



## HOMESTEAD

# LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

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### Homestead LEPC Receives Award

The Homestead Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) received the Large LEPC Award for “Outstanding Achievement in planning, prevention, and risk reduction in the Community” at the Region 7 LEPC/TERC Conference. The Homestead LEPC serves the counties of Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Saline, and Thayer counties.

A Local Emergency Planning Committee is a gathering of community representatives who have an interest in hazardous materials safety and emergency preparedness. The LEPC works to minimize risk, prevent accidents, and assist in the development of plans to deal with chemical emergencies and other hazards. Every county is required to have an LEPC and these five counties have joined together to better coordinate planning, training, and resources.

The Homestead LEPC is made up of members from local elected officials, county emergency managers, public health department, health care facilities, fire departments, rescue units, and businesses that have extremely hazardous chemicals. This organization meets quarterly on the first Thursday in March, June, September, and December. The meeting date, time, and location is published in the local newspapers. Anyone who has an interest in emergency planning is welcomed to attend the meeting and actually encouraged to become an active member. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Homestead LEPC, please contact your local Emergency Manager.



Emergency Managers Pictured Above: Jim Dunker, Fillmore County; John McKee, Jefferson & Interim Saline County; William McPherson, Thayer County; and Tim Stutzman, Gage County