

# **LEPC MINUTES**

*May 17, 2000*

Rick Szczepanek called the meeting to order at 10:10 am.

**Members in Attendance:** Willie Beattie, Scott Braak, John Crozier, Richard Davis, Dave Dongvillo, John Edwards, Al Federico, Paul Hascher, Bill Lamain, Sindee Maxwell, Dianne Phillips, Susan Ream, Myra Reimink, Bonnie Schuitema, Bill Smith, Rich Szczepanek, Les Toth, Rick Velderman, Paul Ziegler.

**Members Excused:** Mike Averill, Robert Batts, Lt. Larry Beld, Capt. Dave Guikema, Jim Hancock, John McDonnell, Randy Mergener, Earl Mokma, Jerry Paauwe, Chris Pfeiffer, Chuck Pistis, Sen. William VanRegenmorter, Becky Vargo.

**Members Unexcused:** Mark Bethke, Pete Jazdyk, Anne McManus, Dale Myaard, Sue Paauwe, Harris Schipper, Linda Smith, Doyle Stratton.

**Guest Present:** Allegan County LEPC members: Undersheriff Larry Ladenburger, Steven Stevenson, and Blan Bechtold. Natalie Brown, Ottawa County Project Impact, Mark Kraak, Trendway, Pete VanWierdhuizen, Zeeland Farm Services, Don Woodward, MSP/EMD,

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**Project Impact:** Natalie Brown gave a short presentation on Project Impact and how it relates to our LEPC.

**Presentation of New Member Certificate:** Dave Dongvillo

**Handouts:** The following handouts were made available:

- 1) March CAER Meeting Minutes
- 2) Clean Air Excellence Awards: Dianne Phillips explained that we have an opportunity to nominate a company or individual for this Award. Nominations are due by June 2, 2000. Bill Smith encouraged all to consider nominees.
- 3) SERC Meeting Minutes
- 4) Red Cross pamphlets and information
- 5) Chemical Awareness Week Press Release.

**Executive Subcommittee** (Rich Szczepanek )

Rich suggested that a contact be made to our counterparts in Muskegon in regards to Lomak incident stating that much could be learned from their experience.

**Planning Subcommittee** (Les Toth)

The following 6 plans were presented by Les Toth and approved, with typographical corrections made, by LEPC. Petroelje Farm, Donnelly Corporation – JFD North, Miedema Produce, Vriesland

Growers, Heinz USA, and Zeeland Farm Services. A discussion followed regarding the need for facilities in the vulnerable zone to be contacted with a special notice/evacuation in the event of an emergency. Dianne Phillips informed us that the businesses are on the list to be called in case of an emergency.

### **Public Information Subcommittee** (Randy Mergener)

#### **Chemical Awareness Week:**

**Placemats:** Thanks to Herman Miller for their generosity in funding and printing of placemats. This contribution is deeply appreciated. The LEPC members were encouraged to distribute placemats to local businesses and restaurants. Supplies have been distributed to Fire Departments for distribution to restaurants in their jurisdictions.

#### **Publicity for Chemical Awareness week has been as followed:**

WGHN – Rich & Bill recorded a program

Georgetown Journal - Bill recorded a program

WCET T.V. during their April Session they showed the Red Cross Chemical Awareness Video about 3 times in one week. Gil Dykstra did a tremendous job promoting.

Grand Haven Public Schools is running the ARC video.

West Ottawa TV 5 also ran the video

Red Cross Newsletter had article on Chemical Awareness Week.

May 11, News release went out on our news line

**Tulip Time Parade:** A Holland Fire Truck will have the LEPC banner and the Commissioners Banner, with four County Commissioners, in the Saturday parade.

**72 Hour Emergency Kit:** Store Display: Sinee Maxwell met with personnel at Meijers to look into the possibility of putting up a display, with brochures, informing the public of the need for a 72 Hour Emergency Kit. She was told that the idea would have to be presented to the Corporate Marketing Dept. Sinee has called the contact person, but has not heard back yet.

Newsletters: Possibility of adding information to Company Newsletters.

Web Site: We have updated our County Emergency Services Site. The web address is [www.co.ottawa.mi.us](http://www.co.ottawa.mi.us). We would like to consider adding additional information, including the 72 hour Emergency kit, to Web Site.

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

#### **Zeeland CAER Training session**

The meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month, and are typically held at the Howard Miller Community library in Zeeland. Everyone is welcomed to attend. Willie Invited the LEPC to the next meeting, which will be at Noon tomorrow. There will be a simulated presentation on the use of a Fire Extinguisher. The CAER committee is currently in the process of evaluating their drills and of developing varied training sessions.

**Emergency Response Subcommittee** (Myra Reimink)

Still in the process of looking for contact people for possible grants for NOAA weather radios. Holland Hospital recently had a drill. This drill focused on long term needs of patients rather than immediate needs. They were very pleased with the participation and outcome. Holland Hospital was visited by Spectrum Health. Spectrum looked at their De-Con area and has asked to copy Holland's facility plan. Bronson Hospital will also be visiting.

**LEPC Conference Subcommittee** (Dianne Phillips)

It was proposed that the next LEPC Conference focus on local Public Officials. It was recommended that the conference be held after November, while interest is high, to reach out to newly elected officials.

**NOAA Weather Radio** – The repeater station has been funded by Business & Industry and local units of government. NOAA weather radios are available over the Internet, on WEATHERTOOLS.COM under FOX 33, at a \$15.00 TO \$20.00 discount. The radios may also be purchased at Radio Shack.

**E-Tubes** – The installations are slow.

**SERC Meeting** – The next meeting will be on July 11<sup>th</sup> at Walker City Hall. A notice will be sent out with the exact time of the meeting. All LEPC members are encouraged to attend. There is limited space so please contact Bill Smith if you plan to attend.

**Fire Chief's Meeting** – A meeting was held last night, May 16<sup>th</sup>. It was determined that there is a need for an EOC resource officer. The ICS/EOC Equipment Map and Status Board will work well.

**Holland BPW** – Will no longer be on the 302 list because they have switched from chlorine to Sodium Hypochlorite.

July 19, 2000 at Donnelly Corporation located at 32<sup>nd</sup> & Lincoln in Holland.

**PRESENTATION:** A Chemical Awareness Video was presented by Sindee Maxwell of the American Red Cross.