



**Cuyahoga County  
Local Emergency Planning Committee  
May 2, 2016 Meeting Minutes**



- **Roll Call-** Chief Sloan conducted roll call and conducted the meeting
  - **LEPC Members in Attendance:** Scott Broski, Capt. Mike Dziak (Mike Kelly), Lt. Alan Finkelstein, John Jurcsisn, Roger Klein, Sheldon Lustig, Herb Mausser, Sharon Nicastro, John O'Donnell, Tony Passalacqua, Bob Patton, Chief Bryan Sloan, Randy Solganik, Walter Topp, Allen Turner
  - **Guests:** Nancy Veley- Cuyahoga Public Safety & Justice Services, Kent Rehbein- US Dept of Homeland Security, Michelle Norton- Cuyahoga Public Safety & Justice Services, Fred Romeo- ODNR Oil and Gas, Mark Christie- CCOEM, Bryan Kloss- CCOEM, Serena Steele-CCOEM, Mack Flinn-CCOEM
  
- **Minutes-** The committee approved the minutes from the March 7, 2016 meeting
  
- **Financial Report**

Nancy Veley presented the Financial Report for the period ending April 30, 2016. Updates since the last meeting:

  - FY2014 HMEP Planning Grant reimbursement: \$12,681.64
  - Paid for HazMat IQ course via SERC Planning Grant: \$11,400
  - Current LEPC balance: \$291,377.62
  
- **Resolution(s) Approved**
  - **Resolution #05022016-1:** April 2016 Financial Report
  - **Resolution #05022016-2:** Approving funding for lunch for the full-scale Hazmat Exercise
  - **Resolution #05022016-3:** Thanking the Presenters from the Rail Safety Seminar
  - **Resolution #05022016-4:** Thanking Brenda Phifer for her service to the LEPC
  - **Resolution #05022016-5:** Approving reimbursement to Nancy Veley for LEPC supplies, voted via email by LEPC Management Subcommittee
  - **Resolution #05022016-6:** Approving payment to PS Awards for retirement plaque, voted via email by LEPC Subcommittee
  - **Resolution #05022016-7:** Approving reimbursement to John O'Donnell for LEPC exercise supplies, voted via email by LEPC Subcommittee
  - **Resolution #05022016-8:** Approving funding for hazmat technician ongoing continuing education classes for 170 hazmat technicians, voted via email by LEPC members
  - **Resolution #05022016-9:** Approving food for two Rail Hazmat Response Operations courses, voted via email by LEPC Management Subcommittee
  
- **Public Information Requests**

Brenda Phifer reported 26 Information Requests since the last meeting.
  
- **Tier II Reports**

Brenda Phifer entered 489 Tier II Chemical Inventories since last meeting.
  
- **Guest Speaker- Kent Rehbeim, US Dept. Homeland Security**
  - Visiting area LEPCs to provide overview of Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) program



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- CFATS program identifies and regulates high-risk chemical facilities to ensure they have security measures in place to reduce the risks associated with these chemicals.
- Three inspectors in Ohio to provide site visits
- Program uses a dynamic multi-tiered risk assessment process and requires facilities identified as high-risk to meet and maintain performance-based security standards appropriate to the facilities and the risks they pose.
- Visiting locations 1-5 miles within Quicken Loans Arena to ensure facilities are preparing for upcoming RNC operations
- More info: <https://www.dhs.gov/chemical-facility-anti-terrorism-standards>
  
- **Management Subcommittee**
  - Chief Sloan provided overview of upcoming RNC from local fire department perspective.
  - City of Cleveland is ready and prepared for RNC, but surrounding suburbs/counties and additional “softer” sites (outside of downtown) is a concern
  - Hazmat and technical rescue teams have been undergoing training and are prepared to respond, as needed
  - Suburban responders (fire and EMS) will not pre-deploy assets, but will respond as needed
  - In preparation for RNC, LEPC meeting in July was voted to be cancelled. Motion led by Sheldon Lustig, seconded by Bob Patton.
  - Management subcommittee did not meet, but they did approve four resolutions via email:
    - Resolution #05022016-5: Approving reimbursement to Nancy Veley for LEPC supplies
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- **Facilities Security and Accident Prevention Subcommittee**
  - Still working to develop a seminar on site security/cyber security/active shooter/workplace violence.
  
- **Transportation Subcommittee**
  - Held Rail Safety Seminar in April. Speakers were Sheldon Lustig, who spoke about railroad safety; a representative from Norfolk Southern Rail spoke about their response capabilities; and head of the Stark County Hazmat Team spoke about a minor train derailment they responded to in February 2016. Good turnout: 40-45 attendees from close to 20 agencies. Can potentially hold on a yearly basis.
  - There was a recent train derailment in Washington D.C. with 15 cars, 2 of which leaked a caustic substance.
  
- **Spills Subcommittee**
  - 8 facilities still need to submit reports: 3 have been referred to County Prosecutor’s Office, and 5 others still need to submit their reports.
  - Still attempting to work with Prosecutor’s Office to resolve older spill issues and to redevelop Spills Matrix.
  - In March and April, there were 8 reportable spills: 3 have submitted reports and are closed, 2 are past their reporting deadlines and will be sent letters reminding them to file reports, and 3 are not yet past their deadlines.



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- Historical issue at a gas station in East Cleveland, with gas vapors being discovered/smelled at nearby houses. Will look into the issue.
- Ohio EPA had 3 instances of someone dumping chemicals in or next to a creek in Stark County, killing several thousand fish and covering 6 miles. Dover Dam was shut down in response as well. Ohio EPA is looking for leads on these instances.
- **Emergency Preparedness and Response**
  - Lt. Alan Finkelstein will be retiring in July from Strongsville FD, but will still stay involved with LEPC
  - Discussed the upcoming LEPC/hazmat full-scale exercise on Saturday, May 21, 2016 at the Cuyahoga Community College- East Campus in Highland Hills. Chagrin/Southeast Hazmat team is main players, with assistance from several local fire departments. Exercise will simulate a semi-truck accident releasing a chemical near the intersection of 271S and Harvard Ave (near Ahuja Hospital). The exercise will test 9 objectives, including activating the County Emergency Operations Center (EOC).
  - Republic National Convention is coming soon, and many subcommittees are holding meeting for various disciplines.
- **CCOEM Report**
  - Justin Bechtel, Operations Manager, no longer with OEM
  - Will give presentation at NEORSD's Regulatory Compliance Seminar on May 12 regarding LEPC Spill Reporting Requirements
  - Ad hoc GIS group met several times to discuss future of NEOCOP.
  - Rail re-routing letter discussed. Will send to Senator Sherrod Brown's office.
- **New Business:**
  - Brenda Phifer is retiring in June and she will be missed
- **Next Meeting:**
  - LEPC Spills Subcommittee meeting: Monday, September 12, 2016 at the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District at 12:30pm
  - Main LEPC meeting: Monday, September 12, 2016 at the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District at 1:30pm