The monthly meeting of the LEPC/ESF8 committee was called to order by Eric Voss on August 27th, 2014 at the Concordia Fire Department. Members present were Voss, Michelle Kindel, Larry Eubanks, Andy Asch, Mike Hake, Gary Caspers, Vonda Pumarlo, Shella Thoman, Janet Eubanks, Rhonna Annon, Leroy Dickson, Sandy Sterling, Bob Gering and Brian Marks.

Report from College; College has been updating crisis and emergency plans. John Austin, College Rep. talked about relabeling chemical storage units (rooms) for fire department or first responders. Fire Chief and committee agreed that it was a good idea to do this.

Emergency Management; Larry Eubanks talked about a grant that will help with the Emergency Mitigation Plan. The grant is for $6,800.00 and Ben Brake who formerly did our Mitigation Plan will continue to do so. The in kind match is $1700.00. Larry has been working with him to get information that he needs. He told the committee that the plan is on the website but is too big to be downloaded. There has to be a copy available for public review, if requested. Diana will copy off one at the Health Department and it will be kept in Linda Bogart’s office for the public. Diana will bill the cost of copying to the EP grant for the Health Department. Also discussed Mass Causality SOG. Eric will work with Rhonna on SOG.

Voss discussed possibility of having an EOC class discussing job functions of the EOC during a disaster. Gary Caspers asked if anyone was available to give a class. Nebraska Emergency Management will come down for $200.00 dollars a day to give a class. No decision was made and no action taken. Committee discussed the need for a smart board in the EOC with no action being taken.

Voss talked about a high angle rope class, safety office class and PIO class that will be upcoming in the near future. Concordia City Department staff will be doing a table top exercise on a tornado hitting the city of Concordia.

Meeting was adjourned at 1 pm.

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