

FAULKNER COUNTY LEPC 2023

Team:LEPC
Date:JULY 19, 2023
Time:12:05 PM TO 12:55 PM
Location:FAULKNER COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
Members Present:SHELIA MOIX, JIMMY WIEDOWER, NYCOLE BARR, SUSAN MOLSBEE, SCOTT KIRBY, DENNIS CAVENAUGH, ANDREA SELLERS, ZAKARIYA KING, DEREK COX

Agenda Item	Discussion	Responsible Party	Follow Up Required
I. CALL TO ORDER	Shelia called the meeting to order, welcomed the group and thanked Mike Gowen of Arkansas 811 for doing the presentation and providing today's meal.	Shelia Moix	
II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES	A motion and second was made to approve the last meeting's minutes. Minutes were approved.	Shelia Moix	
III. PROGRAM	<p>Mike Gowen with Arkansas 811 was the speaker. He stated that Arkansas 811 receives between 2200-2800 calls a day. Each call is dispatch to five utilities. They are strictly a dispatch center and leave the line scanning to providers that operate in the state. These providers are Go pro, Vanguard, and Ark Up. They scan the right of ways, nothing between the service meter and residence. Mike spoke about new legislation that was passed on May 18th of this year for Arkansas 811 that states when a call for service is placed by a company, Utility Companies have 48 hours from the next business day to complete the assignment. He stated that you can check your ticket and see if approval has been given the next day. If so, work can be completed safely. Another part of the legislation touches on an enforcement against a utility company. The enforcement is complaint driven. If a ticket is called in and the responsible utility company doesn't mark their line in a timely fashion, an enforcement penalty can be levied.</p> <p>The "extraordinary circumstances" declaration was briefly discussed. When a disaster strikes an area, the utility company can declare an extraordinary circumstance which allows the utility company to deal with the disaster area needs and put all other tickets on hold. This is helpful in the circumstance of a tornado in an area that has debris that needs to be dug up or spread out. The effected area will take precedence over all other work calls. Mike concluded his speaking and reminded everyone to "Call before you dig."</p>	Mike Gowen Arkansas 811	
IV. OLD BUSINESS	No old business.		
V. NEW BUSINESS	No new business.		
VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS	Dennis Cavanaugh with the NWS Little Rock spoke about the new Nws Chat program.		

<p>VII. ADJOURNMENT</p> <p>NEXT MEETING</p>	<p>Susan Molsbee noted that the by laws state there shall be 5 voting members present to hold an LEPC meeting.</p> <p>OEM informed the LEPC of the upcoming Solar Eclipse Table Top Exercise.</p> <p>Shelia asked those present today to invite others they think would benefit from the LEPC meetings.</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 pm.</p> <p>October 18, 2023</p>	<p>Shelia Moix</p>	
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