

# OTTAWA COUNTY

## LEPC MINUTES

September 20, 2000

Rich called the meeting to order at 10:07

Art Tanis from the SERC presented a certificate of appreciation to Rich Szcpanek. He also took the opportunity to congratulate our local LEPC for being one of the most active LEPC's in the state.

**Members in Attendance:** Lt. Larry Beld, John Edwards, Al Federico, Jim Hancock, Bill Lamain, Sinee Maxwell, Anne McManus, Randy Mergener, Earl Mokma, Inspector Dale Myaard, Dianne Phillips, Susan Ream, Myra Reimink, Bonnie Schuitema, Bill Smith, Rich Szcpanek, Rick Velderman.

**Members Excused:** Robert Batts, Scott Braak, Dick Davis, Lt. Dave Guikema, John McDonnell, Chief Jerry Paauwe, Chris Pfeiffer, Linda Smith, Senator William VanRegenmorter, Becky Vargo, Paul Ziegler.

**Members Unexcused:** Mike Averill, Willie Beattie, Mark Bethke, John Crozier, David Dongvillo, Paul Hascher, Pete Jazdzyk, Susan Paauwe, Chuck Pistis, Harris Schipper, Doyle Stratton, Les Toth.

**Guests Present:** Bill Bosch-Parke Davis, Michael Close-OC Road Commission, Mark Kraak-Trendway.

**August 16, 2000 Minutes:** Approved.

### **Handouts:**

I. The Communiqué: newsletter from the State EMD

I. Public Review Notice Draft: By law we are required to tell the public of information available on our Emergency Response Plan. It was agreed upon that the MSDS information be omitted because we don't have sheets on all chemicals. The LEPC decided to publish the notice, with omission, now and look at next year tying it into Chemical Awareness week or end of the year reports.

I. Holland Sentinel news article on LEPC meeting published 9/11/2000

I. Copies of the Michigan Emergency Planning & Community Right-To-Know Commission letter from Captain Ed Buikema

I. Zeeland CAER Meeting handout regarding September 21, 2000 meeting.

*COMMITTEE REPORTS*

**Executive Subcommittee** (Rich Szczepanek)

Discussion of exercises for 2001: Volunteers were asked to offer the use of their facility in order to exercise an Industry or Farm plan. Rick Velderman, from Wyoming Water Treatment Plant, offered their facility.

**HAZ MAT Incidents**

Herman Miller – On August 28, a coupling broke releasing approximately 10 gallons of MDI (Polymeric diphenolmethane diisocyanate). There was some concern by HMI about their Haz-Mat contractor. It was felt they came a little ill prepared.

Miedema Produce -. On September 11th, there was an Anhydrous Ammonia spill at Miedema. A semi backed into their dock with its door open. The door struck the pipe of a 500 gal. tank immediately releasing its contents. The Incident Command system worked extremely well. Georgetown Fire did a great job. Law Enforcement notified residents that In-Place sheltering was necessary. The message was also on GRAIL. There were 7 injuries, with 2 of the victims being treated for inhalation problems.

Leprino Foods – On September 20th, there was a minor release (3 lbs) of Anhydrous Ammonia, which was contained within the building. Medical responders treated 7 people for inhalation.

**Planning Subcommittee** (Jim Hancock)

The following plans were reviewed and approved:

I. Donnelly Corporation – JFD South

II. Milcor

III. Walters Gardens

**Public Information Subcommittee** (Randy Mergener)

October is National Fire Prevention Month. The LEPC plans to set up displays at four (4)

Open House locations:

I. Robinson Township: Thursday September 28, 6:00 – 9:00 pm

II. Holland City: Saturday, October 7. Parade starts at 10:30 am

III. Grand Haven Township: Tuesday, October 10, 6:00 – 9:00 pm

IV. Grand Haven City: Saturday, October 14, 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Sindee Maxwell informed the LEPC that TV13 has asked Naomi Binkley to report on Holland events. Her phone number is 559-1417 or FAX stories to 784-8367.

Rich Szcapanek

suggested that Sindee invite Naomi to our next meeting.

Sindee also advised us that Vicki Buck, from the Holland Sentinel will publicize any events we submit to her. Her e-mail address is:

[vicky@westmichigan.streetmail.com](mailto:vicky@westmichigan.streetmail.com)

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

I. Met last month for Zeeland CAER Meeting. Bill Smith gave a presentation on Incident Command System.

II. September Zeeland CAER Meeting Thursday, September 21, 2000

An abbreviated Exercise Design class will be presented by Bob Ballard MSP-EM. Lunch will be provided.

### **LEPC Conference Subcommittee** (Dianne Phillips)

A Public Officials Conference will be held after the first of the year. A discussion regarding the best day (avoiding Council and Board meetings) and time of day followed. It was determined that Monday's and Tuesdays are usually full for Officials time. An evening conference was suggested because most of the Officials have day jobs.

#### *OLD BUSINESS*

I. National Night Out – July 31st. The LEPC had a table at the Holland National Night Out. We displayed weather radios, plans, etc. and received some good exposure.

I. NOAA Weather Repeater Update – Delivery date for the NOAA Weather Repeater Station is this Friday. The anticipated installation date is October 14th. We are still short \$2,500.00 because of a lack of follow through on some commitments. For anyone who purchased the Oregon Scientific, Model #122 weather radio, there is a recall. It may be returned for an updated version. (Model #196)

I. MEMA Conference, October 10 – 12. 187 have registered.

I. Training courses given by the State Emergency Management are on their web site. You can also register on-line. (www.mspemd.com)

*NEW BUSINESS*

**Michigan Emergency Planning & Community Right-To-Know Commission**

Art Tanis explained that the EPA is launching a new project. They have hired a consultant to travel to various jurisdictions in order to assist LEPCs with designing exercises. Bill Smith shared that he does not see how this project could benefit us. He expressed concern regarding the use of available funds, stating that we already have a lot of resources available in Michigan and, he believes, the funds could be put to better use.

**Tier II Reporting:** The DEQ has reported that Michigan has a 93% compliance rate for their

Tier II reporting. This is a phenomenal response. The DEQ will be cross checking all their reports, for information to find who is not reporting.

**302 List:** The state has sent out the updated 302 list. Ottawa County has 128 known 302 sites.

**HMEP Grant:** The commitment for next year is for more than double our HMEP grant this year. There is \$120,000 available state wide. We currently have 25 site plans to complete.

**Hazard Analysis** – The Justice Department has made a considerable amount of funds available for this fiscal year toward weapons of mass destruction. During the next three (3) fiscal years, we are looking at several million going toward training on weapons on mass destruction. Texas

A & M will be putting on a three (3) day training session for Emergency Management Directors. This training is being offered on October 4th. They will be giving instruction on how we need to do our threat analysis and damage assessment. Bill has put together a seven-person team from Ottawa County to receive this training.

*NEXT MEETING*

Next meeting date is November 15, 2000, at the Fillmore Street Complex.

*TRAINING*

The Department of Agriculture Emergency Tube video was shown.