

## LEPC COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: *January 19, 2000*

Rich Szczepanek began the meeting at 10:00 A.M.

The following members attended: Mike Averill, Lt. Larry Beld, Dave Dongvillo, John Edwards, Al Federico, Jim Hancock, Jack Hankiewicz, Bill Lamain, Anne McManus, Randy Mergener, Earl Mokma, Inspector Dale Myaard, Chief Jerry Paauwe, Dianne Phillips, Chuck Pistis, Susan Ream, Myra Reimink, Bonnie Schuitema, Bill Smith, Rich Szczepanek, Les Toth, Rick Velderman, Dennis Wynalda, Paul Ziegler.

Members excused: Willie Beattie, Capt. Dave Guikema, Paul Hascher, Sindee Maxwell, Su Paauwe, Chris Pfeiffer, Harris Schipper, Paul Shemanski.

Members unexcused: Robert Batts, Mark Bethke, Scott Braak, David Coenen, John Crozier, John McDonnell, Doyle Stratton, Sen. William VanRegenmorter, Becky Vargo.

Guests present: Dave Casey - CSX, Jim Wenzel - Ottawa County MSUE, Mark Tans - new director of Hudsonville Emergency Services.

The committee approved the November 17th, 1999 meeting minutes.

### Committee Reports:

Executive Subcommittee: Goals and objectives for 2000 were addressed.

In order to meet the \$4,200.00 HMEP grant requirement, 30 new plans and 30 revisions must be completed.

Resignations and new members approved by Board & Forwarded to SERC

New members: Sindee Maxwell - Red Cross, John Edwards - Mead Johnson, Anne McManus - Bil Mar Foods, Doyle Stratton - Young's Environmental, Senator William VanRegenmorter, Al Federico - Shorehaven Living Center, Scott Braak - Bil Mar Foods. There are 4 resignations, as follows: John Stevenson - Red Cross, Matt Gabris - BilMar, L. Wiedewitsch, Wally Kurzeja - Young's Environmental.

Planning Sub Committee (Jim Hancock)

ODL and Royster-Clark were submitted and approved.

#### Public Information Subcommittee (Randy Mergener)

Randy stated that there is a need for more meetings for this Subcommittee. It was noted that the membership list, posted on our Web site, needs to be updated. It was noted that our Web site could be used to get more Public Information posted. It was suggested that attendance at another LEPC meeting, from another county, would be beneficial to our LEPC. Our LEPC members were encouraged to attend classes and local exercises. A discussion regarding involvement in parades and fairs followed.

Participation in 1 to 2 fairs, this year, was recommended, noting that the staffing commitment could be a challenge. Dianne Phillips suggested that a Tri-fold Display Unit be purchased for a sharper display of information, she will look into suppliers, costs, etc.

#### Business/Industrial Outreach Subcommittee (Willie Beattie)

Willie was not in attendance. It was noted that this Subcommittee did not meet last month.

#### Emergency Response Subcommittee (Myra Reiminck)

NOAA radio's for Special Needs group: The following funding options were suggested: A Certificate of Need be submitted, to the county, use of Project Impact resources, or raising funds from area businesses – (Sue Bartels, from Kent County, was noted as a resource person). Bill Smith suggested another vital funding project, a computer Calling System. In an emergency, the Calling System, (Dialogic Communications Corp.) would automatically call all the people located in a vulnerable zone. A representative from Dialogic Communications will make a presentation at our March 15, 2000 meeting.

LEPC Conference Subcommittee: The RMP Conference will be held tonight in the Main Conference Room, lower level of the Ottawa County Sheriff's Department/ Administrative Offices, from 7 to 8:30pm. The event has been well advertised having 14 ads placed in local newspapers with some radio exposure. The LEPC is encouraged to attend. Possibilities for the 2001 Conference were discussed. It was suggested that the focus for the Conference be to Public

Officials. Old and new officials for the year would have the opportunity to

learn about our LEPC and hear representatives from law, fire, special needs groups, hospitals, etc. The groups would have an opportunity to share what they expect and need from the County.

## **Old Business**

Approval of By-Law Revision: Revisions regarding the maximum number of people appointed to the LEPC, and in Section III - The wording regarding Public Meetings has been changed. The revisions were approved. After signatures are obtained, revised copies will be mailed to all LEPC members.

98/99 HMEP Supplement: Totaled \$4,446.09. Original grant \$1,479.00 for a total of \$5,925.09.

## **New Business**

NOAA Weather Radio Tower: Members were briefed regarding Ottawa County Central Dispatch's assuming the lead role in the NOAA weather radio's Fillmore repeater slave station. Total project costs are \$33,413.85. We have a FEMA mitigation grant totaling \$11,758.00, leaving a balance of \$21,655.85, to be raised.

Local business members were encouraged to contact director Steve Todd of OCCDA, if they are interested in a one-time contribution to this worthy project.

We are seeking commitment letters, only, at this time with anticipated installation and operation by July 2000.

Tulip Time: Reviewed and approved participation in the 2000 Tulip Time Festival on Saturday May 20, 2000.

Next regularly scheduled meeting: March 15, 2000 at the Emergency Management Office located at 12220 Fillmore St., West Olive.

Adjournment: The LEPC meeting adjourned at 10:55am.

Presentation: An informative presentation, by Dave Casey of CSX Railroad, followed the LEPC meeting.