



**Cuyahoga County
Local Emergency Planning Committee
July 10, 2017 Meeting Minutes**



- **Roll Call-** Chief Sloan conducted roll call and led the meeting.
 - **LEPC Members in Attendance:** Jim Armstrong, Wade Balser, Scott Broski, Alan Finkelstein, Tom Hartman, Barbara Hermes, John Jurcsisn, Roger Klein, Bryan Kloss, Chief Chris Kostura, Sheldon Lustig, Herb Mausser, John O'Donnell, Bob Patton, Brooke Potts, Darla Rivera, Chief Bryan Sloan, Alan Turner
 - **Guests:** Nancy Veley- Cuyahoga Public Safety & Justice Services, Melissa Braskie- UH Medical Center, Michelle Sowers- Ohio EMA

- **Minutes-**
 - The committee approved the minutes from the May 1, 2017

- **Financial Report** for the period ending June 30, 2017:
 - Reimbursement to Allen Finkelstein for attending NASTTPO Conference- \$1946.17
 - Reimbursement to John O'Donnell for attending National Homeland Security Conference- \$666.97

- **Resolutions Approved**
 - **Resolution #07102017-1:** Accept & File Financial Report Period ending April 30, 2017
 - **Resolution #07102017-2:** Approving Funding for Materials for Type 1 Hazmat Exercise in September
 - **Resolution #07102017-3:** Thank You to LEPC Exercise Participants
 - **Resolution #07102017-4:** Thank You to LEPC Exercise Evaluators
 - **Resolution #07102017-5:** Thank You to LEPC Exercise Planning Team
 - **Resolution #07102017-6:** Approving Reimbursement for LEPC Members to Attend LEPC Conference

- **Management Subcommittee**
 - No meeting, but had discussion about LEPC membership

- **Facilities Security and Accident Prevention Subcommittee**
 - Reviewed security standards for manufacturing facilities to develop program for chemical facilities

- **Transportation Subcommittee**
 - Attended June SERC meeting. Discussed upcoming LEPC Conference in October
 - NTSB's website has several new reports:
 - June 2016 incident with USCG ship hit by tug boat in Panama Canal. Despite protections of ship and crew, had no protections to avoid being hit from behind
 - Vehicle carrier from Germany to New York carrying 600+ vehicles caught fire and all were a total loss. Investigation pointed to 2002 Ford Escape with known defect that caused fire.
 - Carnival Cruise ship in Virgin Islands had a fire. Cruise ship workers were unable to account for passengers on/off boat at the time. People evacuated any way they could and staff was unable to have accountability for passengers. Amtrak has similar problem with being unable to tell who is on their trains
 - 2015 Burlington Northern accident in SD lead to derailment on a bridge. Several cars ignited/breached, no evacuation due to sparse population. Track in question was rated for 90lb rail (very old), as opposed to modern 130-155lb rail. Bridge was recently repaired but track had not been realigned correctly, although rail line was deemed safest route.

- **Spills Subcommittee**



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- 1 open spill from Jan/Feb. Have sent 3 notices, will engage Prosecutor's Office if needed
- May/June spills: 3 reportable spills (25 gallons that leave the spiller's property, or any spill that enters a waterway)
 - 1 past 30 day, will send notice
 - 1 unknown spiller, reaching out to fire department for more info
 - 1 spill of unknown material, need to do more research to decide if reportable
- Received ODNR spill report (as opposed from spiller-oil/gas well). This is current standard for spills from oil/gas wells- spiller sends to ODNR, who then sends to LEPC
- Had discussion of navigable waterways for spill reporting requirements. Any waterway that leads to a navigable waterway is considered a navigable waterway

- **Emergency Preparedness and Response**
 - 2017 LEPC/Hazmat Tabletop was completed on May 25 and received concurrence from SERC
 - Encouraging members to attend LEPC Conference
 - Notes from NASTTPO May conference-
 - unsure of HMEP funding beyond current 2 year cycle.
 - Exec Order 13650- requires federal agencies (OSHA, DOT, EPA, DHS) to coordinate info gathering for hazmat.
 - Revisions to Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, other similar regulations on hold from current Presidential administration.
 - New CAMEO Chemicals app for Android and Apple via app stores (search USEPA).
 - CFATS program- up for reauthorization.
 - <https://www.epa.gov/toxics-release-inventory-tri-program/my-right-know-application>- find info from EPA regarding chemical facilities and toxic sites in an area

- **CCOEM Report**
 - Working to get County signature for LEPC Membership applications to submit to SERC
 - Continuing to work with Sen. Brown's Office for rail rerouting. Sent letter to FRA Chief Counsel requesting Bryan Kloss get access to documents used to grade 27 criteria for choosing rail routes. Request was received and acknowledged. The process for conditional disclosure from US DOT has started.
 - Developing EHS facility visit program for reimbursement for fire departments from SERC funding
 - Working on LEPC Fiscal Report- due July 30
 - National Homeland Security Conference summary, attended various presentations, highlights include:
 - Dallas Police Ambush (Dallas PD, FD)-keynote
 - Pulse Nightclub Shooting (Orlando PD) – keynote
 - Pillars of Islamic State Success- (Counter Terrorism Watch)
 - OSU Attack/Lessons Learned (OSU PD)
 - Building and Training Leaders in Homeland Security- (U. Albany, St. Louis County)
 - Utilizing Drones in Emergency Management- (Florida St. EM)
 - Response to Recovery: Lessons Learned from Ellicott City, MD flood- (local, county EMA)
 - US EPA revised the hazard categories in the regulations under Sections 311 and 312 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) by adopting the United Nations Globally



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Harmonization System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS).

Effective 1/1/18, chemical companies will be required to use the new GHS physical and health hazards when submitting their Tier II chemical inventories.

- Public Records Requests-11
- Tier II Reports- 37
 - Discussion of Tier II Reports and how they are submitted
- **New Business**
 - Discussion on PSAP consolidation progress
 - Discussion on opioid/opiate epidemic and dangers to police/fire responders on a scene
 - LEPC could potentially provide training and/or equipment to responders
 - Useful equipment includes: nitrile gloves, M95 mask, Tyvek suits
- **Next Meeting:**
 - LEPC Spills Subcommittee meeting: Monday, September 11, 2017 at the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District at 12:30pm
 - Main LEPC meeting: Monday, September 11, 2017 at the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District at 1:30pm