



## **Minutes – August 13, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Michigan Citizen-Community Emergency Response Coordinating Council (MCCERCC) was held on Monday, August 13, 2018, at 7150 Harris Drive, Dimondale, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 2:04 p.m. by the Acting Chair, Insp. Chris Bush.

Roll call was taken by the Secretary, and the following Council members were present: Chief Deputy Michael Bradley, Mr. Marc Breckenridge, Mr. Brad Deacon, Mr. Jay Eickholt, Mr. Ken Gembel, Mr. Tutt Gorman, Ms. Ginna Holmes, Insp. Chris Bush (on behalf of Lt. Col. Chris Kelenske), Chief Kerry Minshall, Ms. Eileen Phifer, Dr. Phil Schertzing, Capt. Brad Smith, Col. Sean Southworth, Ms. Sara Stoddard, and Chief Michael Yankowski.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Breckenridge made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Motion was supported by Ms. Phifer. The agenda was approved as presented.

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Gembel made a motion to approve the February 12, 2018, meeting minutes. Motion was supported by Chief Yankowski. Minutes were approved as presented.

Inspector Bush welcomed new MCCERCC member, Col. Sean Southworth, from the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. He also announced that Ms. Linda Scott is the new representative for the Department of Health and Human Services, but she was unable to attend today's meeting.

### **Reports of Committees**

#### ***Citizen Corps***

Ms. Holmes presented a report for the Michigan Community Service Commission. She stated partnership is strong with 2-1-1 in the Upper Peninsula, and Mr. Chad Veese has a process to assist in collecting their requests for services and connecting them to resources. She indicated they recently presented to a group of mayors regarding ways to draw more volunteers to offer support in times of disaster. They are forming a committee and may be reaching out in that regard.

#### ***Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know***

Mr. Mike Young from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) referred Council members to a handout and provided a summary regarding a compliance conference call that took place on August 7, 2018, between the DEQ, MSP, and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Mr. Eickholt reported on the Michigan PFAS Action Response Team (MPART), which is a multi-agency action team that investigates sources and locations of PFAS (perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances) contamination in drinking water and keeps the public informed. He indicated there is an initiative to test municipal and school water systems across the state. It is a time intensive process to discover, test, and analyze results, but they are working diligently to speed up and streamline the process.

Mr. Breckenridge provided background on FEMA's Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS). He referred Council members to a Public Notice document from the Federal Communications

Commission (FCC) announcing the first nationwide test of the Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) and Emergency Alert Systems (EAS) scheduled for 2:18 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, on September 20, 2018, with a back-up date of October 3. The test involves FEMA sending a WEA message to WEA-capable wireless devices throughout the U.S. and territories. He added that Smartphones in the U.S. have a warning function, which is important for evacuation or shelter-in-place notifications during emergencies.

### ***Hazard Mitigation***

Dr. Schertzing reported their committee convened on July 18, 2018, to take action on issues involving deadlines. He recognized Mr. Matt Schnepf\* to provide a Hazard Mitigation Program update.

Mr. Schnepf reported they are currently managing 44 active and approved grants representing \$24.1 million in federal shares. Another 12 applications have been selected for \$15.2 million and are awaiting FEMA approval. He stated that 13 grant applications for the 2017 Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) project were submitted in November 2017 for \$11.9 million, and 10 were selected for the approval process. They were notified by FEMA that funding became available, so the three non-selected projects can now be funded. He indicated the MCCERCC selected 28 projects to utilize \$23.8 million of funding for Disaster 4195, of which \$18 million is currently obligated. Nine of those projects have been completed and submitted to FEMA, and the final two are close to approval. He stated that approximately \$766,000 was made available for Disaster 4326 under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). They sought applications from the declared disaster area, but only four were received. All four were submitted to FEMA for funding consideration.

