

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
September 10, 2007 MEETING MINUTES

Roll Call

- Ms. Carney conducted roll call.
- Attendance: Reggie Brown; Brandy Carney*; Jim Carrell; Alan Finkelstein*; Frank Foley*; Bob Gahr*; Randy Helmick*; Barbara Hermes*; Colin Johnson*; John Jurcsisn*; Lylia Lathan; Sheldon Lustig*; Herb Mausser*; Don Obermeier*; Anthony Passalacqua*; Bob Patton*; Jane Pavlick*; Brenda Phifer*; Captain Mark Scott*; Chief Bryan Sloan*

* - LEPC member

Administrative

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

A time of silence was taken for the late Richard Connelly, followed by kind words from committee members.

Mr. Patton stated he was accepting nominations for a Vice-Chair. Mr. Finkelstein nominated Mr. Greenberg, which was seconded by Chief Sloan. All were in favor. Mr. Patton stated that he had spoke with Mr. Greenberg already, and that he would accept the position until the end of the year.

The minutes from July 2, 2007 meeting were approved by a motion made from Mr. Helmick and seconded by Mr. Jurcsisn.

Financial Report

Ms. Lathan provided the Financial Report for Ms. Johnson. Mr. Mausser motioned to receive and file the Financial Report; motion seconded by Ms. Hermes and approved.

Public Information Requests

Ms. Carney noted 49 public information requests since the last meeting.

Management Subcommittee

Mr. Patton announced that 2 potential vendors, Tri-C and Avalution, came to the RFP pre-bid meeting. He further stated that the bid was to close soon and he was hoping to recieve submittals.

Mr. Patton said he has to get with Ms. Rodrigo and the Management Committee to move forward with the by-laws.

Mr. Patton noted that Mr. Kasler had resigned from the County, and that 3 candidates were interviewed for his position last week. He further reiterated that he not only needs an Information Coordinator, but also an Emergency Coordinator for the LEPC.

Facility Security and Accident Prevention Subcommittee

Mr. Mausser reported that the November seminars are moving forward. He noted that Appendix A of the new regulations has still not been finalized, but that hopefully it will be by the first seminar. He also added that the seminars were all dedicated to Mr. Connelly, which was noted on the brochures that went out. Ms. Pavlick said she will distribute the brochures to the hospitals.

Transportation Subcommittee

Mr. Lustig announced that Norfolk Southern had 2 locomotive destroyed by fire in July. He also stated that his consulting group picked the parameters of rail line and emergency response to study, and the inaccessibility's were identified.

Mr. Patton questioned if President Bush would sign a bill re-routing trains in Metropolitan cities. He asked what the status was of the local efforts. Captain Scott responded saying it was a locally dead issue because it didn't have enough support from higher up officials.

Mr. Gahr asked if the committee would be interested in having someone from the Ohio Highway Patrol attend the next meeting for a short presentation. Mr. Patton said that he should move forward with the invite.

Spills Subcommittee

Mr. Brown stated that Cuyahoga County has been very busy with spills. He went on to further describe a few that he had recently responded to, and another that the EPA is moving forward to potentially prosecute (City of Cleveland, who when they drain their pool, their drain dumps Sodium Hypochlorite into Euclid Creek).

Mr. Patton mentioned that Mr. Connelly and Mr. Passalaqua were committee co-chairs. Mr. Passalaqua will be the Chiairman of the Spill Committee.

Emergency Preparedness and Response Subcommittee

Mr. Finkelstein announced that there had not been a meeting since the last LEPC main meeting. He asked Ms. Carney if the June 2007 exercise had received concurrence from the SERC. Ms. Carney said she would get verification for him.

Mr. Finkelstein announced Mark Vedder's HazMat Tech Conference will be held on Saturday, November 3rd, with a primary focus on technicians and specialists. He stated that there are capacity constraints with the current venue, but that it is free to use. Ms. Hermes stated that NASA might be a good option to hold the conference at next year. Mr. Patton said they could come to the LEPC for funding if they need their conference to grow.

Compliance and Tier II Submissions

No report was given.

Other Business

Mr. Patton read aloud the resolution for Richard Connelly. On a motion made from Mr. Lustig, and seconded by Mr. Jurcsisn, the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Jurcsisn stated that he thought the scholarship was a good idea in remembrance of Mr. Connelly. Mr. Mausser said that Mr. Foley has agreed to speak with the Connelly family to see what they think. Mr. Brown said that even more important than the scholarship fund is that the family is taken care of first. Mr. Mausser further added that anyone might approach the idea of the scholarship fund to potential corporate donors. Mr. Foley added that NEORSD is also looking into similar ideas. Mr. Mausser stated that if we do move forward with the scholarship idea, an environmental scholarship would be the most appropriate. Mr. Foley and Mr. Mausser will move forward with a potential committee for these ideas.

Mr. Patton mentioned reimbursement for the funeral flowers, which were \$75.00. A motion was made by Chief Sloan, and seconded by Mr. Finkelstein. The money will be taken from the fines fund.

Mr. Patton noted that two plaques should be made for Mr. Connelly, one to hang at NEORSD and one for his family. Mr. Finkelstein motioned for up to \$500.00 be held for the price of the plaques. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hermes.

Mr. Lustig suggested considering a yearly award in Mr. Connelly's honor. Mr. Patton added that it could possibly given to a facility who has achieved risk reduction. Chief Sloan suggested that the yearly award could be a plaque that states "dedicated to Rich Connelly."

Mr. Patton and Ms. Carney stated that a representative from CSX would be attending the November LEPC meeting.

Mr. Finkelstein announced that he has not yet had a chance to meet with Ms. Rodrigo and Mr. Murphy regarding Cameo, but they he is trying to move forward with that meeting. He added that the Cameo software is free, easy to use, and first responders know how to use it.

Chief Sloan stated that the Evacuation Plan was discussed at the CCESAB meeting, and that it was on the radar to address a response to the Plain Dealer's Editorial Board.

Chief Sloan said that more Public Safety Training held at Tri-C would not replace the free training, but hopefully will be a facility that coordinates all the multi-facets of training for Continuing Education.

Chief Sloan confirmed that the County move to Tri-C West is still moving forward.

Chief Sloan reported that Mobile One has been taken out of service and that they are ceasing to invest any further money into it. He added that right now they are working on establishing back-up agreements with the other county communication vehicles, rather than trying to buy a new vehicle.

Chief Sloan stated that he was disappointed that they could not receive a portion of the potential new sales tax for the Countywide Area Radio System (CARS), but that they are looking for other ways to get funding from the county for the 90 million dollar project.

Mr. Lustig asked about ID badges for LEPC members. Ms. Carney responded that she would get back with him.

Mr. Passalaqua asked if the HMEP training funds are back up to their original amount of \$2500.00.

Mr. Brown announced that there had been another school mercury spill in Richmond Heights. He added that everyone please get the word out that the OEPA will dispose of Hg for free, which is much better than the huge cost associated with cleaning up a spill. Mr. Johnson added that the County Board of Health could also be called for disposal.

Mr. Patton ended the meeting with recognition that tomorrow was September 11, and everyone should please display their flags at full staff.

Next meeting set for November 5, 2007 at 1:30pm at NEORSD.