



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

Roll Call

Chief Sloan conducted roll call.

Attendance: Jim Armstrong*, Elaine Barnes*, Bill Belardo, Prof. Clapham*, Cpt. Dziak*, Lt. Alan Finkelstein*, Kevin Roff (Frank Foley*), Robert Gahr*, Barbara Hermes*, Chief Kostura*, Sheldon Lustig*, Herb Mausser*, Sharon Nicastró*, Don Obermeier*, Mary Jane Pavlick*, Chief Sloan*, Randy Solganik, Jessica Tischler*, Brenda Phifer (Walter Topp*)

*** - LEPC Member**

Guests: Kevin Friis (Southpointe Hospital)

Minutes

Chief Sloan conducted the meeting. Bill Belardo will email May LEPC Meeting minutes that were approved at the previous Management Subcommittee meeting since no quorum at July meeting. Mr. Lustig amended minutes. Motion to approve minutes by Sheldon Mary Jane Pavlick; seconded by Sheldon Lustig. Chief Sloan abstained since was not present at last meeting. Meeting minutes approved.

Financial Report

Bill Belardo presented the Financial Report for the period ending October 31, 2013. Only change to the spreadsheet was the September 23, 2013 withdrawal of \$120 for breakfast and coffee for the Chilworth Presentation. Current balance is \$346,617.22. Motion to accept Financial Report by Lt. Finkelstein and seconded by Prof. Clapham. Financial Report accepted.

Resolutions

Bill Belardo went thru each resolution and the results are as follows:

Resolution #110413-1 to approve lodging expenses for Sheldon Lustig to attend the 2013 Ohio LEPC Conference in Reynoldsburg, Ohio on October 29, 2013 up to \$100.00. Motion to approve by Herb Mausser; seconded by Barbara Hermes.

Resolution #110413-2 to approve funding of Hazmat Technician Online Continuing Education for up to 125 Hazmat Technicians up to \$2,500.00. Motion to approve by Bob Gahr; seconded by Prof. Clapham.

Resolution #110413-3 to approve reimbursement for HMEP 20th Year Training Grant totaling \$5,904.87 to the Southwest COG. Motion to approve by Herb Mausser; seconded by Jim Armstrong.



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Public Information Requests

Brenda Phifer reported 7 Information Requests since the last meeting, totaling 71 for the year.

Tier II Reports: Mrs. Phifer

No Report.

Management Subcommittee

Bill Belardo discussed the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Population Protection Instructors. Potential candidates have till the beginning of December to send in their qualifications. Bill will keep everyone apprised of the progress being made with this project. Lt. Finkelstein emphasized to LEPC Members that they can apply, but they cannot be paid due to a conflict of interest.

Chief Sloan discussed the progress of the Clandestine Lab Task Force. Tentative meeting will take place at the end of November. Departments are able to operate with their current capabilities but bringing together all SOG's may help standardize response.

Chief Sloan proposed having a small committee for LEPC membership in order to properly vet all applicants. This committee would meet the August prior to the January that voting is due. Lt Finkelstein will Chair and Herb Mausser will Co-Chair this committee.

Facilities Security and Accident Prevention Subcommittee

Herb Mausser discussed the Chilworth Presentation that took place. Unfortunately, the scheduled speaker did not show up but an impromptu panel discussion was led by participants who have knowledge of the GHS.

Transportation Subcommittee

Sheldon Lustig discussed the previous Transportation Subcommittee meeting which took place at the Ohio Turnpike. Mr. Lustig inquired whether the LEPC was notified of a terrorist exercise that took place between the Cleveland Police Department and CSX. Nobody was notified.

Sheldon has been in touch with Amtrak regarding classes or hands-on training that could potentially be taught between March and May 2014. The new Training Coordinator is supposed to get information to Sheldon prior to the end of the year with a selection of possible dates.

The main point of interest of the previous Transportation Subcommittee meeting was whether or not CVSR had emergency plans for a potential train incident. Also, what type of access do local departments



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have to the track that runs through their community? Sheldon and Bill will contact entities involved and gather more information for a future meeting.

Sheldon spent an hour and a half with news outlet discussing the rerouting of hazardous materials rail cars around city centers. Media is doing a story regarding this issue looking at three different cities: Cleveland, Chicago and Baltimore due to the two derailments in Maine and Quebec.

Bob Gahr discussed two incidents that occurred on the Turnpike. One incident involved a truck carrying wine and the other truck carrying beer.

Spills Subcommittee

Bill Belardo briefed the LEPC on what transpired at the Spills Subcommittee. The meeting was very brief due to the low number of spills that occurred in between meeting dates. The LEPC is still waiting to get a Prosecutor assigned to them to go over Spill Enforcement SOG's.

Emergency Preparedness and Response

Lt. Finkelstein discussed the annual Ohio Hazmat Conference in Solon which took place Friday and Saturday Nov. 1st and 2nd. Over 200 people attended both from in state and out of state. Lt. Finkelstein commended Mark Vedder for another great job organizing event.

LEPC 2014 exercise will be moved to February instead of its' original date of May due to State liaison having additional duties. Tentative date is February 24th in Strongsville. LEPC Members are welcomed to observe.

New Business

Bill Belardo discussed the SARA Plan and thanked Brenda Phifer for all her hard work in completing it. Plan was sent to the State October 16th and is waiting for concurrence.

Chief Sloan discussed the 2014 LEPC Meeting Schedule. Bill Belardo will send to the entire committee and post on website.

Sheldon Lustig discussed the Ohio LEPC Conference and what the speakers spoke about.

Lt. Finkelstein discussed how CAMEO courses are now allowable to instruct under HMEP Training Grant Guidance.

Next meeting will take place Monday, January 6, 2014 at the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District.
The Spills Subcommittee will meet preceding the LEPC meeting at 12:30 pm.