

LEPC MEETING MINUTES
May, 2009

Vice Chairperson Anne McManus called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Members in Attendance: Blain Beckett, Gerry Dawson, Dave Geurink, Adiline Hambley, Don Hutchens, Carl Jager, Jason Jenkinson, Sindee Maxwell, Anne McManus, Ranky Mergener, Dianne Phillips, Chris Saddler, Gord Schrotenboer, Bill Smith, Rich Szczepanek, Beth Thomas, Judy Visscher,

Members Excused: Tom Bosscher, Deb Guy, Lt. Lee Hoeksema, Dr. Adam Kantrovich, Eric Klingensmith, Bonnie Schuitema, Tom Shepard, Amy Swords, Steve VanderHill, Ken Walits, Paul Ziegler

Members Unexcused: Michael Averill, Bill Denmark, Dave Krevda, Su Paauwe, Rick Velderman

New Members Introduced: None

Guests Present: John Allen, City of GR, Mike Dykhouse, OCSH Marine Division, Dennis Wright, OCSH Dive Team

Handouts: 2009 meeting dates, Subcommittee assignments, LEPC Mission Statement

Minutes of January 21, 2009

- Judy Vischer made the motion seconded by Beth Thomas to approve the minutes as sent. Motion was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Subcommittee: (Lt. Lee Hoeksema)

Anne McManus gave the report

- Dave Krevda was appointed as Chairperson for the Outreach committee
- Looking for representative from unions: Dave Krevda might be able to get a name

Public Relations & Promotions Subcommittee: (Randy Mergener)

- Discussion on our participation at the fairs: It was decided we did not want to try to cover all of the fairs, only target a couple and at a time that has high traffic volume
 - Berlin Fair during the Bus Races (Wednesday, July 15, 5:00-8:00)

- Sign up sheet was passed around for Berlin Fair.
Randy Mergener and Blain Bechtold will be there.
- Hudsonville during the Motocross or Demolition Derby
 - Door prizes seems to help bring attention to booth: PR committee will work on getting even more stuff donated
 - Question of how to get more help: use Senior Volunteers
 - Passes will be gotten for the volunteers

Red Cross can help with volunteers if lead time is adequate

Training & Exercise Subcommittee: (Judy Vischer)

Ideas for trainings:

- October 27 there is a training exercise at the Water plant
- Pipelines have to do an awareness training: might be able to attend
- Coast Guard is looking at an exercise on water facility vulnerability
- TT exercise at Request Foods and Tour: Judy will contact

Outreach Subcommittee: (Dave Krevda)

- Focused on how to get information out to public
 - Put link on web site for power point link
 - Short video re: ammonia release

OLD BUSINESS

- Update on HLS Grants
 - Region 6 is moving forward. Making decisions of nine different projects for the '08 Grant
- NIMS update
 - Looking at having one or trainings in the coming year
- 2009 Conference
 - March 18, 2009 Public Officials Conference
 - 37 in attendance
 - Well received, excellent speakers
- Tier II Manager
 - Tier II reports on submitted on line
 - We were one of five counties involved in a pilot program
 - This allows access by LEPC and Fire

NEW BUSINESS

- Fairs
 - See PR committee report

HAZMAT/TECH RESCUE TEAM UPDATE

- Hazmat Team had four calls
 - Three unknown drums in Blendon

- Gasoline in sewer in Park Twp: Called off before arriving
 - Possible tanker rollover in GH Township: Standby only
 - Sludge in a drain in Coopersville
 - One application was received for a HazMat member
- Tech Rescue:
 - 2 new members

NEXT MEETING

July 15, 2009

TRAINING

Dennis Wright from the OCSH Dive Team and
Mike Dykhouse from the OCSH Marine Division.

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned.