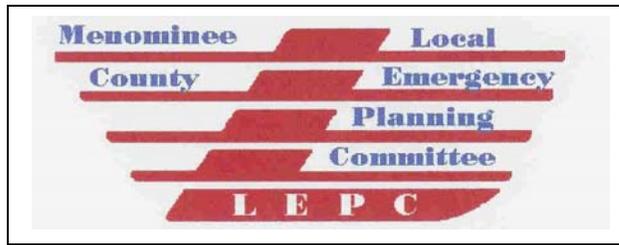


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Minutes Oct 15th, 2015

The Menominee County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting was called to order at 1332 hours on October 15, 2015 by Chairperson Mike Shaffer.

Members Present: Robert Villas, Mark Petersen, Mike Shaffer, Richard Sexton, Mike Lemke, Krista Marciniak, Brian Bousley, Debra Wormwood
Excused- Ken Marks, Mark Erickson, Nicole Swanson, Dayna Kapp, Phil Everhart, Don DeTemple, and Mike Holmes

Review/Approve Agenda: Brian Bousley made the motion to approve the agenda with support from Mark Petersen. Motion passed.

Review/Approve Minutes of last meeting: Rob Villas made a motion to approve the minutes from August 13, 2015 with support from Rich Sexton. Motion passed.

Public Comment: None

Presentations: Mike Lemke, Ed Engleman Eric Janssen and Doug Dooley from ARES/RACES presented Ham Radios use and benefits for the county.
ARES=Amature Radio Emergency Services
RACES=Radio Amature Civil Emergency Services
Radio operators are embedded in the community, working with the National Weather Service, the DAR, pipeline failures, wildfires and several events during the year for example, Field days, Breakfast on the Farm, walks/runs..
Repeaters in Michigan and Wisconsin enable wider area with several towers locally, one on Rangeline Road Ed Engleman works with both Marquette and Greenbay with Skywarn, Emergency Radio Service, covering Marinette, Menominee and Oconto counties. Check-ins with locations, conditions given by weather spotters. Hand held units of 5watt, Mobile 50 watt, HF worldwide
Morse code necessary, also becoming automated with new technology
Can't use encryption, can do direction finding
April, Wisconsin has a tornado drill - Wisconsin reports to Madison, Michigan to Lansing
Ground truth indicates weather lower in the atmosphere
EOC has equipment funded through Homeland Security Grant
Smartphones, tablets, some handhelds as small as flash drive are now being used
Search and rescue limited to radio operated equipment

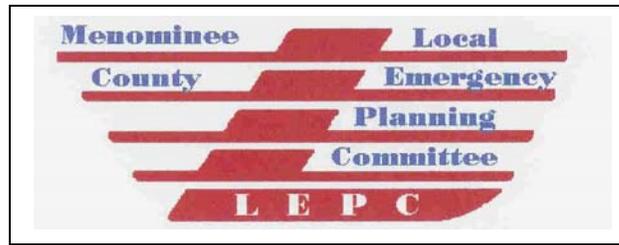
Old Business:

Mike Schaffer made the motion to approve the Bylaws, Mark Petersen seconded, motion carried.

New Business

EM Coordinator Report: Use of templates from the state for LEPC plans
Meeting Schedule for 2016: Jan 14, Apr 14, July 14 and Oct 20 at 1:30 p.m.

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Any Other items of Interest:

CN (Canadian National) RR briefing next LEPC

Adjournment: Mark Petersen made a motion to adjourn seconded by Brian Bousley, motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 14:26. Next meeting is Jan 14, 2016 at the ISD Building in Menominee at 13:30.