



LaSalle County  
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Meeting  
**January 5, 2021**  
Minutes

**Attendees:**

- Julie Kerestes – LaSalle County Health Department
- Amanda Los – OSF Saint Elizabeth Medical Center
- Trent Goodale - Epsilyte
- Andy Borkowski – Ottawa Fire Department
- Mark Nienhuis – American Red Cross
- Randy Freeman – IDOT
- Lisa Anderson – IEMA Region 3
- Jeff Arthurs – LEPC Chairman
- Kenny Blum – Ameren
- Jay LeSeure – WCMY
- Don Jensen – LaSalle County Board Chairman
- Connie Brooks & Fred Moore – LaSalle County Emergency Management

**Old Business**

Did not have in-person quorum, so previous meeting minutes were not approved until By-laws are updated to reflect online and remote voting.

**Tier II Update**

As of January 1, 2021, annual Tier II reporting begins again. The LEPC and jurisdictional Fire Departments require hard copies of the Tier II Reports. LaSalle County LEPC is capable of receiving electronic Tier II Reports via email to [lasallecoema@lasallemounty.org](mailto:lasallecoema@lasallemounty.org). Fred indicated that these reports assist the LaSalle County emergency Management Agency in updating their layers in GIS for potential access while in the field as well as consequence mapping for transportation of hazard materials.

There was a handout on the spill reports received during the last quarter (separate attachment).

There were no FOIA requests received during the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, or 4<sup>th</sup> quarters of 2020.

Beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> year of 3year FFY 2019-2021 HMEP Grant, 80% reimbursement; to date, all submissions for reimbursement have been received.

LEPC Support Update – annual support invoices will resume in May 2021. Current account balance is \$9,334.38.

Citizen Corps

- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) – due to COVID19, the 2020 Prairie State Cyber CERT Challenge went to a virtual (cyber) challenge via Zoom on October 24, from 10am-2pm and was well received.
- IL CERT Association is developing an online version of CERT Train-the-Trainer
- Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) – Julie Kerestes informed the group that the Health Department is making outreach to MRC Volunteers for their assistance with COVID-19 vaccination strike teams for Phases 1b & 1c; Julie also reported that approximately 3,000 COVID vaccinations have been given in LaSalle County for Phase 1a to date.

LaSalle County Emergency Management Advisory Committee (EMAC) – has not met in a while but that they remotely were given the opportunity to review and provide feedback to the new 2021 Emergency Operations Plan (EOP); LaSalle County EMA's EOP, Disaster Recovery Plan, Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) and Continuity of Government (COG) Plans along with the countywide Illinois Capability and THIRA Tool (ILCATT) were all submitted prior to January 15<sup>th</sup> deadline to IEMA Region 3.

### **New Business**

Plant/Pipeline/LaSalle Peru Utica Community Advisory Panel (LPU CAP) Updates

- Epsilyte LLC – FHR was purchased in October 2020 and in November it changed to Epsilyte LLC with minimal changes operationally; no recordable injuries in a little over 3 years and almost 5 years for any contractor injuries; Voluntary Protection Program with OSHA
- Ameren – reliability upgrade project; Peru, major upgrade completed within the next month; over 13,000 Bloomington/Peoria/Decatur outage
- OSF Saint Elizabeth Medical Center – nothing new to report

Connie discussed the annual pipeline safety program offered by Paradigm and in 2021 will be going virtual.

Due to lack of in-person quorum, election of Vice-Chairman and Secretary will be postponed until the April meeting.

No members of the public were in attendance for comments

**Next Meeting April 6, 2021 @ 11:00am**

Meeting adjourned @ 11:50am.

Respectfully,



Connie Brooks

LEPC Secretary/Treasurer

LaSalle County Emergency Management Agency Director