

LEPC 2021 Report

During 2021, the Eau Claire County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) met three times and completed various grant requirements in the process. The LEPC, which consists of emergency responders, businesses, and providers to healthcare approved hazardous materials off-site response plans for ten organizations, revised the County Hazardous Materials Strategic Plan, and met other requirements given by the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act.

In addition to the grant required items, the LEPC also was given an extensive overview of how the Eau Claire County Emergency Management Division functions and learned the opportunities and challenges that they face. At every meeting, the Committee is also briefed by the Eau Claire Fire Department on recent hazardous materials incidents. We continue to find ways to become engaged and learn more about the local emergency planning and response activities.

While this Committee meets infrequently, participation is still strong. In 2021, a WebEx meeting option still had to be utilized due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Despite the continued meeting restrictions, there was still lively discussion and participation at meetings. We are looking forward to meeting fully in-person again.

In October of 2021, the LEPC Vice Chair and longtime member County Board Supervisor Ray Henning passed away. Ray was a great voice on this committee and his presence with us will be sorely missed. County Board Supervisor Nathan Otto was selected to replace Supervisor Henning and was appointed to the LEPC in December 2021. The only vacancy on the Committee is the media position, which has been hard to fill due to frequent local media turnover rates.

Respectfully Submitted on behalf of the Eau Claire County LEPC by:

Supervisor Robin Leary