



**CUYAHOGA COUNTY  
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE  
JANUARY 9, 2012 MEETING MINUTES**

**Roll Call**

Chief Sloan conducted roll call.

**Attendance:** Jim Armstrong\*, Bill Belardo, Captain Mike Dziak\*, Lt. Alan Finkelstein\*, Frank Foley\*, Bob Gahr\*, Randy Helmick\*, John Jurcsis\*, Chief Kostura\*, Sheldon Lustig\*, Herb Mausser\*, Tony Passalacqua\*, Mary Jane Pavlick\*, Chief Sloan\*

\* - LEPC Member

**Guests:** Tara Vargovich – CCOEM  
Sharon Nicastro – Citizen Corp  
Chet Kieliszek – Ferro Corp  
Jim Maskil – Momentive Performance Materials

**Administrative**

Chief Sloan called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM. Everyone at the meeting introduced themselves due to new faces in attendance.

**Minutes**

The November meeting minutes were amended by Lt. Alan Finkelstein and approved by Mr. Sheldon Lustig and second by Ms. Mary Jane Pavlick. Meeting minutes approved.

**Financial Report**

Ms. Nancy Veley presented the report on the fiscal activity for the period ending December 31, 2011. HMEP 18<sup>th</sup> Year reimbursements were received from Ohio Emergency Management Agency. Current balance is \$392,496.83

A Motion to accept the financial report was made by Mr. Bob Gahr; second by Lt. Alan Finkelstein. Resolution approved.

Mrs. Veley explained of the SERC and HMEP resolutions. The OEM is asking for the transfer of HMEP Grant reimbursement for the planning portion of the grant totaling \$32,174.26. This total reflects the federal reimbursement plus the LEPC match for the past year ending September 30, 2011.

Chief Sloan entertained a motion for the HMEP 18<sup>th</sup> Year Planning Grant reimbursement transfer; seconded by Mr. Herb Mausser. Ms. Jessica Tischler and Chief Kostura abstained. Mr. Tony Passalacqua opposed motion. Resolution approved.



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Chief Sloan entertained a motion for the completion of the 2012 SERC Grant Application. A motion for the LEPC to be awarded a grant by the SERC in 2012 was made by Mr. John Jurcsis; seconded by Lt. Alan Finkelstein. Resolution approved.

**Public Information Requests**

Mr. Belardo reported that there were 15 Information Requests since the last meeting.

**Management Subcommittee**

Chief Sloan discussed how the LEPC still does not have legal representation and the issue needs to be resolved immediately. The LEPC needs a legal ruling on whether Subcommittee meetings should abide by Ohio Sunshine Laws. The LEPC needs council to ensure we are compliant with our new bylaws. In past, the LEPC had an agreement with the Board of County Commissioners to ensure we legal representation. Under new county government, the LEPC has not had any such agreement put into place.

**Facilities Security and Accident Prevention Subcommittee**

Mr. Mausser discussed the upcoming Tier II Boot Camp workshop that will take place February 10, 2012 at the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District. Brenda will send brochures out to facilities this week. The goal of the workshop is to get facility representatives the information they need to properly fill out their Tier II forms as accurate as possible and in a timely fashion. Mr. Mausser thanked Mr. Frank Foley for use of Sewer District's facility for the event. Lt. Finkelstein proposed writing a thank you letter to the NEORS D for allowing LEPC to use their facility.

**Transportation Subcommittee**

No formal report. Mr. Lustig discussed a CSX three train collision that took place in Indiana.

**Spills Subcommittee**

Chief Sloan discussed the meeting since Mr. Foley could not attend. There have not been a lot of spills recently. The OEM, NEORS D and the EPA's spreadsheets have been combined in excel and have been projected for participants to see and manipulate.



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**Emergency Preparedness and Response**

Lt. Finkelstein discussed the upcoming 2012 LEPC Exercise which is tentatively set for April as a request from Ohio EMA. The Southeast/Chagrin HazMat Team will be tested this year. First orientation meeting is this week. Bill and Tara will be handling scheduling and paper work for the exercise. This will be a Functional Exercise. Anyone from LEPC is invited to attend.

Lt. Finkelstein discussed where the GIS ad hoc Committee is currently with their project. The LEPC had allocated \$48,000 to supplement portion of cost for project. The committee had first meeting last month. Upcoming meeting will have speakers presenting their GIS Systems so Committee can get an understanding of how their system could potentially function. All LEPC Members are invited.

Lt. Finkelstein also discussed the Population Protection Project. The Citizen Corp Module is completed and has been approved by Task Group. CSU has been doing a great job thus far. The project is on track to finish on time. LEPC had put \$50,000 toward its completion which has been in the works for many years.

The County is looking to form an All Incident Management Team. A group of people went to California to learn more about how these teams operate and function.

**New Business**

**LEPC Membership**

Lt. Finkelstein discussed the issues surrounding getting a Public Official to join the LEPC. We've had Public Officials on LEPA in the past but rarely did they show up. Alan has talked with a Senator to see if he would like to join. More information to come.

Jim Armstrong invited everyone the Board of Health Radiation Preparedness Training.

Chief Sloan adjourned the meeting.

**Next meeting will be March 5, 2012 at 1:30pm at the Sanitary Engineer's Office.**  
The Spills Subcommittee will meet preceding the LEPC meeting at 12:30 pm.