



**Cuyahoga County  
Local Emergency Planning Committee  
November 6, 2017 Meeting Minutes**



- **Roll Call-** Chief Sloan conducted roll call and led the meeting.
  - **LEPC Members in Attendance:** Jim Armstrong, Melissa Braskie, Scott Broski, Dr. Pete Clapham, Alan Finkelstein, Tom Hartman, Roger Klein, Captain Chris Kostura, Sheldon Lustig, Jim Maskil, Herb Mausser, John O'Donnell, Tony Passalacqua, Bob Patton, Brooke Potts, Darla Rivera, Chief Bryan Sloan, Randy Solganik, Allen Turner, Ingrid Wagner
  - **Guests:** Fred Romeo- Ohio Department of Natural Resources Oil & Gas, Nancy Veley- Cuyahoga County Public Safety & Justice Services
  
- **Minutes**
  - Change in minutes: changed "\$2 billion" to "\$20 million"
  - The committee approved the minutes as corrected from the September 11, 2017 meeting
  
- **Financial Report** for the period ending October 31, 2017:
  - Reimbursement to Gordie Polando for Hazmat Exercise equipment– \$261.08
  - Received HMEP FY2016 reimbursement from Ohio EMA – \$1,946.17
  - Current balance - \$466,626.33
  
- **Resolutions Approved**
  - **Resolution #11062017-1:** Accept & File Financial Report Period ending October 31, 2017
  - **Resolution #11062017-2:** Approving Payment to Chagrin/SE Council of Government for 2017 Ohio Hazmat Conference, not to exceed \$10,000.00
    - Discussion about conference funding, note that amount from LEPC was part of HMEP grant fund
  
- **Management Subcommittee**
  - No meeting
  - Discussion about LEPC representation from Cuyahoga County Fire Chiefs. Following Chief Sloan's 2019 retirement plans, CC Fire Chiefs are aware that new representation on LEPC will be needed. CC Fire Chiefs shall appoint representative to LEPC but not to chairperson roles.
  - January is organizational meeting, those wishing to run for positions can do so then.
  
- **Facilities Security and Accident Prevention Subcommittee**
  - Nothing reported
  
- **Transportation Subcommittee**
  - SERC meeting had keynote about complex transportation incident in Wauseon, Ohio. Incident involved a multi-casualty crash in EB lanes of turnpike, followed by a 2-semi crash blocking WB lanes, followed by semi crash with a hydrogen tanker. 23 departments in total responded to incident with many lessons learned.
  
- **Spills Subcommittee**
  - Past spills:
    - 1 unresolved spill from June. No response from Bedford Fire Chief, will issue public record request to determine responsible party
    - Sunoco to be sent second notice letter for August spill
  - Current period spills: 8 new spills since last meeting
    - Received reports from: 3



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- Due for post-30-day first notice letter: 3
- Not yet at 30-day deadline: 2
- Notable spills:
  - Wrong-way fatal crash into tractor-trailer resulted in rupture spilling 3,500 gallons of gasoline on I-77 NB. Fuel reached storm drain and NEORSO was involved. Circumstances surrounding rupture of tank was discussed at Ohio Hazmat Conference.
  - Hydrofluoric Acid spill at Arconic. Not reportable quantity but there was disagreement between company-hired and hazmat response personnel leaving 2 company responders injured. Spills committee would like to reach out to assist facility in understanding response roles to avoid further confusion.
- **Emergency Preparedness and Response**
  - 2018 Hazmat Exercise will be full-scale marine incident with West Shore Hazmat and USCG
  - Discussed success of Ohio Hazmat Conference- 280 were able to attend this free training
  - NASTTPO and Hotzone Hazmat Conference was attended by Alan Finkelstein. Notable topics included:
    - HMEP Grant, funds many LEPC activities
    - Toxic Substance Control Act and Risk Management Program (of Clean Air Act) had changes made in regulations that have since been put on hold by current administration. More details at next meeting.
    - TRANSCAER- free training program provided by Railroads and American Chemical Council. Proposal to include TRANSCAER training on next HMEP grant to cover some associated costs of hosting the training.
    - Extensive LEPC training program exists in EPA region 6 (does not exist here in region 5). Consideration for potential National LEPC Conference in 2018.
- **CCOEM Report**
  - 2017 County Hazmat Plan underwent substantial change and was submitted to state in October. Plan was accepted with no recommendations and will be formally voted on by SERC in December. Includes vulnerability analysis profiles for worst-case scenario releases. Note that this plan is not to be shared. Discussed exclusion of non-municipal police departments.
  - Request to FRA on rail re-routing information still pending. Latest response gave no estimate on timeline for response.
  - Began EHS Site Visit program using SERC dollars to reimburse fire personnel to visit EHS facilities in the county
    - Visited 2 EHS facilities in Euclid (Cuyahoga Molded Plastics and Eaton Corporation)
    - Aim to create a post-visit analysis for the facilities
    - Discussed how to get more fire departments on-board:
      - Possible presentation to fire chiefs using Euclid visits as example
      - Target Hazmat team personnel
      - Target facility personnel
    - Note these visits cannot be used for any FD enforcement activity
    - Visits are open to LEPC members if interested
  - East Cleveland Arco Recycling Plant fire - County OEM had partial EOC activation.
    - On-scene response included mutual aid fire departments, EPA, NEORSO and many others
    - Use of infrared drone from Chagrin Valley Dispatch to find hotspots below rubble surface
    - Ohio EPA and Board of Health had taken over site earlier in 2017



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- Site is currently in monitoring phase.
- Reimbursement for responding agencies is not yet known, meeting should be set up between all involved parties to determine this. LEPC can act as coordinating/moderating group for this.
- CCOEM to host After-Action Review on Nov. 9
- Continuing work with County Law Department on LEPC/County agreement
- 2018 Hazmat exercise planning meeting upcoming
- HMEP Grant includes \$40,000 in funding for a Commodity Flow Study. Interested LEPC members can attend the first meeting on Nov. 17.
  - Need to create a Request for Proposal
  - Discussed potentially completing the study in-house as an on-going initiative using free software and using funds for training rather than hiring a contractor
- NEORSR Regulatory Compliance Seminar on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>, John O'Donnell and Brooke Potts to present on LEPC, EPCRA reporting, and EHS site visits
- Spills Bylaws may need updating, to be determined
- Stark County hosted CAMEO training course attended by LEPC members
  
- **New Business**
  - Animal Decon training hosted by Mark Vedder in October
    - 14 attendees from various animal agencies
    - 2 more classes planned
  - Latest version of CAMEO Chemicals app is available to download (free)
  - Ohio Hazmat Conference had presentation with research comparing shelter-in-place to evacuation during hazmat incident. Result of research shows SIP as a viable option (relevant to Population Protection program)
  - Thank you to Dr. Clapham for his lengthy service on the LEPC
  - 2018 Meeting Dates:
    - January 8
    - March 5
    - May 7
    - July 9
    - September 10
    - November 5
  
- **Next Meeting:**
  - LEPC Spills Subcommittee meeting: Monday, January 8, 2017 at the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District at 12:30pm
  - Main LEPC meeting (Organizational Meeting): Monday, January 8, 2017 at the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District at 1:30pm