

MOHAVE COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes for September 4th, 2024, Meeting

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**Mohave County Public Works, Turquoise Room
3715 Sunshine Drive, Kingman, AZ**

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 1300hrs.

2. Introductions

Josh Henson

Gerald Lyons

Nina Perez-Payumo

Dwane Privott

Scott Neal

Nathan McDaniel

Alfonso Solorio

Delyne Kirkham

Daniel Berc

Brian Plane

Brian Scott

Michael Rogers

Les Tarkowski

Tom Flanagan

Robert Sena

Andrew Sevillano

Chuck Waalkins

David Martin

Mike Browning

Jazmyne Tarkowski

Lauren Wellborn

Tom Neve

Jason Macklem

Jared Kyer

April Wing

Julie McCoy

William Chen

Michelle Martinez

3. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Dave Martin (GVFD) motions to approve the June 5th, 2024 meeting minutes. Andrew Sevillano (BHC EM) seconds. There is no dissent. Motion passes.

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

Dave Martin (GVFD) motions to remove Kevin Barlow (CCFD). Chuck Waalkins (AMR) seconds. There is no dissent. Motion passes.

a. Resignation – None at this time.

b. Nominations – Discussion regarding the possibility of Porter Barlow filling Kevin Barlow's now vacant position.

5. Report from LEPC Subcommittees, Agencies, and Facilities

a. Terrorism Liaison Officer Report

Tom Neve (AZ ACTIC) provided a brief report on Russia's efforts to influence the election.

b. Alfonso Solorio of the Tippmann Group – Interstate Warehousing

Alfonso Solorio provided an overview of the Interstate Warehouse, including its designation as the largest cold storage facility in Northern America.

c. William Chen of Elevation Gold – Moss Mine

William Chen gave a presentation on Moss Mine. The mine is the largest gold mine in Arizona and uses liquid cyanide, diluted from a solid form at the site, in its mining process. (See Youtube video: "From Rock to Gold")

d. ADEQ; TIER II Reports

Michelle Martinez requested that all fire departments sign up for TIER II reporting. She informed the Committee that these reports are due each March 1st.

6. Reports on Incidents

No incidents at this time.

a. Hazmat Events

The Household Hazardous Waste Events will be held this October. The Bullhead City event will be October 19th and the Kingman event will be October 20th, 2024.

b. Cyber Security

Nathan McDaniel (MC IT Director) discussed the recent Bullhead City breach. An email, appearing to come from someone with the City of Bullhead, had a link to download an encrypted file. The initial email was sent to more than a thousand people within the County. Seventeen County employees clicked the link and of those, seven gave up their usernames and passwords. He stated that the initial email was sent last Monday and had been discovered and contained by IT that Wednesday. Nathan further explained that Mohave County IT has 30-40 recovery points for each employee in the event of such issues to ensure that as little data is lost as possible.

7. Regional HAZMAT Plan review

Dave Martin (GVFD) motions to approve the Regional HAZMAT Plan. Chuck Waalkins (AMR) seconds. There is no dissent. Motion passes.

8. Training, Education, Exercises and Events

a. TLO100-007: Basic Threat Liaison Officer (TLO) Course: October 21-25, 2024
Flagstaff Police Department

b. G2300: Intermediate Emergency Operations Center Functions: November 5-7 or Dec 10-12, 2024
Mike Browning (MC EM) emphasized this is a local class and hopes to see agencies take advantage of the training opportunity. Ideally, we would like to see about 20 people enrolled in these types of classes. Currently, DEMA is still looking for instructors, which is why we are looking at the two sets of dates. Final date will be announced once we hear definitively from DEMA.

c. DEMA Northern Region Functional Exercise: October 29, 2024

Mike Browning (MC EM) explained that DEMA will be hosting a Northern Region Winter Storm Exercise in October. DEMA has requested County EOC/DOC participation and we would like to invite our partner agencies to join us. This exercise will allow us to test our Mohave County Winter Storm Plan.

9. Call to the Public

Daniel Berc with NOAA gave a presentation on the Yucca microburst that occurred this August. He confirmed that it was determined to be a microburst and not a tornado. He showed pictures of the damaged structures (taken via drone) and provided feedback on the response.

10. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 1433.

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 November 18, 2024.

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