

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA ITEM VIII



CITY OF FRANKLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT
City Council Meeting, April 8, 2014

From: Kevin LaChapelle, Fire Chief

Subject: Acceptance of the 2014 Local Emergency Operations Plan. Also referred to as “LEOP”

Recommending motion:

1. Councilor moves: ***“I move the Franklin City Council accept the 2014 Emergency Operations Plan as written”.***
 2. Mayor asks a second, discussion, and calls the vote.
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Background:

In our country's system of emergency management, local government must act first to attend to the public's emergency needs. Depending on the nature and size of the emergency, State and Federal assistance may be provided to the local jurisdiction. The local EOP focuses on the measures that are essential for protecting the public. These include warning, emergency public information, evacuation, and shelter. Federal and State Emergency Management guidelines require up to date plans for future funding of preparedness, planning and mitigation efforts. The City of Franklin has most certainly benefited from these financial relief efforts in recent years. Furthermore, constant review and annual updating of this plan coupled with insurance of operational readiness will afford our community an efficient mitigation process.

Under the direction of the City of Franklin's Emergency Management Director, Chief LaChapelle, a federal grant was secured to review the City's 2008 LEOP. Through this grant Hubbard Consulting LLC was hired to orchestrate a comprehensive LEOP that will act as a guide for local leadership to follow during the event of a large scale emergency within the City of Franklin. A highly functional committee of local leaders was established for the review of this plan. Through nine months of review, scrutiny and relationship building, a comprehensive plan was solidified.

It should be known that constant monitoring, review and collaboration of this plan will be persistent in order to provide the sharpest plan in the event of a large scale emergency.

Copies of this plan will be on the City's Web site and held in hard copy at Franklin City Hall and with Department Heads.

Fiscal Impact:

As adopted at the April 1, 2014 City Council meeting;

The City's eligibility for FEMA grants and reimbursements in the after effects of disaster will be in jeopardy if the LEOP is non-compliant or updated.

The overall cost for the LEOP is \$5000. \$2500 paid from this grant and \$2500 paid by the City's soft match portion.

Exhibits:

Final version of the plan in hard copy (5) with a CD that contains the LEOP in PDF format.