

MOHAVE COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes for December 4th, 2024, Meeting

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Lake Havasu City Fire Department, Station 2

2065 Kiowa Blvd., Lake Havasu City, AZ

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 1307hrs.

2. Introductions

Scott Neal (BHCDF)

Delyne Kirkham (NWS)

Michael Rogers (SAAR)

Les Tarkowski (SAAR)

Chuck Waalkins (RMI)

David Martin (GVFD)

Mike Browning (MC EM)

Jazmyne Tarkowski (MC EM)

Lauren Wellborn (MC EM)

Scott Wright (PHEP)

Don Dallman (NAFD)

Jason Macklem (LHCFD)

Jared Kyer (LHCPD)

Bev Mracek (Hualapai Health Care)

Sue Latimer (Hualapai Home Health)

Josh Henson (State DPS)

Gerald Lyons (Red Cross)

Alfonso Solorio (Interstate Warehousing)

Tom Flanagan (KFD)

Michelle Martinez (ADEQ)

Jerry Yracheta (Paiute Tribe)

Charles Dixon (NSK NG)

Justine Deboom (Golden Virtex)

3. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Chuck Waalkins motioned to approve the September 4th, 2024, meeting minutes. Dave Martin seconded. No dissention. Motion passed.

4. Committee Membership Nominations and Resignations. Proposed New Members are:

a. Resignation – None at this time.

b. Nominations – None at this time.

5. Report from LEPC Subcommittees, Agencies, and Facilities

a. Terrorism Liaison Officer Report

Mike Browning informed the committee that ACTIC has been making a concerted effort to improve information flow to the regional Emergency Managers and he has noticed improvements. For example, there was an incident approximately two weeks ago where an unknown person attempted to gain access to a communication site in the Hualapai Mountains. A Park Ranger interacted with the individuals and they left. During this time, the license plate

number was captured, and the owner of the vehicle was determined. Simultaneously, ACTIC was updated by EM staff. Mike was pleasantly surprised by how quickly the information was picked up and disseminated through, not only local agencies, but also federal agencies.

b. ~~Bo Sena of Linde~~ Linde Presentation

Rescheduled for the March LEPC meeting due to a scheduling conflict.

c. ADEQ; TIER II Registrations

Michelle Martinez requested that all fire departments register in the new MyDEQ portal. Mike Browning informed the committee that Mohave County Emergency Management's goal is to review the Tier II reports for Mohave County to determine the top 12 most hazardous and invite those agencies to come present at the LEPC.

d. County Flood Control Sandbag Capabilities

Mike Browning recapped a conversation he recently had with a fire district regarding sandbags. Going back to 2004, Mike and Byron Steward were looking for ways to help mitigate damage caused by widespread flooding events in unincorporated areas of Mohave County. It was determined that if the Flood Control District could support providing sandbags, they could be stored at local fire departments. Emergency Management would reach out each winter and monsoon season to check inventory at the local fire departments. He explained that if we could pre-plan and stage these resources, the response efforts go much smoother. Scott Neal asked if the number of bags a district received was based on population size. Mike Browning clarified it had never been done that way. Mike explained that the majority of the time, the number of sandbags requested is driven by people watching the news regarding upcoming winter storms or moisture from hurricane remnants and is very dependent on the community.

6. Reports on Incidents

No incidents at this time.

a. Hazmat Events

The Household Hazardous Waste Events were held in Bullhead City on October 19th and in Kingman on October 20th, 2024. There were 400+ vehicles at the Bullhead event and several tons were dropped off. Tom Flanagan stated the Kingman event was also highly successful. Scott Neal informed the committee that several departments went to the Board of Supervisors to petition for a second event each year. Environmental Quality's budget has since been increased to include two events a year.

b. Cyber Security

Scott Neal stated that Bullhead Fire Department received an internal mandate today that two factor authentication be implemented. He informed the committee that, within the last two weeks, five BHCDF email accounts had been compromised, per their IT Department. Both Chuck Waalkins and Dave Martin confirmed they had received emails this morning from a compromised account within BHCDF.

c. Hualapai Mountain Forest Health Funding

Mike Browning informed the committee this will be a three-year, \$3.7 million-dollar, project and will be administered by the Arizona Department of Forestry. Funding was approved four months ago, and a kick-off meeting was held 2 months ago. Mike will update the committee each quarter regarding any progress. The State will be targeting project areas within the communities of Pinion Pine, Afferton Acres, Pine Lake, and Hualapai Mountain Park for fuel treatment. They will also be reaching out to these communities regarding fire-wise programs to educate the residents on proactive mitigation activities residents can implement on their property to reduce the threat from wildfire.

d. Election 2024 County DOC Ops

Mike Browning informed the committee that Emergency Management had staffed the DOC for a three-day period during the course of the 2024 elections. A Situation Unit was also established to maintain visibility on activities playing out at a local, state, and federal level. This allowed greater readiness and the ability for faster response to any resource requests the county may receive, should there be any threats to public safety. Fortunately, there were no such events in Mohave County.

7. Regional HAZMAT Plan review

Reviewed sections IV.32 Communications and Tab 55 c. Personnel and Equipment Resources List.

8. Training, Education, Exercises and Events

- a. TLO100-007: Basic Threat Liaison Officer (TLO) Course: October 21-25, 2024
Flagstaff Police Department
No attendees in meeting.
- b. G2300: Intermediate Emergency Operations Center Functions: Dec 10-12, 2024
Mohave County Admin Building; Senita Conference Rm
Mike Browning stated there has been a low response to these courses and emphasized the value they provide in strengthening city and tribal EOC functions.
- c. DEMA Northern Region Functional Exercise: October 29, 2024
Mike said the exercise went well. Approximately 15 – 20 people from various agencies participated with Mohave County Emergency Management over the course of six hours.
- d. 2025 LEPC Schedule and Locations
Review of 2025 LEPC calendar. Next meeting is March 5, 2025, in Bullhead City.
- e. IPP Meeting After LEPC Meeting
Reminder for attendees.

9. Call to the Public

None at this time.

10. Adjournment

Dave Martin motioned to adjourn. Chuck Waalkins (RMI) seconded. No dissention. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 1346.

Note: The committee may go into executive session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from the committee's attorney on any of the above agenda items pursuant to ARS 38-431.03(A)(3).

Dated February 5, 2025.

MOHAVE COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)
Scott Neal, Chairman