



Minutes – August 10, 2020

The regular meeting of the Michigan Citizen-Community Emergency Response Coordinating Council (MCCERCC) was held on Monday, August 10, 2020, via *Microsoft Teams* (virtual).

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by the Chair, Captain Sweeney. Roll call was taken by the Secretary and the following Council members were present: Ms. Megan Anderson, Mr. Brad Deacon, Mr. Jay Eickholt, Mr. Tutt Gorman, Chief Daryl Green, Mr. Hassan Hammoud, Mr. Chad Veaser (on behalf of Ms. Ginna Holmes), Chief Kerry Minshall, Ms. Eileen Phifer, Dr. Phil Schertzing, Ms. Jennifer Lixey-Terrill (on behalf of Ms. Linda Scott), Mr. Kevin Sehlmeier, Ms. Sara Stoddard, and Capt. Kevin Sweeney.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Eickholt moved to approve the meeting agenda. Motion was supported by Ms. Phifer. The agenda was approved as presented.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Mr. Deacon moved to approve the November 4, 2019, meeting minutes. Motion was supported by Mr. Eickholt. Minutes were approved as presented.

Captain Sweeney announced there are three new members on the MCCERCC to include Chief Daryl Green, Ms. Megan Anderson, and himself. New members offered the following backgrounds on themselves.

Captain Sweeney has been with the Michigan State Police for 25 years and now serves as EMHSD commander. Ten years ago, he spent five plus years in EMHSD working with the Preparedness Program, Citizen Corps, CERT Programs, serving as MCCERCC liaison, and was District 6 coordinator for a year. He has an undergraduate degree in mechanical engineering and a master's in criminal justice, both from Michigan State University. He is an adjunct professor at Montcalm Community College and received his PEM in 2011. His vision for EMHSD is to be a leader in the state and a partner with local programs. He is a proponent for preparedness and mitigation and will focus on pandemic planning after the COVID response phase.

Chief Daryl Green has been with the Lansing Police Department since 1997, serving as chief since June 2019. He graduated from the Mid-Michigan Police Academy, Michigan State University Staff and Command School, and FBI National Academy 275. He is a graduate of Temple University and has a master's degree from Michigan State University and a Ph.D. from Western Michigan University. He is currently a commissioned officer with the U.S. Reserves for 27 years, six years serving as active duty. He has served in the U.S. Navy and is a graduate of the U.S. Naval War College.

Ms. Megan Anderson spent approximately 10 years in emergency management and homeland security. She began in Monroe County, reporting to their regional board on Citizen Corps activities. For the past eight years, she has been in the Charlevoix, Cheboygan, and Emmet County Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, serving as director for the last couple years. She is currently senior continuity consultant for Comerica Bank. Ms. Anderson has degrees in both industrial distribution and welding and fabrication from Eastern Michigan University, and has received her PEM.

Reports of Committees

Citizen Corps

Mr. Chad Veaser provided an update on behalf of Ms. Holmes. For COVID-19-specific activity, the CERT Program has had various responses around the state in support of PPE control and testing sites. Members provided support in Regions 5, 6, and 7 to include PPE distribution, administrative support in EOCs and MI CIMS entry work. Mr. Veaser announced FEMA has officially moved away from Citizens Corps but

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continues to support CERT-specific activities. He reported most local activities and trainings were canceled due to COVID-19. Some virtual trainings occurred and Regions 3 and 6 had CERT response for flooding events. They have had 6,867 volunteers register and are now listed in their digital platform for response to COVID-19, and 1,636 were recruited for the Food Bank Council of Michigan. They supported area agencies on aging and recently provided support to the Secretary of State for election workers, including 156 volunteers for the August primary and November election. Volunteers are also supporting Gladwin County for flood recovery. They are preparing for the 9/11 day of service remembrance, and some federal funding has passed which supports virtual volunteerism and other support activity.

Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know

Mr. Eickholt reported they met today and briefly discussed the Beirut incident and plans for Michigan-specific items. He announced the Pipeline Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) released two new rules: 1) PHMSA, in consultation with the Federal Railroad Administration and pursuant to the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act of 2015, issued a final rule on February 28, 2019, to revise and clarify requirements for comprehensive oil spill response plans (COSRPs). One requirement in the final rule requires railroads to share information about high-hazard, flammable train (HHFT) operations with State Emergency Response Commissions (SERCs) and Tribal Emergency Response Commissions (TERCs) to improve community preparedness. 2) Regarding Liquefied Propane/Natural Gas by rail, PHMSA, in coordination with the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), is amending the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR) to allow for bulk transport of "Methane, refrigerated liquid," commonly known as liquefied natural gas (LNG), in rail tank cars. This rulemaking authorizes the transportation of LNG by rail in DOT-113C120W specification rail tank cars, with enhanced outer tank requirements, subject to all applicable requirements and certain additional operational controls. The enhancements to the outer tank are indicated by the new specification suffix "9" (DOT-113C120W9). He will provide this information to Ms. Roos to share with Council members and with Captain Sweeney to share with district coordinators. Mr. Eickholt announced EGLE is hosting a Michigan Environmental Compliance Week, September 21-25, 2020. Mr. Marc Griffis, Isabella County Emergency manager, will present on local emergency planning committees. He provided the following registration link: https://www.michigan.gov/egle/0,9429,7-135-3308_3333-514064--,00.html.

Ms. Brenna Roos* reported that due to COVID-19, activity was waived for the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) grant in terms of the standard grant timeline. Fifty counties have applied for the grant for FY 2019-20. Because local emergency managers were inundated with the COVID response, an extension to September 15 was granted for offsite emergency response plans. They have received a few plans to date and expect more between September 1 and 15. Further extensions will be difficult to obtain, as plans must be submitted prior to the end of the fiscal year. Ms. Roos announced the semi-annual progress report due in March was approved in April with no issues.

Mr. Deacon announced that MDARD's Fertilizer Program staff verified the state has very little ammonium nitrate, which has been a concern. Michigan farmers have moved to other forms of nitrogen. Not much has been used and it is generally stored briefly before being applied.

Hazard Mitigation

Dr. Schertzing reported the Hazard Mitigation Committee has not convened since the last MCCERCC meeting but does have several updates.

Mr. Mike Sobocinski* reported on the Michigan Hazard Analysis and the Michigan Hazardous Mitigation Plan. A new goal is to prepare the document in compliance with the Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP). This will involve updating various hazard chapters not required by FEMA, specifically technological and human-related hazards, and adding an element in partnership with EGLE in order to receive eligibility for a new grant available to mitigate dam failures. FEMA is requiring five elements be integrated in order to comply with the needs of the project grant. Mr. Sobocinski introduced new EMHSD staff member, Mr. Greg Ostrander, stating they will spearhead the update effort. Initial deadlines of grant eligibility and emergency management accreditation can occur prior to an official Governor-signed and fully revamped update. EMAP can provide an opinion that accreditation requirements have been met, and further improvements to the document can follow in the standard timeframe.

Mr. Greg Ostrander* stated he was with the Regional Healthcare Coalition prior to joining the EMHSD about four months ago. He has a master's degree in community sustainability from Michigan State University.

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Ms. Sara MacRae* provided an update on statewide flood recovery affecting the counties of Arenac, Gladwin, Iosco, Midland, and Saginaw. Excessive rainfall between May 17 and 19 caused record flood levels that were exacerbated when extra water caused the Edenville and Sanford dams to spill, resulting in the evacuation of over 10,000 residents. The Governor declared a state of emergency for Midland County, and the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) was activated on May 19. Arenac, Gladwin, Saginaw, and Iosco counties were added by May 26. The Governor submitted an official request for a Presidential Disaster Declaration on June 15, and the President declared the incident a federal disaster on July 9. Ms. MacRae stated FEMA public assistance (PA) will provide financial support for critical infrastructure damage, and individual assistance (IA) will make financial and direct assistance available to homeowners. The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) will provide long-term low interest rates for survivors. Document Drop Off Centers (DDCs) have been established allowing FEMA employees to scan documents and answer questions while survivors stay in their vehicles. Disaster unemployment assistance will provide temporary financial support for up to 26 weeks, and Disaster Legal Services has been activated for low income survivors. They are developing an application for disaster case management programs, and discussions are ongoing for developing an application for the Crisis Counseling Assistance Program. The current registration deadline for IA and PA is September 8. As of August 9, FEMA has received 2,792 registrations. Total dollars disbursed under the Individuals and Households Program (IHP) is \$16,631,537; over \$16.1 million of that is for housing repair or replacement assistance. To date, 96 homeowners have received the maximum IHP payout of \$35,500. The SBA has received 567 homeowner loan applications; 33 business applications; and 8 economic injury disaster loan applications. To date, they have 278 homeowner loans for over \$20,644,000; six business loans have been approved for \$565,700, and one economic injury loan has been approved for \$35,500. The amount of SBA loans to date totals over \$21.2 million. The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) has made payouts on 463 claims totaling over \$24.5 million, and MSP voluntary agencies actively engaged with long-term recovery groups have been established in Midland, Gladwin, Saginaw, and Arenac counties.

