

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
January 7, 2008 MEETING MINUTES

Roll Call

- Ms. Carney conducted roll call.
- Attendance: Reggie Brown*; Brandy Carney*; Jim Carrell; Pete Clapham*; Alan Finkelstein*; Frank Foley*; Bob Gahr*; Stu Greenberg*; Gary Holland*; Camilla Johnson; Colin Johnson*; Tom Kelly; Sheldon Lustig*; Don Obermeier*; Bob Patton*; Jane Pavlick*; Melissa Rodrigo*; Captain Mark Scott* (Captain Mike Dziak); Marty Winning

* - LEPC member

Administrative

Mr. Patton called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

The minutes from November 5, 2007 meeting were approved, as amended, by a motion of Ms. Pavlick and seconded by Mr. Finkelstein.

Election of 2008 Officers

A Mr. Patton entertained nominations for the 2008 LEPC officers. A motion to re-elect Chair Bob Patton and Vice-Chair Stu Greenberg for the 2008 LEPC term was made by Mr. Finkelstein. All were in favor, nominations approved.

Financial Report

Ms. Johnson provided the Financial Report, commenting on the recent HMEP grant deposits. \$21,018.00 was received for planning, \$2,000.00 for training, and \$26,251.23 as a supplemental planning reimbursement. Mr. Clapham motioned to receive and file the Financial Report; motion seconded by Mr. Gahr and approved.

Public Information Requests

Ms. Carney reported 14 public information requests since the last meeting, totaling 251 for 2007.

Management Subcommittee

Mr. Patton discussed the current status of the Population Protection project, informing the committee that the first meeting with the selected vendor was being held on January 22, 2008. Mr. Greenberg stated that anyone interested in being part of the project please contact him.

Mr. Patton commented that two rounds of interviews were held to fill the Environmental Specialist position. Ms. Rodrigo added that the final recommendation would be made within a day or two, and a start date of late January was being predicted.

Facilities Safety and Security Subcommittee

Ms. Carney reported that all the seminars were a success and the committee will be meeting soon to discuss the evaluations.

Transportation Subcommittee

Mr. Lustig reported on the new Federal Rail Legislation as well as the introduced State Bill. He added that the committee is currently waiting on information in regards to influencing the state bill to be more stringent.

Mr. Greenberg stated that the committee is trying to determine if a payment of \$10,000.00 was reasonable for the proposal submitted by Friends of the Earth. He added that its purpose would be to look at alternative rail routing for the entire Great Lakes region, which would include routes not within, but outside of Cuyahoga County. The proposal would also better position us, as an LEPC, to respond to the Railroad's own proposals about routing.

Spills Subcommittee

Mr. Patton appointed Mr. Finkelstein as interim Chair of the Spills Committee. A meeting will be scheduled to compare 2007 LEPC reports with 2007 OEPA reports.

Emergency Preparedness and Response Subcommittee

Mr. Finkelstein announced that this year's Hazmat exercise (SFY 2008) will involve a table top with the City of Cleveland. Ms. Rodrigo added that there were funds made available for a late 2008 or early 2009 full-scale UASI exercise, and plans were being made to couple it with the full scale Hazmat exercise (for SFY 2009).

Mr. Finkelstein made a request on behalf of both Mark Vedder and all the Hazmat teams of Cuyahoga County. The request was for funding of a hazmat training program from Hazmat IQ to be scheduled in the spring of 2008. The program includes three separate 8-hour classes, each to be offered for up to 30 participants. (It will be offered on three consecutive days to accommodate all three shifts). Both Chief Vedder and several Hazmat Team Leaders had previously attended one of the sessions in Baltimore, MD, and found it to be extremely beneficial and

useful to first responders. The total cost of all sessions is \$13,000.00, which includes the cost of two instructors, their travel, instructional materials and any other miscellaneous costs. Motion to fund the total cost of the three-day program made by Mr. Finkelstein and seconded by Mr. Patton.

Compliance and Tier II Submissions

Ms. Carney stated that staff was imputing the final 2006 reports into Cameo, and the 2007 Tier II reports were stating to be received for the March 1st filing deadline.

Other Business

Ms. Carney reported on the SFY 2009 SERC grant due February 1, 2008 to the Ohio SERC, adding that this was the largest yearly grant received by the LEPC. A motion to submit was made by Mr. Clapham, seconded by Mr. Foley.

Mr. Brown followed with an informative presentation regarding the events of the October CSX train derailment, as well as his role and observations on scene.

A remark was made regarding OREIS Software, which allows responders to directly access and confirm real-time hazmat contents of railcars that have been involved in an incident. Ms. Carney said she would look into the software itself, and see if CECOMS currently uses an available version.

Mr. Patton adjourned the meeting.

Next meeting set for March 3, 2008 at 1:30pm at NEORS.