



**Cuyahoga County
Local Emergency Planning Committee
March 7, 2016 Meeting Minutes**



- **Roll Call-** Chief Sloan conducted roll call and conducted the meeting
 - **LEPC Members in Attendance:** Jim Armstrong, Justin Bechtel, Scott Broski, Reggie Brown, Capt. Mike Dziak (Lt. Simmons), Randy Helmick, Barbara Hermes, Roger Klein, Sheldon Lustig, Herb Mausser, Sharon Nicastro, John O'Donnell, Tony Passalacqua, Bob Patton, Chief Bryan Sloan, Randy Solganik, Walter Topp, Allen Turner
 - **Guests:** Nancy Veley- Cuyahoga Public Safety & Justice Services, Michael Shuler- SAFC Cleveland, Ed Earley- Savage Services, Ed Billig- Savage Services, Michelle Sowers- Ohio EMA
- **Minutes-** The committee approved the minutes from the January 11, 2016 meeting

- **Financial Report**

Nancy Veley presented the Financial Report for the period ending February 29, 2016. Updates since the last meeting: transfer to CCOEM from FY2014 HMEP Planning Grant an amount of \$23,534.12. Current LEPC balance is \$290,095.98.

- **Resolution(s) Approved**

- **Resolution #03072016-1:** February 2016 Financial Report
- **Resolution #03072016-2:** Approving funding for lunch for the Rail Safety Seminar- adopted via email vote by the LEPC Management Subcommittee
- **Resolution #03072016-3:** Approving the Funding of Four (4) HazmatIQ First Responder Offensive Classes using 2015 SERC Grant Funds- adopted via email vote by the LEPC Management Subcommittee

- **Public Information Requests**

Brenda Phifer reported 25 Information Requests since the last meeting.

- **Tier II Reports:**

Brenda Phifer entered 208 Tier II Chemical Inventories since last meeting.

- **Management Subcommittee**

Management subcommittee did not meet, but they did approve two resolutions via email:

- Resolution #03072016-2: Approving funding for lunch for the Rail Safety Seminar (up to \$1,000)
- Resolution #03072016-3: Approving the Funding of Four (4) HazmatIQ First Responder Offensive Classes using 2015 SERC Grant Funds

- **Facilities Security and Accident Prevention Subcommittee**

Randy Helmick stated the subcommittee would like to conduct a seminar on site security/cyber security/active shooter/workplace violence. Would like to hold the seminar sometime in 2016, and will convene subcommittee members to start planning.



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- **Transportation Subcommittee**

- Sheldon Lustig attended SERC meeting on February 10.
- Sheldon will be attending the Hazmat Rail Seminar at Bowling Green St. University
- Chemical Safety Board released West (TX) Fertilizer Explosion Report.
- Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) recently released two advisories: verify traffic lights connected to railroad crossings function properly; and that the FRA is setting up an information exchange/portal on bridge conditions, due to the reluctance of railroads answering inquiries from local authorities

- **Spills Subcommittee**

- Scott Broski reported that 12 facilities still need to submit reports from 2014-2015: 3 have been referred to County Prosecutor's Office, 1 more will soon be referred to the Prosecutor, and 8 others still need to submit their reports. There have been 7 reportable spills since last meeting: 3 have submitted reports and are closed, 4 still open and will be sent letters reminding them to file reports.
- There was a discussion about the number of spills the committee handles. Reggie Brown (Ohio EPA) stated Cuyahoga County averages around 100 spills a year, with 25-30 that are reportable and are tracked by this subcommittee. 31 reportable spills in 2015.
- Had a discussion about prevalence of mercury spills in the county, which have declined tremendously over the past 10-15 years. Reggie Brown stated he responded to only 2 spills in his 17-county territory in 2015.
- Spills Fine Matrix will be updated with assistance from the Prosecutor's Office

- **Emergency Preparedness and Response**

- Lt. Al Finklestein was not at the meeting; John O'Donnell discussed the upcoming LEPC/hazmat exercise. John stated the full-scale exercise is scheduled for Saturday, May 21, 2016 at the Cuyahoga Community College- East Campus in Highland Hills. Chagrin/Southeast Hazmat team is main players, with assistance from several local fire departments. Exercise will simulate a semi-truck accident releasing a chemical near the intersection of 271S and Harvard Ave (near Ahuja Hospital). The exercise will test 9 objectives, including activating the County Emergency Operations Center (EOC).
- Chief Sloan stated that CSX is providing first responder training in March in Brooklyn and Strongsville. LEPC members are welcome to attend
- Republic National Convention is coming soon, and many subcommittees are holding meeting for various disciplines. Public health, fire departments/hazmat, communications issues were discussed.
- Re-routing rail lines was also brought up. CCOEM drafted a letter and will send to Senator Sherrod Brown's office.
- John O'Donnell stated CCOEM submitted two grant applications: SERC and Hazard Mitigation Emergency Planning (HMEP) grants for various training opportunities, hazmat conferences, hazmat inspections, amongst other items.
- John stated a GIS ad hoc committee began meeting to discuss future viability of Northeast Ohio Common Operating Picture (NEOCOP). The current platform of the NEOCOP system will not be updated/monitored after June 1, 2016. This group is meeting to identify other mapping/COP options.



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- **New Business:**
 - Brenda Phifer is retiring in June, her last LEPC meeting will be May 2, 2016
- **Next Meeting:**
 - LEPC Spills Subcommittee meeting: Monday, May 2, 2016 at the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District at 12:30pm
 - Main LEPC meeting: Monday, May 2, 2016 at the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District at 1:30pm