with large populations. Weather radios have been given to government offices and buildings, schools, nursing homes, mobile home parks, and large places of gathering like the Century Center. Members were told to contact Kalee or Elaine if they have an organization needing a

weather radio as there is a large amount still available for disbursement. Phil Johnson will be contacting EMA when he has an amount wanted for Notre Dame.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Dan Quick from Enbridge was the guest speaker for the meeting, but since there was such a large lack of attendance he has rescheduled for the July 10, 2019 meeting as the guest speaker.
- Justin Stopczynski said he is willing to be the guest speaker at one of our upcoming meetings, so we can learn about Clay Fires Phone Response Unit, fire response for flammable liquids. Justin suggested that our September meeting, if open on Clays schedule, he host that LEPC meeting at Clay Fire on Anderson and Bittersweet, so members can see learn more and see the response unit.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: July 10, 2019 @ 8:30am @ SB Central Fire Station

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn @ 9:00 am