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Team: Faulkner County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

Date: July 16, 2025

Time: 1215-1335

Location: Baptist Health Conway

Members and visitors present: Susan Molsbee, Keith Hillman, Logan Pryor, Andrea Sellers, Carol Walton, Dennis Cavanaugh, Jacob

Riegle, Larry Hearn, Michael Wickherst, Doug Vanaman, Randal Green, Chuck Dumas, Samantha Minster

MARGARET DARTER
FAULKNER COUNTY CLERK

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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 8 Service Restoration for the food and Baptist for providing drinks.	Keith Hillman	
II Approval of Minutes	A motion was made and seconded to approve the April 2025 meeting minutes as written. Minutes were approved. None opposed.	Keith Hillman	
III Speakers	Baptist Health Medical Reserve Corps - Samantha Minster explained that requests for the MRC team can come through the Department of Health or Baptist Health, or the County in cases of disaster and the team will be covered by Baptist Health. There are plans for a group to provide counseling services on base to new military personnel without insurance. The team's services do not require a declared disaster, making them	Samantha Minster	

	accessible for various situations such as school shootings. The MRC aims to partner with the Red Cross for training and broader deployment, and they are seeking partnerships with groups like the Kitchen Table Foundation to expand their volunteer base and training opportunities. Arkansas Task Force One Capabilities – Randel Green, a captain in the EMS division of the Conway Fire Department and planning manager for the Arkansas Task Force One, presented on state search and rescue team's operations and technologies. The team provides advanced search and rescue, incident stabilization, and medical response, deploying within one to two hours of notification for both natural and man-made disasters, including tornado responses across Arkansas. They operate under ADEM and can be requested by any county emergency manager, working collaboratively with local incident commanders rather than taking over scenes. Randall detailed the use of SAROP, a search and rescue common operating platform, which facilitates information sharing among multiple agencies during incident	Randall Green	
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	response. This application allows responders in the field to receive search segments and report back to the Incident Command (IC) without cell phone service, caching data and uploading it when service becomes available. The SAROP application can drop a boundary of a radar-indicated tornado within 30 minutes, allowing advanced teams to prioritize search areas based on population and damage assessment through census data. The platform provides live tracking of team movements, displays damage indicators (e.g., major structural damage), and allows field teams to upload pictures and request additional assistance, such as heavy rescue or chainsaws, visible immediately at the command post. Additionally, a developing tool called Tempo, incorporating Canopy, provides real-time information on "worst of the worst" events like tornadoes, including EF-rank and exposed structures, enabling the building of search segments and tracking searched houses against population data to ensure comprehensive coverage.		
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IV Old Business	Larry reported on a state-approved grant for additional IT security, emphasizing the importance of end-user training as the weakest link in cybersecurity, with recent training sessions focusing on AI as a new tool for adversaries. Larry and Keith also attended an active shooter incident command class that focused on interoperability among various agencies, including Conway PD, Conway Fire, dispatchers, and EMTs. The class involved immersive, interactive scenarios, allowing participants to practice incident command, rescue task force operations in warm zones, and casualty collection points, highlighting the importance of finding and addressing weaknesses in exercises before real-world events.	Larry Hearn	Quarterly reports to LEPC
V New Business	2025 Bylaw edits have been approved. Tier II chemical update deferred to October meeting. Jacob Regal, the preparedness coordinator for the Department of Health in the central region, explained that the department assists with	Susan Molsbee Jacob Regal	

	various preparedness functions, including patient evacuation, mass fatality management, and food safety and security. Chuck Dumas, the Rapid Response Team coordinator for the environmental health section, further detailed their task by the FDA to rapidly respond to foodborne illness outbreaks and investigations. The rapid response team collaborates with various health department sections, including environmental health specialists, emergency preparedness, and outbreak response nurses, to provide a coordinated response	Chuck Dumas	
VI Announcements	The next meeting will be October 15, 2025 at 12 noon at the new Conway Corp Building.	Logan Pryor	
VII Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 1335	Keith Hillman	
Respectfully Submitted by: 			