

LEPC MEETING MINUTES

September 18, 2002

Myra Reimink called the meeting to order at 10:15 A.M.

Members in Attendance: John Crozier, John Edwards, Al Federico, Jim Hancock, Paul Hascher, Eric Klingensmith, Sindee Maxwell, Randy Mergener, Dale Myaard, Susan Paauwe, Dianne Phillips, Chuck Pistis, Myra Reimink, Bill Smith, Paul Zeigler.

Members Excused: Willie Beattie, George Keefe, Bonnie Schuitema, Chief Rich Szczepanek, Cornelius VanderKam, Sen. William VanRegenmorter, Rick Velderman.

Members Unexcused: Michael Averill, Darwin Baas, Mark Bethke, Scott Braak, David Dongvillo, Capt. Dave Guikema, Pete Jaszdyk, John McDonnell, Anne McManus, Earl Mokma, Doyle Stratton, Jim Szejda.

New Members Introduced: Lt. Steve Kempker, Ottawa County Sheriff's Dept., replacing Sgt. Lee Hoeksema and Lt. Greg Steigenga

Guests Present: Stacy Peerbolte, American Red Cross; Tammy Renkoski, Allegan County LEPC; Dennis Smith, Preparedness Coordinator for Ottawa Co. Health Dept.; Arthur Tanis, Kent County Commissioner Lt. Jim VanBendegom, Emergency Management Director of Kent County, Lt. Donald Woodward, MSP-EMD.

July 17, 2002 Minutes: Susan Paauwe made the motion to approve the minutes; Al Federico seconded it and the motion passed.

Handouts:

- May SERC Minutes
- Community Right to Know Bulletin
- 302 List

Executive Subcommittee (Myra Reimink)

• Need to increase membership, concentrating on recruiting those involved in fire dept's, service clubs and organizations, media, education, labor unions, and schools. Any suggestions or ideas are welcome and should be expressed to Bill or Dianne.

• Following positions in subcommittees must be filled: two positions in Outreach, three positions in Public Relations. Also, chairperson is needed for the Outreach Subcommittee.

Planning Subcommittee (Jim Hancock)

The following plans were reviewed and approved:

- There was a motion made by Susan Paauwe to approve the site plan for the Dr. Pepper/7-Up Bottling Group. Motion was seconded by Randy Mergener and motion passed.
- There is a plan in the works for Plascore in Zeeland. Site visit was made and a plan is upcoming.

- There were two new industrial sites added: Ameritech-Macatawa Park and Challenge Machine in Grand Haven.
- Bill stated there is a need to expand the base by looking at vulnerable transportation zones and also need to be aware of any new 302 sites.

Public Relations & Promotions Subcommittee (Randy Mergener)

- Goals were reviewed for each subcommittee.
- There are several Fire Dept. Open Houses coming up during Fire Prevention Week and volunteers are needed. The dates are:

HOLLAND CITY – October 5; Parade 10:30 A.M., Open House from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

ROBINSON TOWNSHIP – October 5; 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

GRAND HAVEN TOWNSHIP – October 8; 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

OLIVE TOWNSHIP – October 10; 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP – October 10; 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

GRAND HAVEN CITY – October 12; 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

- Must make plans to staff future dates such as: Tulip Time, fairs, etc. Any other Ideas of conferences or events LEPC can cover, contact Randy Mergener.

Outreach Subcommittee (Vacant)

Training & Exercising Subcommittee (Paul Hascher)

Conference Subcommittee (Dianne Phillips)

The annual conference date is set for March 20, 2003. We are doing a “How To” type of conference. The conference would be half-day and would include breakout sessions.

Haz-Mat Team Update:

- Bill reported that he received 47 applications for the Haz-Mat Team and out of those a team of 23 members was assembled. Team members represent fifteen fire dept’s and one from EMS. The team is meeting every Monday and Wednesday for 3 hours and every other Saturday for 8 hours. Bill said there was a great team assembled and that the team is receiving quality training.
- The Haz-Mat tractor/trailer is completed and ready to be equipped. Equipment will be ordered and will hopefully be in place by the end of October. Will continue to work on obtaining needed equipment. The U.S. Attorney’s office will provide team with 800 MHz radio.
- Companies and organizations that have assisted in supplying needs and supplies will be identified. Some that were mentioned were: Pfizer, Bil Mar, Zeeland Hospital, Mirant and Wyoming Water Treatment.

- There will be a meeting the 1st of October with heads of county, sheriff's dept, etc. to see what role the county will play in the Haz-Mat Team.
- Don Woodward stated that training money is available from various state resources.
- There will be an exercise on March 24, 2003, at the Grand Haven High School, which will simulate a terrorist attack. More information will be forthcoming.
- The Haz-Mat trailer was available to look at today in the parking lot

Train the Trainer Seminar: Dianne reported that the seminar, which took place on September 12, 2002, was a success. Although only approximately 25 people attended, all those who were there were pleased with what they learned and the information received. Some topics that were covered were: Haz-Mat preparedness, site plans and identifying hazardous materials. Dean Blauser from Haz-Com Solutions did the presentation and did a great job. The Red Cross provided dinner and the Zeeland Hospital provided copying assistance and material.

HMEP Grant: For 2002, there were a total of 8 new plans and 3 revised plans submitted. For 2003, we plan to submit 20 new plans @ 160.00 each and 25 updates @ 25.00 each, for a total of \$3,825.00.

ZEELAND CAER: (John Edwards)

- John Edwards stated that the group will meet on September 19, 2002, at the Zeeland library.
- The group is identifying resources for training opportunities, and are working on trying to increase their membership.
- On October 15, 2002, from 6:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M., there will be a drill, which will involve the Mirant Plant and Haven Park Nursing Home. Bonnie Schuitema from Zeeland Comm. Hospital is the main coordinator. There is a need for volunteers and observers for this exercise. If interested, please contact John or Bonnie.

SERC: Art Tanis presented the LEPC with a certificate of Recognition, recognizing the group for its hard work. Art mentioned that the groups' efforts were being noticed at the state level. The SERC conference will be on October 8, 2002, at Crystal Mountain; and SERC meetings on the following dates/places: January 14, 2003, in Lansing; March 11, 2003, in Ingham County; May 13, 2003, in Lansing; and July 8 or September 9, somewhere in Ottawa County. Art stated that SERC, the state, and counties are all becoming involved in Homeland Security and that funding is coming for planning.

Next meeting date is November 13, 2002, at the Fillmore Street Complex, Emergency Management Office.

Kent County WMD Drill of 09-04-02: Jim VanBendegom from the Kent Co. Emergency Mgt. Dept. talked about the drill, which took place at the VanAndel arena in Grand Rapids. The exercise was a great success and important lessons were learned.