



**LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**May 21<sup>st</sup> , 2024 | 3:00 p.m.**

**Physical Location:** Rocky Mountain Emergency Training Center, 3425 Skyway Dr.

**1. Introductions**

- a. LEPC Board Members:
  - i. *Chairperson* – William Kussman, St Peters Present
  - ii. *Vice Chairperson* – Rocky Infanger, Wolf Creek FD Present
  - iii. *Secretary* – Mike Chambers, Helena Fire Present
  - iv. *Member At-Large* – Doug Wheeler, BSA Absent
- b. County Disaster and Emergency Services:
  - i. *Coordinator* – Kyle Sturgill-Simon Present
  - ii. *Deputy Coordinator* – Autumn Ashdale Present
- c. County Communications:
  - i. *Coordinator* – Betsy Kirkeby Present

**2. Old Business**

- a. Approval of Minutes – Will Kussman
  - i. Motion to accept: Lysa Mikes
  - ii. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Autumn Ashdale
  - iii. Unanimously Approved

**3. Presentation**

- a. Presentation Name – LCC DES Autumn Ashdale, lessons learned from Maui
  - i. Doug Dodge (Jeff. Co. EM) went too and added his perspective.
  - ii. There were 4 fires in total that started at different time periods.
  - iii. A lot factors affected response including power lines being down and access issues.
  - iv. 100 fatalities as of now
  - v. Notifications were an issue during the incident with response agencies not communicating.
  - vi. No singular definitive ICP with unified command. Many Silos.
  - vii. Autumn was deployed through EMAC which is a state to state mutual aid agreement.
  - viii. Autumn was a Planning Section Chief for an additional incident if it occurred during recovery.
  - ix. She spent a lot of time in documentation and getting data for response and organizing the EOC. There were a lot of changes with staff coming and going including leadership throughout here time there.
  - x. There was a lack of organization and direction overall within the EOC.
  - xi. She trained new short term staff to get them up to operational speed that didn't have experience in an EOC.
  - xii. Maui is consolidated county and is an island with limited resources and a lack of planning as well as trained personnel to fill EOC positions.

- xiii. Lack of overall resource availability was an issue as well as any assistance from mutual aid.
- xiv. Lessons learned:
  - 1. Lack of trained staff locally and at the state level.
  - 2. Lack of experience with larger incidents
  - 3. Emergency Operations Plan
  - 4. Trust/politics/supporting staff (A lot of Turnover)
  - 5. Lack of support from the government.
- xvi. Doug D. – Lesson learned is the impact and importance of recovery
- xvii. “Response impacts recovery” they have not began to work on this to improve.
- xviii. There is fear about liability and being honest in the aftermath.
- xix. Each response agency did their own after action review with no unified command created and illustrated a lack of continuity for response.
- xx. Kevin Horne – What does opening an EOC in Helena look like?
  - a. Explanation from Autumn, Doug, and Kyle
- xxi. Neal Murray stated that there is money out there for seismic protections through grants.

#### 4. New Business

- a. Hazardous Materials update – E-Plan
  - i. Continue to support the use of E-plan and directing the committee to the site.
- b. Al simons – Region 8 communications group working on interoperability between states.

#### 5. Training

- a. None Upcoming

#### 6. Upcoming Events

- a. Kyle - June 12 from 7 to 8 pm there will be an overview about the La Haina fire incident at the Library

#### 7. Attendance

- a. **In Person:**
  - i. Jayson Zander
  - ii. Brent Colbert
  - iii. Kevin Horne
  - iv. Jay Nelson
  - v. Al Simons
  - vi. Sue Hawthorne
  - vii. Candace Payne
  - viii. Lysa Mikes
  - ix. Doug Dodge
  - x. Neal Murray
  - xi. Ed Greiberis
  - xii. Annette Lurkett, Injury and Violence Prevention at St. Pete’s
- b. **Virtual:**
  - i. Zach Slattery
  - ii. Chanel Waples
  - iii. Mike Gunderson
  - iv. Jacob Garcin

#### 8. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn: Lysa Mikes

- b. 2<sup>nd</sup> Brent Colbert
- c. All in Favor