

OTTAWA COUNTY

LEPC MINUTES

September 19, 2001

Rich Sczcepanek called the meeting to order at 10:07

Members in Attendance:

Larry Beld, Scott Braak, Michael Close, Dick Davis, Dave Dongvillo, John Edwards, Al Federico, Jim Hancock, Paul Hascher, Bill Lamain, Sinee Maxwell, Randy Mergener, Dale Myaard, Chris Pfeiffer, Dianne Phillips, Susan Ream, Myra Reimink, Bill Smith, Leslie Toth, Cornelius VanderKam, Paul Ziegler

Members Excused:

Michael Averill, Willie Beattie, Anne McManus, Susan Paauwe, Bonnie Schuitema, Senator William VanRegenmorter, Rick Velderman

Members Unexcused: Mark Bethke, John Crozier, Capt. Dave Guikema, Pete Jazdyk, John McDonnell, Chuck Pistis, Doyle Stratton

Guests Present:

11/15/1999 Minutes: Minutes were reviewed and a motion was made to accept by Paul Ziegler, seconded by Jim Hancock, motion carried.

Handouts:

- Kent County LEPC Workshop Brochure
- 911 Brochure
- Agendas
- Community Right to Know Bulletins
- Proposed details for LEPC Conference

Executive Subcommittee (Rich Sczcepanek)

Proposed a change of executive officers for 2001 – to be put on next month's agenda

Planning Subcommittee (Jim Hancock)

Rolling Acres Fruit & Dairy

Idra Prince

Donnelly Corporation – 128th North

Reviewed and motion to approve by Larry Beld, seconded by Dale Myaard, motion carried.

Public Information Subcommittee (Randy Mergener)

Need ideas for making contacts with people and groups in the community. Methods currently being utilized are conferences, parades, articles in paper, exercises, news releases, and radio and television appearances. Bill stated that we are doing everything that we have energies to do at present. It was suggested that we get articles placed in business and local government units newsletters. Will check into how to and when to get articles in various newsletters and report back in November.

Business/Industrial Outreach Subcommittee (Willie Beattie)

Zeeland CAER – Community Outreach, September 11, 2001

There was an excellent effort put out in the promotion. The event fell on the day of the tragedy which took place in New York and at the Pentagon and as a result it is believed to have put a real damper on the turnout. We had some new players who attended, City-Side Middle School, a local school, Howard Miller Haven Park Nursing Home, and GKN Sinter Metals..

Emergency Response Subcommittee (Myra Reimink)

LEPC Conference Subcommittee (Dianne Phillips)

A proposed detail sheet for the Conference was reviewed. The date for the conference was set for Thursday March 14th from 8am to 12pm at the Fillmore Complex. It was noted that our best contacts would be personal contacts. By Novembers LEPC meeting, an action plan with a timeline needs to be developed along with a proposal of ways to reach out. The consensus of the group was to start small with one plenary meeting discussing each topic. Perhaps the following year we can expand and build on this years efforts.

Old Business:

HMEP Grant

Bill Smith stated that we have not received application forms yet; He believes this years grant will be identical to last years.

Hudsonville and Ottawa County Fairs

We had very good participation from the LEPC, Red Cross, WMSAR and ARES volunteers who staffed the booths. Bill noted that we need to take full advantage of these excellent opportunities to advertise the LEPC and educate the public. Next year we hope more of you will volunteer to work at least one 3 hour shift.

New Business:

County Exercise today from 3:30PM TO 6:30PM

The scenario for this table-top exercise will deal with an incident (terrorism) at Zeeland's City Side Middle School . Messages will be presented to the group with interaction. The School will be testing the plan they have developed.

Fall Conference at Crystal Mountain

- Pre Conference 9-29 to 10-1
- Conference 10-2 to 10-4

The conference will be a combination of Hazardous materials group and Michigan Emergency Management Association.

Update

Dale Myaard has retired but will continue on the LEPC as a citizen component.

Mike Close has a new job opportunity and will be leaving the area.

Captain Buikema has retired from MSP EMD.

Kurt Irish is the new head of Haz-Mat Training Center.

Motion to adjourn by Randy Mergener seconded by Al Federico

Next meeting date is Wednesday November 21, 2001 at the Fillmore Street Complex. Presentation: Delta Township's exercise video