



**CUYAHOGA COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
MARCH 4, 2013 MEETING MINUTES**

Roll Call

Chief Sloan conducted roll call.

Attendance: Jim Armstrong*, Bill Belardo, Reggie Brown*, Wentworth Clapham*, Captain Mike Dziak*, Lt. Alan Finkelstein*, Frank Foley*, Randy Helmick*, Barbara Hermes*, Sheldon Lustig*, Herb Mausser*, Tony Passalacqua*, Mary Jane Pavlick*, Brenda Phifer, Chief Bryan Sloan*, Jessica Tischler*, Walter Topp (Brandy Carney*)

* - LEPC Member

Guests: Sharon Nicastro (Citizen Corp)
Allen Turner (NASA)
Nancy Veley (Cuyahoga County Fiscal)

Minutes

Mr. Lustig amended the previous meetings minutes to update language for Chair and Vice Chair elections. Nominations are closed and unanimous ballot cast for both positions. Bill Belardo will update previous meeting minutes accordingly. Motion to approve minutes as amended made by Lt. Finkelstein; second by Mary Jane Pavlick. Frank Foley abstained. Meeting minutes approved.

Financial Report

Nancy Veley presented the Financial Report for the period ending February 28, 2012. There are no updates from the last report. Motion to accept Financial Report made by Sheldon Lustig; second by Barbara Hermes. Financial Report approved.

Public Information Requests

Mrs. Phifer reported 13 total Information Requests since the previous meeting.

Tier II Reports: Mrs. Phifer

There have been 297 recorded Tier II's since the previous meeting.

Resolutions

- **Resolution # 030413-1:** February 2013 Financial Report
- **Resolution # 030413-2:** 2013 SERC Grant Application (Approved)
- **Resolution #030413-3:** Accept Training Funds from the HMEP 20th Year Grant & PUCO Grant in the Amount of \$5,950 (Approved)



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- **Resolution #030413-4:** Approving Funding for Breakfast & Lunch at the LEPC Exercise up to \$500 (Approved)

Management Subcommittee

Chief Sloan discussed how of meth labs are becoming a serious issue here in Cuyahoga County. In the past, meth labs have been mostly a rural area problem but recently there has been a rise in meth production in metropolitan areas such as the Cleveland area. Chief Sloan mentioned they are receiving training in his area, and countywide, by BCI who specializes in meth lab cleanup. Discussion pursued on the dangers of meth production and hazardous first responders could face when encountering chemicals.

Chief Sloan discussed the Population Protection in classroom materials that grant monies will pay for. Bill Belardo has been working with the County Print Shop and the LEPC Management Subcommittee to ensure student materials and instructor's guides are precise and in an attractive format prior to printing. Bill Belardo passed around "demo" versions of printed materials for everyone to observe.

We will submit an RFQ for instructors for all seven Population Protection target audience modules. The document is currently in draft form and under review.

The LEPC is still waiting for County Prosecutor to finalize and approve County/LEPC Agreement.

Facilities Security and Accident Prevention Subcommittee

No Report.

Transportation Subcommittee

Mr. Lustig mentioned the Transportation Subcommittee has not met since the last LEPC meeting. Mr. Lustig discussed a rail incident in Springfield MA where a CSX derailed four loaded tankers. Incident occurred on a bridge over the Connecticut River opposite the downtown area. River and road traffic halted until tankers could be removed.

Mr. Lustig discussed an incident in Chesapeake, VA where the DOT was demolishing an old highway bridge and discovered explosives. The navy brought in their EOD Team to remove from the area in order to detonate safely.

Mr. Lustig was contacted by the Associated Press regarding an article they are doing on crude oil traffic. They are also doing a follow up article on how prepared local and State agencies are in the event of a crude oil train derailment.

Mr. Lustig discussed the school bus and railroad crossing study he is working on.



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Spills Subcommittee

Mr. Foley reported there are five 30-Day that will need to be sent out. The Spills Subcommittee will also update its Spills Matrix and Enforcement Action process. A Spills Subcommittee will be set prior to the originally scheduled meeting to discuss these two issues.

Emergency Preparedness and Response

Lt. Finkelstein discussed the LEPC/Cleveland Hazmat exercise and if anyone would like to observe please get in touch with Bill.

Lt. Finkelstein also mentioned there might be a CAMEO Class at Cleveland FD in the future. There will be zero cost for participants for the three-day course. Please contact Lt. Finkelstein if you are interested.

New Business

Chief Sloan announced that the Southwest Radio System, which covers roughly nine communities in the county, have signed an Agreement to become one large radio network with the city of Cleveland. A lot needs to be done prior to transition such as infrastructure development. This new system will cover close to 60% of Cuyahoga County and increase interoperability. Discussion pursued on the history of radio networks within Cuyahoga County and the State.

Mr. Foley discussed how the CCESAB Public Works Committee has updated the Public Works Manual and they will exercise it in the near future. The plan focuses on how public works departments throughout the county would share resources during a disaster.

Mr. Lustig stated there was a legal notice in the Plain Dealer calling for bids for the Broadview Hts. EOC.

Chief Sloan mentioned that Tri-C is moving forward with developing Public Safety Academy Complex. Chief Sloan also discussed HB 360, which mandates a consolidation of PSAPs and dispatch centers throughout the country and the new Red Cross application for both Android and iPhones.

Jim Armstrong discussed a Food Defense Project he is working on with the BOH. This project will work to combat people who pose as Sanitarians (Health Inspectors) and enter into restaurants unimpeded. BOH is concerned about intentional food contamination by perpetrators.

Next meeting will be May 6, 2013 at 1:30pm at the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District.

The Spills Subcommittee will meet preceding the LEPC meeting at 12:30 pm.