



**CUYAHOGA COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 9, 2013 MEETING MINUTES**

Roll Call

Lt. Finkelstein conducted roll call.

Attendance: Jim Armstrong*, Bill Belardo, Wade Balsler (Reggie Brown*), Prof. Clapham*, Mike Kelley (Cpt. Dziak*), Lt. Alan Finkelstein*, Frank Foley*, Robert Gahr*, Randy Helmick*, Barbara Hermes*, Chief Kostura*, Sheldon Lustig*, Herb Mausser*, Sharon Nicastro*, Mary Jane Pavlick*, Brenda Phifer, Randy Solganik, Walter Topp*

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Guests: Terry Bindernagel (Cleveland OEM)
Jared Bathy (CC SWD)
Kevin Friis (Southpointe Hospital)
Nancy Veley (CC DPSJS)

Minutes

Lt. Finkelstein conducted the meeting. Mr. Belardo will bring May LEPC Meeting minutes to November meeting for approval since no quorum at July meeting. Mr. Lustig amended minutes. Motion to approve minutes as amended by Sheldon Lustig; seconded by Mary Jane Pavlick. Meeting minutes approved. The LEPC accepted grant dollars from the State totaling \$114,423.00. Current balance is \$346,737.22.

Financial Report

Nancy Veley presented the Financial Report for the period ending August 30, 2013. The SERC FY 2013 grant funds were transferred to the Office of Emergency Management for both the Hazmat Coordinator and Environmental Specialist positions for \$77,996.00. Motion to accept Financial Report by Bob Gahr and seconded by Frank Foley. Financial Report accepted.

Resolutions

Lt. Finkelstein discussed Resolution #071813-1 which focused on LEPC membership beginning August 2013 till August 2015. New members include Elaine Barnes, Walter Topp, Allen Turner, Sharon Nicastro & Laura Travers. New members were welcomed to the LEPC. Resolution was amended to reflect Prof. Clapham's edits.

Mr. Belardo went thru the July LEPC meeting resolutions which were approved by the Management Subcommittee on July 18th due to a lack of a quorum at the main LEPC meeting. A blanket resolution was passed at meeting to accept all resolutions.



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Dick Kotapish gave a presentation on the COP GIS site Lake County is creating for the LEPC.

Resolution #090913-1 regarding establish a records retention policy for certain LEPC documents was passed on a motion from Herb Mausser and seconded by Prof. Clapham.

Resolution #090913-2 regarding approving reimbursements for HMEP 20th Year Training Grant on a motion from Sheldon Lustig and seconded by Prof. Clapham.

Public Information Requests

Mrs. Phifer reported 10 Information Requests since the last meeting, totaling 64 for the year.

Tier II Reports: Mrs. Phifer

Brenda is working on the SARA Plan. 273 facilities have reported for the SARA Plan thus far.

Management Subcommittee

Bill Belardo discussed the Clandestine Lab Committee Chief Sloane created and the meeting that took place on August 19th. Clandestine labs produce hazardous material byproducts that need careful attention during response and cleanup efforts. LEPC Grant monies can be used to train first responders on how to safely and effectively dismantle these labs.

Facilities Security and Accident Prevention Subcommittee

Mr. Mausser discussed the upcoming seminar the LEPC is sponsoring. The American Industrial Hygienist Association local chapter will present on the Global Harmonized System. The event will take place on Tuesday, September 17th at the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District at 8am. There will be a \$5.00 fee.

Transportation Subcommittee

Sheldon Lustig mentioned the Transportation Subcommittee has not met since the last LEPC meeting. Mr. Lustig discussed a train derailment in Quebec where 50-60 people were killed. The NTSB recently released a report on an Iowa interstate train wreck from 2011. The DOT 111 car was the cause of the incident. They were involved in the New Brighton wreck in 2006 and Arcadia. Problems with these cars have not been completely rectified. FRA to have an emergency meeting to discuss. An additional meeting will be held to discuss since resolution was not found regarding the DOT 111 car.

Sheldon Lustig also discussed the passenger train derailment in Spain which killed 70 some people. Similar incident almost happened in 1991 in Boston.



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Bob Gahr discussed a MVA that took place on the Turnpike. Whatever driver hit ruptured saddle tank which empties entire contents of truck onto road. A fire ensued with which Strongsville FD used foam to put out. Turnpike was closed for four hours.

Sheldon Lustig discussed the resolve of a valve station in Wickliffe which was a hazard for a long period of time. Nobody would claim ownership until Dominion Gas came forward to claim. Sheldon suggested Lubrizol and Wickliffe Fire Chief should have keys to lock.

Spills Subcommittee

Mr. Foley discussed a spill that occurred at a Shell Station last December that has not been reported. Enforcement action is being prepared. Two secondary 30-Day Follow up letters will be sent. Three reminder letters will be sent since last meeting. The Spills Subcommittee has been working on SOG's for enforcement action. The goal is to have these SOG's presented to full LEPC for approval in the near future.

Emergency Preparedness and Response

Lt. Finkelstein discussed the annual Ohio Hazmat Conference in Solon which takes place Friday and Saturday Nov. 1st and 2nd. Anyone from LEPC is invited to attend but must register as there are limited seats available.

LEPC 2014 exercise will be moved to February instead of its' original date of May due to State liaison having additional duties.

New Business

Walter Topp updated the LEPC on the progress of the new EOC. New design has not been finalized due to funding. The OEM may look for funding in the future thru the LEPC for technological equipment.

Next meeting will take place Monday, November 4, 2013 at the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District.
The Spills Subcommittee will meet preceding the LEPC meeting at 12:30 pm.