

FAULKNER COUNTY LEPC 2019

Team:LEPC

Date:NOVEMBER 20, 2019

Time:12:01PM TO 12:50PM

Location:FAULKNER COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Members Present: Ashley Roberts, Glenn King, Stan Knopp, Susan Molsbee, Scott DeHart, Logan Pryor, Andrew Hradesky, Amanda Martin, Daniel Bailey, April Lane, Shelia Bellott

Agenda Item	Discussion	Responsible Party	Follow Up Required
I. CALL TO ORDER	Scott welcomed the group and called the meeting to order..	Scott DeHart	
II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES	A quorum was not declared. A motion was made to approve the last meeting's minutes electronically via email.	Scott DeHart	
III. OEM UPDATE	Anyone wanting to serve as LEPC Chairperson, Vice Chairperson or Secretary next year will need to fill out a Willingness To Serve form.	Scott DeHart	
IV. PROGRAM	<p>Dennis Cavanaugh with the National Weather Service was today's presenter. Dennis has a degree in mathematics and a master's degree in meteorology. He began his career with the National Weather Service in Topeka, KS. Later he moved to the Dallas office and is now in the North Little Rock office. He enjoys doing community outreach, storm chasing and spending time with family.</p> <p>Dennis' presentation was about winter weather hazards in Arkansas, which consists of sleet, snow, ice and cold temperatures. Arkansas can even have severe weather such as wind, hail, tornados, and heaving rain and flooding.</p> <p>Snow occurs when levels of the atmosphere are below freezing. Sleet occurs when parts of the atmosphere are above freezing. Arkansas has a few winter weather events a year, while a major winter storms occurs about every 10 years.</p> <p>Common impacts of minor winter events include travel impacts. A great resource for winter weather road conditions is iDrive Arkansas.</p> <p>On average, Faulkner County received 4-6" of snow annually. January is when we receive the heaviest snow.</p> <p>Safety tips for travel during winter weather include having supplies in your vehicle. Those items include blanket, food, water, cat litter or sand, jumper cables, flashlight and batteries, ice scraper, cell phone charger, first aid kit and a full tank of gas.</p> <p>About every 10 years, Arkansas has a major ice storm and cold weather event. January 2009 was our last major ice storm. Our area of the country receives freezing rain and ice more than other</p>	Dennis Cavanaugh	

	<p>parts of the U.S. Impacts from a major ice storm event here include travel and power outages. Tree limbs from heaving ice break, falling on power lines or ice accumulations on the power lines cause them to break. A quarter inch of ice on power lines can bring them down. Cold temperature outbreaks, although rare, could impact exposed pipes causing freezing plumbing lines.</p> <p>Freezing rain falls as a liquid but freezes on surfaces. To be prepared for a major ice storm, it's a good idea to have these items on hand; foods, disposable dishes, specialty items such as baby formula, prescriptions, portable radio, warm clothing, extra blankets, matches, shovels or snow blower, flashlights with extra batteries, first aid kits, cell phone charger and firewood. It is a good idea to be prepared for 5 days without power.</p> <p>When equatorial waters are warm, we have an El Nino. When they are cooler, we have an El Nina. When those waters are neutral, it doesn't play a role in our winter weather. Typically, an El Nina causes our worst winter weather storms.</p> <p>The forecast models for 2019-2020 winter has Arkansas' temps above normal and the Climate Prediction Center is forecasting an average winter.</p> <p>When the equatorial waters are in a neutral phase, no El Nino or El Nina, meteorologist look at arctic oscillation to predict the weather. If an arctic oscillation is in the negative, cold weather prevails, causing favorable conditions for larger snow amounts.</p> <p>Go to weather.gov/LZK for the local National Weather Service forecasts.</p> <p>No announcements.</p>		
V. ANNOUNCEMENTS		Scott DeHart	
VI. ADJOURNMENT	The meeting was adjourned at 12:50pm.	Scott DeHart	
VII. NEXT MEETING	January 15, 2020, at noon in the training room of the Office of Emergency Management at 57 Acklin Gap Road.		
<p>Respectfully Submitted: _____ Scott DeHart, FCLEPC Chairman</p>			