



## DOUGLAS COUNTY LEPC & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BOARD

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**July 2, 2025**

*Douglas County Public Works Training Room*

Chair Brad August welcomed members of the Douglas County Emergency Management Board/Local Emergency Planning Committee on July 2, 2025.

**LEPC Board Members present in the meeting included:**

Brad August	Chris Johnston	Teri Axman
John Harris	David Ernst	Chad Voigt
Tony Foster	Vinca Avila	Chad Christie
Mike Russell	Felice Lavergne	John Mathis
Judd Bowerman	Derek Bland	Justin Lee
Jamie Hofling	Alison Little	Hubert White
Karrey Britt	Terry Elmer	Chirs Lamar
Greg Gardner	Dustin Deathe	Carol Arnold
Mike Pattrick	Shawn Hanson	Kay Johnston
Scott Fewins	Shannon Wilson	

**Emergency Management staff included:**

Joshua Taylor	Erin Huneke
Robert Bieniecki	Ruth Dickson

**Others attending:** Tom Willis, Mark Dodge, Monroe Hanson, Brandon Holloman

**Welcome**

- Brad August called the meeting to order, and members introduced themselves.

**Minutes of April 2, 2025:**

- Greg Gardner moved to approve the minutes of the April 2 Full Board Meeting. Teri Axman seconded, and the motion carried.

**2025 Preparedness Partner Awards:**

- Each year, the LEPC presents awards to community agencies or individuals who demonstrate a strong commitment to emergency preparedness and partnership over the past year. This year's awards were presented to:
  - Tiffany Saturday, Lawrnce-Douglas County Fire Medical
  - Doulgas County Consolidated Fire District #1

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### **Executive Committee Business:**

- The 2025-2026 Executive Committee was presented for approval. Mike Russel moved to approve the committee membership and Chad Christie seconded and the board voted to approve.
  - 2024-2025 Executive Committee:
    - Teri Axman, Chair
    - Greg Gardner, Vice-Chair
    - Brad August, member
    - David Ernst, member
    - John Mathis, member
- Brad August was recognized for his service as chair.

### **Bylaws Update:**

- Updated bylaws that align with county code and the Joint Cities-County Resolution were presented to the board for approval. Teri Axman called for a motion to approve. Greg Gardner so moved, Mike Russell seconded, and the motion passed.

### **Presentation:**

- Teri Axman presented the results of the 2025 Hazard and Vulnerability Analysis for LMH Health.

### **Staff Updates** – Josh Taylor, Robert Bieniecki

- Plans:
  - EOP:
    - The City of Lawrence adopted the EOP May 13.
    - The second quarter ESF review (#6, 7, 8, and 15) took place in May. Separate reviews with ESF #6 and #8 are scheduled for June to refine coordination.
    - Active Threat and Mass Fatality plans are in their final review stages, with tentative rollout scheduled for later this month.
    - New plans supporting the EOP, including a Wildland Fire, Flood, and Drought Plan, Debris Management Plan, and Recovery Plan, are under development for the second half of 2025.
  - IPP: Please continue to encourage partners to complete the survey.
  - COOP: Josh is continuing outreach to local agencies on the use of MOU/MOA templates.
  - Mitigation: The Lawrence City Commission adopted the regional plan on May 13.

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- Grants:
    - **HMEP:** The state has approved Douglas County's application for a Commodity Flow Study in 2025-2026, but federal funding is not yet in place.
    - **EMPG:** There is a lot of different information coming out at the federal level surrounding EMPG, including the possibility that 2025 funding will not be available. The county administrator has been informed of the potential budget shortfall.
  - FIFA:
    - The Douglas County FIFA Unified Command and its branches continue to meet regularly, though planning is limited until we know if a team will select Lawrence as a base camp. This selection could take place as early as December or as late as March.
    - EM asked for a one-time budget increase of \$150,000 to fund training and exercise activities specific to the World Cup and its associated hazards.
  - Volunteer Groups:
    - All volunteers participated in an Alive and Well trauma training.
    - ACT: Team members recruited new members at a national Field Day event.
    - All volunteers will be able to take CPR/Stop the Bleed training this summer.
  - Outreach, Training, & Exercises:
    - EM Staff participated in the first sessions of the Lawrence Police Department camp and teen academy. We will participate again in July.
    - ICS-300 and ICS-400 will be taking place in Lawrence later this summer.
  - Other Staff Updates:
    - Ruth Dickson's internship will end this week. Thank you, Ruth!

### **Information Sharing:**

- Mike Patrick shared that Baldwin City is preparing to host 10,000 people for their July 5<sup>th</sup> Independence Day event. The Lawrence Police Department and Douglas County Sheriff's Office are also supporting the event.
- Justin Lee shared that Eudora Fire has put out a Request for Proposal for a standards of cover document/community risk assessment.
- Teri Axman shared that Incident Command is stood up at the hospital to plan for a potential measles case.

### **Adjourn:**

Teri Axman called for a motion to adjourn. Mike Russell so moved, and John Mathis seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned.

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