

Local Emergency Planning Committee

July 17, 2008

The monthly meeting of the Local Emergency Planning Committee was called to order by Chairperson Nicole Gonzalez at 9:02 am. Present were: Nicole Gonzalez, Burton Berry, David Lewis, Chris Wright, Carlos A. Flores, Dennis McGorty, Becky Ruff, Anita Brown, Robert Markell, Jerry Huffman, Ron Perry, Don Ruckelhausen, Emit Lopez, and Teresa Covey. There was no quorum to be established.

Old business:

Call for approval of minutes by Robert Markell, seconded by Ron Perry.

Committee is waiting on Tammy Egger for Bylaws.

The San Angelo EOC now has two new 52 inch flat screen televisions, as well as two big screen televisions. The IT folks will assemble and install the Smart Board in the EOC. Six laptops were purchased through the State Homeland Security Grant Program. The city plotter will be located in the back office. Ron Perry announced that the city has applied for a \$250,000 grant from Homeland Security for Air Conditioning and a security system.

The City Emergency Dispatch office will locate their alternate dispatch office in the EOC as well. Once the EOC is completed, they will close the primary location for a day and test the alternate. The city has been offered a new command trailer or the Web EOC software. The city is trying to acquire the Web EOC software.

The Pandemic Flu table top exercise was very well attended, bringing good insight into the subject.

Agency Reports are listed below:

New business:

Dr. Bob Howard held a communications class on the 16th of July for Crisis Communications. Dr. Howard was a lead Public Affair officer for the Navy as well as a PA lead for CDC and the White House. Many of the students used the skills taught in his class at the table top exercise press release. The city will try to get Dr. Howard back for another class.

NIMS classes are being held. IS 300 and 400 are prerequisites for this class,

and certificates must be brought to class. Those interested must go to the Preparing Texas website and must provide their training coordinators information to be accepted. There are numerous courses on the site to sign up for.

Announcements:

Chairperson Nicole Gonzalez will resign as she is moving to a state committee for the Homeland Security of Texas. Nominations were presented for her replacement. Chris Swenson was nominated and said he would accept the position. Emit Lopez called for voting on the nomination, and it was seconded by David Lewis. The nomination was passed, effective immediately the officer positions of the committee are as follow; Chris Swenson- Chairman, Tammy Egger- vice Chairperson, Chris Wright – Secretary, and Teresa Covey – Information Coordinator.

Ron Perry announced that the state is offering grants to home owners interested in building storm shelters at their homes. Some restrictions do apply, but will offer \$2500 rebate for participating.

Burton Berry announced the Communicable Outbreak Disease exercise will be on Friday the 25th in El Paso. It will be run by the Texas Department of State Health Services.

The next meeting will be held on August 28th at the COG.