

LEPC MEETING MINUTES

DATE: March 21, 2001

Rich Szczepanek called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

Members in Attendance:

Lt. Larry Beld Dick Davis Al Federico Bill Lamain
Anne McManus Dale L. Myaard Chris Pfeiffer Dianne Phillip
Susan Ream Myra Reimink Bonnie Schuitema Bill Smith
Doyle Stratton Chief Rich Szczepanek Les Toth

Members Excused:

Michael Averill Jim Hancock Sindee Maxwell Randy Mergener
Jerry Paauwe Chuck Pistis Linda Smith Sen. VanRegenmorter
Becky Vargo Rick Velderman

Members Unexcused:

Willie Beattie Mark Bethke Scott Braak John Crozier David Dongvillo John Edwards Capt. Dave Guikema
Paul Hascher Pete Jazdyk John McDonnell Earl Mokma Susan Paauwe Cornelius VanderKam Paul Ziegler

Guests:

Jim Breuker, MSP/EMD Jack Hankiewicz; Larry Logsdon, Federal Mogul
Kory Borgman, Ottawa Conservation District

January 17, 2001 Minutes

Lt. Larry Beld made the motion to accept the minutes; it was seconded and approved.

Handouts:

Skywarn Handout
Severe Weather Pamphlet
Red Cross Winds Newsletter
Agricultural Mall Show Flyer

Executive Subcommittee (Rich Szczepanek)

There is a need volunteers for Agricultural Fair to man the booth. Sign up sheet was passed. Much thanks to Bonnie Schuitema & Al Federico for volunteering.

Planning Subcommittee (Jim Hancock)

No plan for review this meeting

Public Information Subcommittee (Randy Mergener)

The Public Information and Emergency Response Sub-Committee's met together. Myra presented the information.

Business/Industrial Outreach Subcommittee

Dick Davis shared that the next Zeeland CAER meeting will be held on April 26th. He invited all LEPC participants to attend.

Emergency Response Subcommittee (Myra Reimink)

A data base of Newsletters is being developed for outreach for the LEPC.

Funding for promotional handouts is being researched using a CD Rom containing Michigan Foundation information. The CD provides information on where we can find grant money that can be utilized for public information material.

LEPC Conference Subcommittee (Dianne Phillips)

The LEPC Conference will held be on April 12th. Brochures will be sent to all Public Officials. The conference will be an informational meeting highlighting the roles and responsibilities of the LEPC. It was suggested that various business & industries put up a display promoting safety preventative measures being used by their companies. Chris Pfeiffer offered to do a presentation of what a Hazmat Team needs to consider. As Haz-Mat was discussed, Fire and Hospital representatives stated that they feel they are not ready to handle a large emergency. Jim Breuker offered to do a presentation on Sara Title III with information on what brought it into place. Jim was also asked if he could do a presentation on success stories by facilities that have the pre-plan in place, along with examples of the negative results for those that did not do pre-planning. It was mentioned that one of the goals for the conference would be to plant the idea that having a plan in place is the right and responsible thing to do! It was also stated that officials need to be informed on what is available and that they also need to observe that the community is concerned. Bonnie asked Zeeland Hospital if they would be willing to set up a display at the conference, she should have an answer by later today. Bill would like representatives from each committee to do a presentation at the conference.

Old Business:

The Red Cross CPR Saturday class was held at the Fillmore Complex on March 3rd, and was sponsored by Donnelly. 70 attended.

New Business:

Agricultural Fair will be held this Saturday at the West Shore Mall in Holland.

The NOAA Weather Radio grant application has reached first approval. It will take 4 to 6 months before a final approval, we are confident we will receive the funds. This funding will allow us to order approximately 280 radios. We will need to develop a system to notify special needs groups and determine how to distribute the radios in a fair manner. The transmitter continues to exceed expectations. Anyone in the county should be able to receive weather information.

Myra shared that she also serves on the Allegan County LEPC. She said that Allegan's LEPC has only 5 plans to complete. They have approximately 133 sites, with approximately 75% being agricultural. Allegan's LEPC supports their members and will send them to conferences etc anytime they want to go. Myra noted that Allegan has a good budget for their LEPC and that they also get all of their HMEP grant money to use for the LEPC. They don't do a lot in the way of outreach like our county does. Bill mentioned that we do receive a lot of support from the county and that we should focus on the positives.

Bill shared that this is the time to identify needs for the LEPC for the 2002 budget. We need to plan 1½ years ahead for requests. Must think long range and realize that it may not get everything requested.

Bill stated that there were 5 in-service sessions on First Responder Awareness Update for Ottawa County Sheriff's Department. Each Ottawa County road supervisor has a book with information on the 302 sites that would impact their jurisdiction. Similar books were provided for the cities of Holland, Grand Haven, Hudsonville, Spring Lake and Zeeland.

Kent County, in coordination with TV8, did a PR video for their LEPC. It was well done! Bill will have the video for our next meeting and would like to consider whether or not our LEPC would like to do something similar.

Jim Breuker mentioned that the Michigan Conference on Terrorism and Domestic Preparedness will be held on April 18-20th.

Our next meeting date is May 16th at Pfizer-Holland Chemical. A tour will follow. Bonnie offered the Zeeland Hospital facility for our July LEPC meeting.

A video about Micro Blaze Microbial Products was presented introducing new products for picking up petroleum etc.