LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 3, 2026 – 1:30 p.m.

The Alpena County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) met on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in the Howard Male Conference Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Chair – Alpena County Commissioner	Todd Britton
	Alpena County Emergency Manager	J.P. Ritter
	Alpena County Central Dispatch Director	Kim Elkie
	Alpena 911 Lead Dispatcher	Rory Sherwood
	Alpena County Sheriff	Erik Smith
	MSP Alpena Post Commander	Anthony Utt
	EMS Provider Representative	Andy Marceau
	Alpena City Police Chief	Eric Hamp
	Alpena County Fire Representative	Tim Baker
	City of Alpena Elected Official Representative	Danny Mitchell
	District Health Department #4 Representative	Katie Detgen
	NE Michigan Medical Control Representative	Nick Harrison
	Alpena County Road Commission	Ryan Brege
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Alpena County Commissioner	Lucille Bray – excused
	Alpena Public Schools Representative	Lee Fitzpatrick
	Community Member-At-Large	Edna Sorensen
	EGLE	Lisa Kruse
OTHERS PRESENT:	Alpena City Fire Deputy Chief	Tyler Suszek
	The Salvation Army	Connie Johnsen

Commissioner Britton called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

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

APPROVE MINUTE: Motion was made by Rory Sherwood with support from Andy Marceau to approve the minutes from the LEPC meeting held September 17, 2026. Motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEM: Alpena County Emergency Manager, Sgt. J.P. Ritter, advised the committee that he has spoken with John Junga, Director of Operating Practices and Regulatory Affairs for Lake State Railway. A derailment/hazmat exercise is being planned for summer 2027. John also plans to attend our LEPC meetings.

INFORMATION ITEM: Sgt. Ritter will be meeting with Bob Sutton, Combat Readiness Training Center (CRTC) Emergency Manager, regarding the military aircraft crash in Traverse City in September

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for local preparedness assessment and response planning. A CRTC representative will attend a Fire Chiefs' meeting to share information after the crash investigation is complete.

INFORMATION ITEM: Following discussion, this committee's January meeting was set for January 19, 2027 at 1:30 p.m. in the Howard Male Conference Room. The remainder of the 2027 calendar will be sscheduled at that time.

Motion to adjourn was made by Danny Mitchell with support from Rory Sherwood. The meeting adjourned at 1:37 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2026 at 1:30 p.m.

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Todd Britton, Chair

Sgt. J.P. Ritter
Alpena County Emergency Manager

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