

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 17, 2026 – 1:30 p.m.

The Alpena County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) met on Thursday, September 17, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in the Howard Male Conference Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair – Alpena County Commissioner
Alpena County Commissioner
Alpena County Emergency Manager
Alpena County Central Dispatch Director
Alpena 911 Lead Dispatcher
Alpena County Sheriff
MSP Alpena Post Commander
EMS Provider Representative
Alpena City Police Chief
Alpena County Fire Representative
City of Alpena Elected Official Representative
District Health Department #4 Representative
NE Michigan Medical Control Representative

Todd Britton
Lucille Bray
J.P. Ritter
Kim Elkie
Rory Sherwood
Erik Smith
Anthony Utt
Andy Marceau
Eric Hamp
Tim Baker
Danny Mitchell
Katie Detgen
Nick Harrison

MEMBERS ABSENT: Alpena County Road Commission
Alpena Public Schools Representative
Community Member-At-Large
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Ryan Brege
Lee Fitzpatrick
Edna Sorensen
Lisa Kruse

OTHERS PRESENT: Alpena City Fire Deputy Chief
MDOT
The Salvation Army
The Salvation Army

Tyler Suszek
Eric Precord
Mjr. Prezma Morrison
Connie Johnsen

Commissioner Britton called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

APPROVE THE AGENDA: Motion to approve the agenda was made by Nick Harrison with support from Erik Smith. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTE: Motion was made by Rory Sherwood with support from Lucille Bray to approve the minutes from the LEPC meeting held July 16, 2026. Motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEM: Sheriff Smith introduced Sgt. Ritter to the Committee, announcing that the Board of Commissioners has assigned the Emergency Management program to the Sheriff's Office. Sgt. Ritter has been appointed the new Emergency Manager for Alpena County.

INFORMATION ITEM: In an Old Business update, Sgt. Ritter informed the committee that he intends to initiate the 3-year series of exercises previously discussed with Lake State Railroad. He plans to meet

with them in the near future. He also advised the group that the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant for this year will be reimbursed in the amount of \$1,387, which includes reimbursement for printing the meeting packets and the annual subscription fee for access to the State's online SARA Title III software, a critical tool for creating/updating the offsite response plans.

Motion to adjourn was made by Erik Smith with support from Rory Sherwood. The meeting adjourned at 1:44 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for November 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m.

Todd Britton, Chair

Sgt. J.P. Ritter
Alpena County Emergency Manager

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