Mr. Schnepf reported that upcoming funding opportunities include the 2018 PDM and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) programs. The application period is October 1, 2018, to January 31, 2019. There is \$160 million available for FMA and \$235 million available for PDM. Notices of intent are due to the MSP/EMHSD on September 17, 2018, and draft applications are due December 14, 2018. The first funding estimate from FEMA for the 4381 HMGP will be in early September, with the final funding lock-in total in August 2019. Based on the preliminary damage assessment, \$5 million plus dollars is a rough estimate of potential funding. Applications will be due August 2, 2019, and they will begin drafting a hazard mitigation strategy with FEMA this week.

Mr. Schnepf gave a brief summary of the hazard mitigation work that took place during the recovery period for the Upper Peninsula disaster, which included Houghton, Menominee, and Gogebic counties.

### ***MIReady Advisory Panel***

Ms. Wendy Galbreath\* reported they held their first meeting on April 24, 2018. The panel's purpose is to increase outreach efforts for all hazards to all Michigan residents, and their goal is to share best practices, identify shortfalls, and consult on ways to unify efforts for a more consistent, far-reaching message. She noted it is an advisory body, not a decision-making or voting panel. The panel reviewed each hazard listed in the plan and identified the following ten hazards most prominent in Michigan: Severe weather, winter and cold weather, flooding, wildfire, cyber, hazmat/oil spill, downed power lines, active assailants, public health and medical, and mental health resources. Representatives then completed a worksheet identifying gaps in those hazards. Their next step will be to research ideas to address the gaps already in place by other agencies or generate new ideas. The panel's next meeting was scheduled for July 24, but it was postponed until September 21, so they could debrief the new EMHSD commander.

### **Old Business**

Ms. Brenna Hartner announced that the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Handbook was officially approved and is posted on the MCCERCC website. She will inform LEPCs via their district coordinators but asked Council members to share the manual with their LEPCs as well. The handbook, which had not been updated since 2009, is a great resource, providing up-to-date information on SARA Title III. Ms. Hartner thanked Mr. Eickholt for his work on the project and Ms. Laban for her input. She clarified that only minor grammatical changes were made since the Council approved the document. She circulated two cover page designs, indicating Captain McGowan made the final selection.

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\* Denotes employee of the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division

Ms. Hartner reported that two members recently left the MCCERCC—Ms. Alisha Clack from the Michigan Association of Broadcasters and Mr. Ian Dyar from the American Red Cross. As a result, they are seeking two new members to serve on the Council. Individuals must be appointed by the Governor and go through the application process. A notice was placed in the MSP and EMHSD newsletters, but there have been no applications. They are not seeking anyone in particular, and all applications will be given full consideration. Council members affirmed they would like Ms. Hartner to provide verbiage so they can disseminate the notice to their partners. She will follow-up in this regard and continue to work with the Governor's Office on this issue.

### **New Business**

Mr. Deacon reported that a National Animal Health Preparedness Exercise took place the first full week in May. The exercise scenario involved foot-and-mouth disease, which is the biggest threat for U.S. livestock stock and very contagious among cloven-hoofed animals. He stated it was a very involved and successful exercise within their agency, and they are in the process of creating an after-action report and improvement plan.

Mr. Deacon reported that the same week as the exercise, Michigan State University had received grant funding and conducted training sessions on livestock truck tip-overs. Ms. Phifer added that she presented the component on traffic incident management and agriculture, and all 40 states participating at the meeting were very interested in the topic. She expressed her appreciation to the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development for allowing the Department of Transportation to use this forum as a springboard.

Ms. Hartner reported that the MCCERCC Bylaws are currently being revised. There are a few minor changes, and they will be ready for the next meeting.

Mr. Mike Young from the DEQ presented a report on the SARA Title III Program, Tier II reporting. He indicated there have been no major changes in Tier II reporting this year, and they will be updating the guidebook and materials for workshops. Ms. Hartner stated she could forward information received from Mr. Young for Council members to disseminate. This would assist in getting the word out on the great education that he and his team provide.

### **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

Inspector Bush congratulated Ms. Hartner on her upcoming marriage, adding she does great work for the Council and the Division.

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Eickholt moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Mr. Breckenridge. Motion adopted. The meeting adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

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Mr. Brad Deacon, Secretary