

Faulkner County LEPC 2018

Team: LEPC
Date: NOVEMBER 28, 2018
Time: 12:07 p.m. until 12:40 p.m.
Location: FAULKNER COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
Members Present: Shelia Bellott, Ashley Roberts, Jimmy Wiedower, Scott DeHart, Glenn King, Eric Kindsfater, Logan Pryor, Raul Iglesias, Cody Pledger, Derek Cox, Nathan Ragan, Dirk Sutterfield, Shane Fennell, Melanie Reynolds, K.C. Williams, Keith Hillman, Tyler Lachowsky
Guests: Tabitha Clarke, John Lewis, Jason Ameen, Andrew Hradesky

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I. CALL TO ORDER	Tyler welcomed the group and called the meeting to order. A quorum was declared. New attendees introduced themselves to the group.	Tyler Lachowsky	
II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES	A motion was made to approve the last meeting's minutes and seconded. The minutes were approved as written.	Tyler Lachowsky	
III. SPONSOR MESSAGE	Today's sponsor was Jason Ameen with E3. E3 has locations in Cabot and El Dorado. They have a 24-hour response for any emergency that may need environmental cleanup. A few services they offer include oil spill response, waste disposal and transportation and hazmat emergency response.	Jason Ameen	
IV. OEM UPDATE	OEM recently hosted the state exercise for central Arkansas. OEM has been visiting county schools, discussing tornado shelters and response plans for severe weather. With the holidays, OEM reminds everyone about the increase in home fires and being aware of these causes. Within the next few months, OEM will be having Stop The Bleed classes and Active Shooter classes. OEM is also working on the county's Emergency Management Plan and Hazard Mitigation Plan.	Jimmy Wiedower	
V. NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE PRESENTATION	A warm winter outlook does not mean no snow. The winter of 2012 had a warm outlook and parts of the state received significant snowfall. January 2016 was our last biggest snowfall. When the Pacific Ocean water temperatures are warm, we have El Nino. When Pacific Ocean water temperatures are cold, we have El Nina. Typically in an El Nino we have a dry winter but this winter is a weak or Modoki (similar but different) El Nino. In the past, weak El Nino's have colder than normal temperatures but drier precipitation. Also low sun spot activity contributes to our weather by blocking cold air. This causes the cold air to dive further south to our state. When the arctic oscillation is in the negative, it gets colder. The winter forecast from the weather prediction center is not confident of either way for this year's winter, either colder or warmer, wetter or drier. Mr. Lewis thinks we will probably have a colder than average winter this year. The NWS has valuable information on their website at weather.gov/lzk .	John Lewis	

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<p>VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS</p>	<p>Our state receives all precipitation types. Winter weather starts as ice aloft and as it drops thru our atmosphere can change to rain, sleet or snow, depending on temperatures. The NWS issues watches, warnings and advisories for winter weather. A watch can be issued 24 hours to 2 days in advance of a system. Warnings are what are occurring now. Advisories are similar to warnings but on a less serious scale. The NWS conducts briefings at ADEM's EOC when a winter weather event is imminent. They also send out emails when accumulations are expected to be 1-4" or more. For the public, the NWS is working on YouTube videos. It is important to have a supply kit that is winter weather ready. Ready.gov has great information for getting prepared. Winter driving tips include not driving if you do not have to, clean off your snow or ice covered vehicle prior to driving, use low gears, leave more stopping distance between you and the vehicle in front of you and watch for black ice. Dressing for winter weather is also important with more helpful information at ready.gov. The NWS has a self-briefing decision support page. INWS is an alert system similar to CodeRed. Other means of obtaining information from the NWS include AWIN/MAC Channels, conference calls, go-to-meetings, 24 hour phone line, NWS Chat and on-site support.</p>	<p>Tabitha Clarke</p>	
<p>VII. ADJOURNMENT</p>	<p>The 5th Greater Arkansas Integrated Warning Team Workshop will be held at UCA on January 15, 2019. This year's topics include fire weather and drought.</p>	<p>Tyler Lachowsky</p>	
<p>VIII. NEXT MEETING</p>	<p>If anyone is interested in holding a position for next year's LEPC, a willingness to serve form needs to be filled out and turned in to OEM by the next meeting. January's meeting is when the new officers will be elected.</p>		
<p>VII. ADJOURNMENT</p>	<p>12:40 pm, the meeting was adjourned.</p>	<p>Tyler Lachowsky</p>	
<p>VIII. NEXT MEETING</p>	<p>January 16, 2019</p>		

Respectfully Submitted: _____
 Tyler Lachowsky, FCLEPC Chairman