

LEPC Minutes
Wednesday, February 12, 2020
Public Safety Training Facility – Lockport, NY

CALL TO ORDER

Kevin Hodgson began the meeting by leading the pledge to the flag at 9:03 AM, followed with the reading of our mission statement. After the reading of our mission statement as tradition we went around the room for introductions.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

N/A

PRESENTATIONS

Mark Kreyer who is the representative of the Department of Homeland Security gave an update on cyber incidents and what they are currently monitoring heavily and working on currently with table top exercises/discussions/etc.

A few examples of the things that are hot topics right now are:

** Election infrastructure (cyber components as well as physical components)

** Houses of worship and Jewish communities

---- These specific places currently seem to be a targeted outreach. They believe these areas are targeted currently due to the fact that there are a couple of grants that are out there for non for profit organizations at this time. If you are part of one of these groups and want to know more information there are two RFA's on NYSDHSES grant page right now; the federal government one will be coming out in a few weeks.

** Last but not least they are tracking the coronavirus.

One of the other main items he discussed was the Federal School Safety Clearinghouse website that the Trump Administration launched: SchoolSafety.gov

School Safety is the number one priority of parents across the country, which is why the President directed DHS and other federal agencies to form a taskforce and provide schools, teachers, parents and law enforcement with resources to identify, prepare for, respond to and mitigate threats.

The website is a one – stop – shop of resources for Kindergarten through Grade 12 administrators, educators, parents and law enforcement to use to prepare for and address various threats related to safety, security, and support in schools.

Because every school community has its own unique needs, SchoolSafety.gov equips decision makers with resources for developing, customizing and implementing actionable school safety plans.

Schoolsafety.gov is a resource for the American public, primarily K-12 school administrators, to access FREE information, guidance best practices and tools that make school safety initiatives more actionable in schools.

SchoolSafety.gov includes:

- The School Safety Readiness Tool, an assessment that assists users in evaluating their respective school's safety posture across ten foundational elements of school safety. After completing the assessment, users are provided an action plan with task prioritization, options for consideration, aligned resources and grant opportunities specific to individual needs.
- A Secure Information sharing platform for designated school personnel to share school safety ideas, practices, plans and tactics in a protected environment.
- A wide array of resources and best practices on key school safety topics to assist with building awareness within the school community to promote vigilance and build capacity to respond to incidents

REPORT OF THE VICE CHAIRMAN

Kevin asked if the chemical companies, as they get closer to their drill dates, could please let us know and keep us informed 😊

REPORT OF EMERGENCY MANAGER

N/A

OLD BUSINESS

Ed Barbiero gave an update on the Subcommittee. The credentialing subcommittee will meet again on March 2nd @ 9 o'clock. Just to give a brief recap.. the last time the committee met was in December. At this meeting they spoke with a consultant @ RL computing that gave them ideas on a method that would make it easier to control a main data base for applications, approvals and expirations. Ed advised that they are currently looking into those options, materializing information and then they will sit with Jonathan Schultz and Tim Balunis to nail out the platform.

NEW BUSINESS

Francisco MezaAguero from the Niagara County Health Dept. advised that their main concern currently is the coronavirus. In the next few days or weeks the local/state dept. labs will be able to start testing for coronavirus. The only testing currently that has been done in the United States is in Atlanta. We unfortunately don't have testing capabilities in Niagara County but, Erie

County does have a lab so they will be most likely doing the testing around here. Francisco also advised that yesterday was the end of the 14 day quarantine period for the first airplane that came back from china, there was 0 cases detected. There are a couple more planes that did arrive so in the next couple weeks they will hear more information about them.

Lastly, they are looking for partners to help them with services like housing, food, and clothing for people that may need to be quarantined or isolated because they are sick and are under investigation.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 am. The next meeting will be held on April 8, 2020 at the Public Safety Training Facility in Lockport.

Present:

BALUNIS, TIM – CHAIRMAN - EXCUSED	MIKIDA, CRAIG
BANACH, CHRIS	MILLER, SANDRA – EXCUSED
BARBIERO, ED	MOGUEL, KATHY – EXCUSED
BIEGER, JOHN	PEDULLA, JOE – EXCUSED
BRADLEY, PATRICK	PITARRESI, JENNIFER
BURGESS, STEPHANIE – EXCUSED	REY, DANIEL – EXCUSED
CASO, LORI - EXCUSED	ROUGEUX, DAWN – EXCUSED
DAVIGNON, BILL - EXCUSED	SCHOTZ, ALEX – EXCUSED
DEWEY, LAURA - EXCUSED	SCHULTZ, JONATHAN – EXCUSED
DICKY, PAUL – EXCUSED	SEIBEL, MICHAEL
DIMMICK, CLAYTON	SIKORA, JOSEPH
DODD, KELLY - EXCUSED	SILVAROLI, RICH – EXCUSED
EMERY, MICHAEL	SINATRA, RYAN – EXCUSED
GARROW, WALT	SIRIANNI, RICK – EXCUSED
SGT. GRAY, CATRINA	SKELLY, DAN – EXCUSED
GSCHWEND, MARC	SMITH, MIKE – EXCUSED
GUZZETTA, JOSEPH – EXCUSED	TAIBI, LISA – EXCUSED
HAYES, MIRANDA – EXCUSED	WASZAK, JOHN – EXCUSED
HODGSON, KEVIN	WHITE, ERIC – EXCUSED
JANCEF, ELISE	WILLIAMS, MICHELLE
KEFFER, TODD	WOJCIK, BOB
KREYER, MARK	ZACZEK, GARY – EXCUSED
LEVEN, DAN - EXCUSED	ZARBO, MIKE – EXCUSED
MARTIN, MATT – EXCUSED	BANASZAK, JILL– EXCUSED
MAYBEE, PETER	HARKINS, RON
MESLER, DAVID – EXCUSED	MARK, DAVE
MEYER, HARRY – EXCUSED	SWIERCZEL, MATHEW
MEYER, ROB	BURNS, CRAIG
MEZAAGUERO, FRANCISCO	PHALIN, JAMES
MIHALKO, JIM – EXCUSED	SUITOR, JAMES