

**LEPC**  
**MAY 25<sup>TH</sup> 2005**

**SPECIAL**  
**4:30 PM**

A Special meeting of the Lake County LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) was held at the Lake County 4-H Extension Building. The special meeting was in regards to the FY 2005 Homeland Security Grant Program. There was a sign in table with materials handed out at that time. Attending this special meeting were approximately 26 of the 99 entities/organizations that were invited. EMA Director Thomson sent out 99 packets too various entities/organizations.

**Presentation:**

Lake County EMA Director Don Thomson presented about ½ hour slide show with a Power Point. 99 different entities/organizations were invited to this special meeting. The advisory Committee which was designated as the LEPC/Citizen Corp. also were in attendance.

Don went through the Power Point and the audience followed along with the handouts. The Power point presentation was done at 5:20 pm and at that time Don Thomson opened it up for discussion & questions.

Have monies allocated already—time frame for next year is about the same. There are some budget concerns as putting three different budgets together. Funds allocated in FY2004--? How long can we set on these? There is monies allocated for training and that has to be used for training. FY2004 unused funds will go back to State control. FY2003 was completed by Jan 05 with a 6 month extension—end of Aug 05 to use FY2003 funds. FY2004 needs to be used by Mar 06 and FY2005—trying to allocate this money. Tammy Hillstead from the Madison Community Hospital asked about the Hersa Grants—cannot be used for security anymore—do you know about this? There are 21 different categories listed. Different ways to use & apply for these grants. It is similar to last year but more detailed.

There was \$86,000 prior to this special meeting and the wants presented tonight are approximately \$73,000. Big Sioux water system requested security system. Priorities for agencies that have not received funds ever. 75/25 match—would the organizations presented be receptive to this. Organization would pay 25% of the proposed project. Invoice—25% of that. We would be making the dollar stretch if we do the 75%/25% match. The grant is \$102,000, short \$57,000 for all the projects requested.

Dr. Sweet would pull off the table \$25,000 but the school needs to be remembered for next year, the 2006 allocations. Royce Hueners stated that he needs to know figures so that he may presented to the City Commissioners with what the 25% would be. \$5,000 for surveillance camera & \$30,000 for the remotes. Wayne Backus asked how is the \$ coming back. The projects are very accurate for costs. Could do a 80/20 match also. Oct grant is 50%/50%. LEPC secretary, Deb Reinicke left at 5:50 PM.

General questions were discussed to include possibilities for additional funding. Nothing was confirmed if funds would be available but would be requested if available.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm with the understanding that a special LEPC/Citizen Corps would be conducted within two weeks to determine priorities of submitted projects and submitting project list to the county commissioners for final approval. Goal is to have grant packets to South Dakota Office of Homeland Security no later than July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Respectfully written,  
LEPC Secretary,  
Debra J. Reinicke