

# **LEPC MEETING MINUTES**

**January 16, 2000**

Rich Szczepanek called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m.

## **Members in Attendance:**

Willie Beattie David Dongvillo John Edwards Al Federico  
Jim Hancock Paul Hascher Sgt. Lee Hoeksema Eric Klingensmith  
Bill Lamain Sindee Maxwell Randy Mergener Earl Mokma  
Dale Myaard Chief Jerry Paauwe Chris Pfeiffer Dianne Phillips Chuck Pistis Susan Ream Myra Reimink Bonnie  
Schuitema Chief Rich Szczepanek Lewis Wiedewitsch Paul Ziegler

## **Members Excused:**

Anne McManus Les Toth Sen. William VanRegenmorter  
Cornelius VanderKam

## **Members Unexcused:**

Michael Averill Mark Bethke Scott Braak John Crozier  
Capt. Dave Guikema George Keefe Pete Jazdyk John McDonnell  
Susan Paauwe Doyle Stratton Rick Velderman

**Guests:** Darwin Baas, Ottawa County Environmental Health, Jack Hankiewicz, Bilmar

**Approval of 11/21/2001 Minutes:** Bonnie Schuitema made the motion to approve the minutes; Jim Hancock seconded the motion, the minutes were approved.

## **Handouts:**

Community Right-to-Know Manual  
July SERC Minutes

**Executive Subcommittee** (Rich Szczepanek)

**Planning Subcommittee** (Jim Hancock)

- Crisp Hill Dairy Farm

Al Federico made the motion to accept the plan as presented; Lee Hoeksema seconded the motion, the plan was accepted

**Public Information Subcommittee** (Randy Mergener)

- Tulip Time – Bonnie Schuitema made the motion to participate in the parade; Myra Reimink seconded the motion, the motion carried.
- Chemical Awareness Week will take place during one of the first few weeks of May. The committee will begin to work on publicizing the event.
- New Display – The new display, belonging to the Ottawa County Sheriff's Department, was set up for the LEPC. This display will be made available to the LEPC for pertinent events.

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

- CAER had an open house pot luck in December
- CAER's next meeting will be tomorrow at Noon. The meeting will take place at the Howard Miller Community Center. The meeting will focus on this year's calendar, goals, objectives and budget. The LEPC is invited.

**Emergency Response Subcommittee** (Myra Reimink)

- Mitigation Grant for NOAA Weather Radios – Letters explaining the availability of NOAA Weather Radios, were sent out to schools with a good response so far.
- E-Tubes – the farm plans that were enclosed in the tubes, collected moisture and ruined the plans. A vacuum sealer was purchased and a packet of desiccant for each tube will be enclosed in an effort to moisture proof the tubes.

**LEPC Conference Subcommittee** (Dianne Phillips)

The Conference will be an All Hazards Workshop and is scheduled for March 14, 2002, from 8:30am to 12pm. The location will be at the Ottawa County Fillmore Complex, in the large conference room downstairs. In order to avoid last minute delays it is recommended that the brochures be printed by the middle of February. Displays, representing area Business & Industry, are encouraged. Bill Smith requested that he be informed, by the beginning of March, if any would like to present a display at the conference.

**Legislative Tribute** - Copies of the tribute Senator VanRegenmorter presented, at a July 18, 2001 LEPC meeting, were made available to LEPC members.

**HMEP GRANT** - The 2000-2001 HMEP grant payment was \$9,045.53.

**Haz-Mat Team Proposal** – The Fire Department has worked on a proposal for a Haz-Mat Team, a letter has been written and will be presented to the county this week.

**Response and Weapons of Mass Destruction** - Monies were received for each

**2001-2002 HMEP Grant** – The 2001-2002 HMEP grant provided \$160.00 toward new plans with \$25.00 for updates. 20 original @ \$160.00 = \$3,200.00; 125 updates @ \$25.00 = \$625.00, totaling \$3,825.00

**CPR Saturday** – A training class for CPR will be held on March 2, 2002, from 8am to 12pm. To participate, there will be a nominal fee of \$15.00. The Ottawa County Red Cross is prepared to train up to 100 people. The class will be held in the main conference room of the Ottawa County Fillmore Complex.

**Goals & Objectives for 2002** – The following goals were presented:

- Conduct the Annual LEPC Conference
- Fulfill the requirements of the HMEP grant,
- Heads of our Subcommittees to meet with their committees and set goals for 2002; It was suggested that each committee take time to prepare a wish list to help justify the needs of the LEPC.

**Proposal for HMEP grant monies** – The committee agreed that a proposal needs to be made which states that the monies reside with the LEPC, designated for its uses, rather than going to the County. Included in the process of developing the proposal, it was suggested that we check the protocols of neighboring counties and present a wish list, which will reveal how the monies can be utilized by the LEPC.

**Election of Officers** – Bonnie moved that we remove the three-year rule and re elect Rich to the Chair position, Dale Myaard seconded it. Lee moved to close the nomination it was seconded and approved.

**Myra Reimink** was nominated by Bonnie to be Vice-Chairman; Dianne seconded the motion. Chris Pfeiffer nominated Paul Hascher, Paul declined. Randy moved to close and Al Federico seconded, it was approved.

**Paul Hascher** will replace Myra Reimink as head of the Emergency Response Sub-Committee.

Next meeting date is March 20th at the Fillmore Complex