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Team: Faulkner County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

Date: January 21, 2026

Time: 1200-1310

Location: Baptist Health Hospital

Members and visitors present: Brent Fason, Carol Walton, John Knotts, Keith Hillman, Michael Wickherst, Tameka Webb, Randel Green, Steve Whisnant, Susan Molsbee, Tabith Clarke, Tiaona Winot, Tyra Phillips, Joe Goudswand, and Doug Vanaman

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FAULKNER COUNTY CLERK

BY R. Hillman DC

Agenda Item	Discussion	Responsible Party	Follow Up Required
I Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 1200 and a quorum declared. Keith thanked everyone for attending and thanked Conway Corp for hosting us with the facility, food, and drinks.	Keith Hillman	
II Approval of Minutes	A motion was made and seconded to approve the October 2025 meeting minutes as written. Minutes were approved. None opposed.	Keith Hillman	
III Speakers	HAZMAT team responds to hazard chemical spills. They are tasked with mitigating the emergency not cleaning it up. The intricacies of a Level A HAZMAT suit were shown and explained. Sample kits are used to figure out the composition of unknown sources. The different types of kits they have access to were explained, such as, carbon dioxide tubes, radiation detectors, and mobile detection drug kits. The drug kits started being carried to protect officers and fire fighters. The drug detectors come	Steven Craig, HAZMAT Commander	

	with a QR code that can be scanned to log the data. After fires the air is checked to make sure the area is safe before removing protective equipment. Homeowners are advised to call a cleanup crew to properly clean the contamination left from fires. A law was passed to allow volunteer fire fighters to bring their gear to the fire department for cleanup. Danny Collins, Bomb Squad Commander, discussed the different governing bodies of the bomb squad. They are funded by homeland security. The entities meet and train together four times a year. Every bomb tech in the United States is trained at the same schools. Two members on their squad are on the level 3 team. They are required to train 288 hours a year with 40-hour offsite training. Information was given about bomb suits and the use of robots for recon. There is an upcoming Faulkner County Homeland Explosive Class that Steven will let us know about when the dates are released. LEPC members will have the opportunity to sign up.	Danny Collins, Bomb Squad Commander	
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IV. Old Business	Tier II new system being used. Keith will bring it to the next meeting. Title III the Emergency Response and Preparedness Plan will be reviewed and updated, if necessary, at the next meeting.	Keith Hillman	Tameka will send Keith a reminder concerning old business.
V New Business	There are 6 subcommittees that members can join. Keith will send these to Tameka before the next meeting, and she will send them out. All current officers agreed to stay in their positions for the upcoming year.	Keith Hillman	
VI Announcements	Arkansas Metro Healthcare Preparedness Coalition is partnering with Faulkner County Office of Emergency Management to host a networking opportunity to discuss the CMS emergency management final rule and how working with the preparedness coalitions and OEM will be beneficial for possible future disasters. The date of presentation will be February 23, 2026, from 9:00am to 11:00am at the Baptist Health Conway Conference room.	Keith Hillman/Steve Whisnant	

VII Adjournment	Weather is expected to get bad this weekend. People need to make sure their pipes are prepared. The Red Cross will also be available. In 2025 Red Cross responded to 38 events in Faulkner County. The Red Cross would like to partner with the fire department to work on installing smoke detectors in the homes of those that need them. They also can install smoke detectors for those that are hearing impaired. Dustin Henderson works checking fireplaces for safety. Meeting was adjourned 1310 Next meeting will be held at Baptist Health Conway Conference room on April 15, 2026, at noon.	Mike Wickherst Tiaona Winot Keith Hillman	
Respectfully Submitted by: Tameka Webb, LEPC Secretary; Approved: 			