

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
November 5, 2007 MEETING MINUTES

Roll Call

- Ms. Carney conducted roll call.
- Attendance: Reggie Brown*; Brandy Carney*; Jim Carrell; Pete Clapham*; John DeMuth; Captain Mike Dziak; Alan Finkelstein*; Frank Foley*; Bob Gahr*; Stu Greenberg*; Randy Helmick*; Barbara Hermes*; Camilla Johnson; John Jurcsisn*; Chief Dennis Kancler*; Lylia Lathan; Sheldon Lustig*; Herb Mausser*; Marty Murphy* (Kathryn Reynolds); Bob Patton*; Jane Pavlick*; Brenda Phifer*; Captain Mark Scott*; Chief Bryan Sloan*; Randy Solganik*

* - LEPC member

Administrative

Mr. Patton called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

The minutes from September 10, 2007 meeting were approved, as amended, by a motion made from Mr. Lustig and seconded by Mr. Finkelstein. Mr. Greenberg abstained.

Financial Report

Ms. Johnson provided the Financial Report. Mr. Mausser motioned to receive and file the Financial Report; motion seconded by Ms. Hermes and approved.

Public Information Requests

Ms. Carney noted 83 public information requests since the last meeting.

Management Subcommittee

Mr. Greenberg commented on the Population Protection RFP. Its committee was formed through the LEPC and CCESAB. The RFP received two proposals. After further review, the task force made a recommendation to the Cuyahoga County Commissioners of the superior proposal, submitted by General Physics. Mr. Greenberg asked the LEPC to also endorse the task force's recommendation. The motion to endorse General Physics was made by Mr. Finkelstein, and seconded by Captain Scott.

Mr. Greenberg also asked the Committee to allocate the remaining balance for the first phase of the project, \$23,000. Mr. Patton noted that the Committee had already allocated \$30,000 for the first phase. On a motion by Mr. Greenberg, and

seconded by Ms. Pavlick, the remaining \$23,000 for the first phase of the Population Protection RFP was allocated.

Mr. Patton stated that monies for the entire second phase of the project, \$77,000, had been allocated by the CAT Committee. A resolution thanking the committee was made by Chief Kancler, and seconded by Mr. Finkelstein. Mr. Patton further stated that he would like to thank Ms. Rodrigo and Ms. Reynolds for pursuing that money.

Mr. Mausser asked where the money for the final phases would be coming from. Mr. Patton responded by saying that other options would have to be explored, such as request letters to facilities, the City of Cleveland and the railroads.

Mr. Patton announced that the new LEPC Information Coordinator was Brandy Carney.

Mr. Patton commented that at the October Management meeting, Ms Rodrigo asked that the County General Fund be reimbursed a total amount of \$140,000 from the LEPC for CY2007. This cost covers portions of the Hazmat staff and their expenses. The Management Committee allocated the full amount of the SERC grant, \$111,596.00. Mr. Patton asked that the full LEPC now allocate the remaining \$28,404.00 that was asked for by Ms. Rodrigo. On a motion by Mr. Greenberg, and seconded by Mr. Finkelstein, the remainder was allocated.

Facility Security and Accident Prevention Subcommittee

Mr. Mausser reported that the November seminars went well. The seminars were timed well because the final version of Appendix A came out on Friday, November 2. Mr. Mausser added that once the Appendix and regulation are published in the Federal Register, facilities have 60 days to complete their initial top-screen.

Transportation Subcommittee

Mr. Lustig commented on the pending H.B. 328, regarding safety and security in railway facilities. The proposed bill will be discussed at the first Transportation Committee meeting.

Mr. Lustig also added that the Transportation Committee will discuss reviewing the proposal submitted by Fred Millar, a hazardous materials transportation consultant with Friends of the Earth, regarding the new federal legislation regulating hazardous rail cargo.

Spills Subcommittee

No report was given.

Emergency Preparedness and Response Subcommittee

Mr. Finkelstein announced that the 2007 Hazmat Conference was very successful. He added that he let Chief Vedder know about the LEPC possibly giving more funding for next year's event.

Mr. Finkelstein said that he was asked to go to D.C. regarding TRI Section 313 of EPCRA. He added that he testified against the changes to reporting, and that it appears that the regulations (thresholds) will be back to where they initially were.

Compliance and Tier II Submissions

Ms. Phifer stated that all 2006 EHS facility information was input into Cameo, and she is currently adding in the rest of the filing facilities.

Other Business

Ms. Carney stated that there were supplemental HMEP grant monies made available, and that an application for them was submitted to the state.

Ms. Reynolds noted that the new Justice Affairs Director, Gary Holland, is scheduled to start on November 13. He will be named the new LEPC Emergency Coordinator.

Mr. Lustig again asked about receiving ID tags for LEPC Committee members.

Tim Mannas, manager of Hazmat for CSX, followed with a short presentation.

The wife and family of Rich Connelly were then presented with a plaque and resolution made in his honor.

Next meeting set for January 7, 2008 at 1:30pm at NEORSD.