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**APPROVED  
OTTAWA COUNTY  
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, March 17, 2004 10:00 AM  
Fillmore Administration Building - EOC Training Room  
12220 Fillmore Street, West Olive**

Myra Reimink called the meeting to order at 10:04 A.M.

**Members in Attendance:** Tom Bosscher, John Edwards, Al Federico, Eileen Florea, Jim Hancock, Jack Hankiewicz, George Keefe, Mary Kleinheksel, Chief Jason Ling, Sindee Maxwell, Anne McManus, Lis McNeil, Randy Mergener, Earl Mokma, Susan Paauwe, Dianne Phillips, Ken Porter, Myra Reimink, Bonnie Schuitema, Bill Smith, Paul Ziegler.

**Members Excused:** Darwin Baas, Paul Hascher, Chief Dan Henderson, Don Hutchens, Lt. Steve Kempker, Earl Mokma, Chris Pfeiffer, Chief Rich Szczepanek, Mark Tans, Steve VanderHill, Jeff VanderWerff, Rep. William VanRegenmorter.

**Members Unexcused:** Michael Averill, Willie Beattie, Scott Braak, John Crozier, Capt. Dave Guikema, Dr. Paul Heidel, Mark Keller, Dr. Eric Klingensmith, John McDonnell, Dale Myaard, Chuck Pistis, Doyle Stratton, Rick Velderman.

**Guests Present:** Chief David Fuller, U.S. Coast Guard; Pete Hetzel, Allegan County Emergency Mgt; Mark Jongekrijg, OCCDA; Lt. Craig Lawrence, U.S. Coast Guard; John Robbins, Holland Sentinel; Richard Troshak, OCCDA; Lt. Kim Wheatley, U.S. Coast Guard;

**January 21, 2004 Minutes:** There was a motion from John Edwards to approve the January minutes. The motion was seconded by Paul Ziegler and the motion passed.

**Handouts:**

- Community Right to Know Bulletins for January & February
- LEPC Meeting dates for 2004
- LEPC Subcommittees List
- Skywarn 2004 Flyer
- Homeland Security Conference Packet
- Exercise & Design Evaluation Flyer

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Executive Subcommittee:** (Myra Reimink)

- The Executive Committee discussed details regarding the March 3, 2004 LEPC Conference.
- Jack Hankiewicz agreed to do a short presentation about the LEPC at the Green Valley Ag grower's meeting.

**Planning Subcommittee:** (Jim Hancock)

- No new plans were submitted

**Public Relations & Promotions Subcommittee:** (Randy Mergener)

- This committee will put together a news release for Chemical Awareness Week, which is usually the first or second week of May.
- Discussed having the three HazMat vehicles, with banners attached, at the following public events:
- Day of the Young Child in Zeeland on Saturday, April 24, 2004.
- Tulip Time parade on Saturday, May 8, 2004.
- National Night Out in August.

**Outreach Subcommittee:** (Dar Baas)

- A report was submitted to the group on the March 3rd LEPC Conference. The following info was given: There was a total of 54 attendees representing venues such as the agricultural community, private industry, hospitals, emergency medical services, public officials, Special Needs Group, HazMat/Tech Rescue Team, EOC, police, and fire. Evaluations of the conference were submitted and the comments were very favorable. Thank you letters were sent to all presenters. Thanks to the Wyoming Water Treatment plant for the bottled water, Zeeland Community Hospital for the bagels and cream cheese and to those who provided financial assistance for the refreshments.
- Additionally, it was reported that the LEPC was represented at five Ag Chemical Dealer growers' meetings.
- It was suggested by Pete Hetzel of the Allegan Co. Emergency Management that in order to build a better bridge with the agricultural community it would be beneficial to have the LEPC represented at the Ottawa Co. Farm Bureau meetings.

**Training & Exercise Subcommittee:** (Paul Hascher)

- This committee met with the Outreach Subcommittee.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- There was no Old Business to discuss.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- In regards to the Tulip Time Parade on May 8th, Bill Smith reported that the application for the HazMat trucks and display banner was submitted and we should be notified in April of whether or not the entry was accepted.
- Bill encouraged all of the LEPC members to attend the Exercise Design and Evaluation Workshop on March 25 (9:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.) and March 26 (9:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.), which will be conducted by Donna Southwell of the Michigan State Police. This workshop will be at the Fillmore Complex. If you are interested in further details you may contact the Emergency Management Office.
- Bill also stated that the Homeland Security Conference, which will take place in Grand Rapids on May 5-7, 2004, would be a very interesting and helpful event to attend. Information and applications for the conference are available at the Emergency Management office.
- The annual Skywarn Training will take place on Thursday, March 25, 2004, at the Coopersville High School, 198 East St., Coopersville. No pre-registration is required. If you need directions or more info, you

may call the Emergency Management Office.

- Severe Weather Awareness Week will take place on March 21-27, 2004.
- Bill reported that Homeland Security is working on streamlining grant fund distribution.
- Bill also stated that through the 2003 State Homeland Security Grant Program, the county will be receiving \$17,000.00 for training and exercising. Myra Reimink reported that Holland Community Hospital would be utilizing part of this grant by holding a tabletop exercise on April 27, 2004.

### **HAZMAT/TECH RESCUE TEAM UPDATE**

- Dianne Phillips stated that an equipment needs and wish list has been put together by the team.
- The HazMat/Tech Rescue Team was called out for the first time on February 18th. The incident involved a traffic accident. A truck involved in the accident had an unmarked leaking container. After investigation it was determined that the product was liquid nitrogen. A local business was called and the container was removed.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting date is May 19, 2004, at the Fillmore Street Complex, Emergency Management Office.

### **TRAINING**

This month Mr. Craig Witmer, of Petometry International Corporation, presented a new and interesting way of utilizing aerial imagery, which combines both orthogonal images (straight down aerial shots) with oblique images (40 degree angle aerial shots). At the present time, Petometry International is the only company in the U.S. using this unique technology.

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### **Agenda**

None published