Ms. Phifer offered a brief update regarding flooding. For the federal aid roads, they had roughly \$120 million of damage, which equates to approximately \$100 million of federal aid. Roughly \$95 million were on MDOT roads, but local agencies and road commissions were greatly affected by the disaster.

Mr. Scott Stockert* provided a Hazard Mitigation Unit update. They have reviewed 32 sub-applications; 27 were submitted for possible funding. There were six planning grants and six projects submitted in Michigan's 2019 Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) application. Planning grants were given high priority, and project ranking order was determined by the number of residents served. Generator projects were given a lower priority in accordance with FEMA's PDM project selection guidance. For HMGP 4381, available federal share remaining is approximately \$3.6 million (\$170,679 for planning). All project applications were submitted (\$12,534,657) to maximize flexibility. For HMGP 4326, which was the acquisition of homes prone to flooding in the Village of Sanford, six homes included in the project were destroyed in the DR-4547 Mid-Michigan flood. Purchase documents are being finalized for three of the properties. Mr. Stockert announced FEMA posted the 2020 Notice of Funding opportunity for the new Building Resilience Infrastructure Communities (BRIC) Program which replaced the existing Pre-Disaster Mitigation Competitive (PDMC) Program. BRIC will support states, local communities, tribes, and territories as they undertake hazard mitigation projects, reducing the risks faced from disasters and natural hazards. The application submission period opens September 30. He announced there is new grant management system called FEMA Grants Outcome (FEMA GO) and the website link is listed on the attachment Council members received prior to the meeting. The system will be utilized to manage the BRIC and FMA programs. FEMA GO has established a Michigan State Police Homeland Security Division organization that is required to add sub-organizations via their DUNS number. Suborganization points of contact will add team members and then each team member must register on the site.

MIReady Advisory Panel

Ms. Wendy Galbreath* reported they have established the messaging calendar of the newsletter. She remarked that it has been difficult to obtain articles from agencies due to COVID, but they have continued to disseminate it. The purpose of the newsletter is to create consistency and preparedness messaging across the state. Those not receiving the newsletter should contact her to be added to the list.

Old Business

Ms. Roos announced the MCCERCC Annual Planning Update will be sent to committee chairs and individual members who contribute to the update. Some goals that committees established for this year may

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not have been completed due to COVID-19, and that should be noted in the plan. She indicated new Council members interested in joining one of the three subcommittees or the Advisory Panel should contact her.

New Business

Ms. Jennifer Beggs provided an update on the Coronavirus. Ms. Beggs is the emergency preparedness epidemiologist with the MDHHS Bureau of Epidemiology and Population Health. She reported Michigan currently has 87,960 cases and 6,257 deaths. Data is updated daily and can be found on their website at www.Michigan.gov/Coronavirus. Current analysis demonstrates the largest activity continues to be in the city of Detroit, counties of Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, and Kent. Current trends indicate 61 percent of all cases are 20-59 years of age; 52 percent are female; 43 percent are Caucasian; 26 percent are African American, and 50 percent are unknown. She remarked that tracking demographic data is difficult, as people do not readily volunteer information. Eight percent of Coronavirus cases are Hispanic, and 2 percent are Arabic. The case fatality rate is currently 7 percent, and the average age of the deceased is 75. Ms. Beggs stated they are concerned there will be a second wave and are attempting to flatten the curve. They are focusing on case count, including hospitalizations and people at home, in order to form a basis for responses. They are pushing out the Influenza flu vaccine as it is received, as they do not want people to become coinfecting, and are trying to get as many people tested as possible. That information will assist in taking quick public health actions and instruct people to either isolate at home if sick, or quarantine at home for 14 days if they have been exposed to someone who is ill. Their Division of Immunization is planning for the flu vaccine and for the release of a Coronavirus vaccine once it becomes available. Preliminary information indicates it may be as soon as October, but some information indicates it will be 2021. Ms. Lixey-Terrill added they have had interest from chain pharmacies regarding drive through flu vaccines at different sites, which they are currently addressing.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

Mr. Deacon moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion was supported by Mr. Eickholt. Meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

Mr. Brad Deacon, Secretary