

**APPROVED  
OTTAWA COUNTY  
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, July 20, 2005 10:00 AM  
Fillmore Administration Building - EOC Training Room  
12220 Fillmore Street, West Olive**

Chairperson Myra Reimink called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

**Members in Attendance:** Tom Bosscher, John Crozier, John Edwards, Jim Hancock, Sinee Maxwell, Anne McManus, Lis McNeil, Dianne Phillips, Myra Reimink, Chris Saddler, Bill Smith, Chief Rich Szczepanek, Beth Thomas, Jeff VanderWerff

**Members Excused:** Paul Hascher, Chief Dan Henderson, Don Hutchens, Eric Klingensmith, Randy Mergener, Susan Paauwe, Bonnie Schuitema, Cornelius VanderKam, Rep. William VanRegenmorter, Paul Ziegler

**Members Unexcused:** Michael Averill, Willie Beattie, Scott Braak, Kenneth Dzieszinski, Jack Hankiewicz, Dr Paul Heidel, Lee Hoeksema, George Keefe, Mark Keller, John McDonnell, Earl Mokma, Dale Myaard, Vito Palazzolo, Chris Pfeiffer, Chuck Pistis, Doyle Stratton, Rick Velderman

**Guests Present:** Amy Swords, Carlos Garcia

**March 16, 2005 Minutes:** There was a motion made by Chief Rich Szczepanek to approve the minutes from the March meeting. Jim Hancock seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**Handouts:**

- Community Right to Know Bulletins

**Executive Subcommittee:** (Myra Reimink)

- Myra would like to reactivate this committee

**Planning Subcommittee:** (Jim Hancock)

- No report

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

- There will not be booths/displays at the various fairs this year due to the difficulty in arranging for volunteers for the amount of time required for these events. Red Cross is also backing off from participating in fairs but will be doing smaller events. They will be distributing LEPC materials at these events. THANK YOU!
- No representation for the Coast Guard Parade due to lack of volunteers
- Would like to have good participation in the fall at the Fire Safety Open Houses.

**Outreach Subcommittee:** (Susan Paauwe)

- No report

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

- No report

· Bill notified us that Captain John Ort has retired and Inspector Kriste Etue has been promoted to Captain and Commander of the EMD Division. Hopefully the new director will be supportive of SERC and the LEPC.

· LEPC Conference was held on May 18, 2005 at the Fillmore Complex. There were about 40 people in attendance and we received a positive response to the presentations.

· Bill and Myra were in agreement that everyone needs to be thinking about what outreach we should be trying to accomplish next year with our conference. Myra presented an idea for the conference to be a Health Care Outreach regarding possible

exposures. This could include CEU's, public health, Hospitals. Training dollars could be asked for from the Hospitals.

- Bill Smith gave an overview of the 2005 Homeland Security Grant. Ottawa County has been awarded \$1.2 million. This is the last year the funds will be allocated by jurisdiction and not by region. It will be a more competitive process next year. The Homeland Security Advisory Committee submitted possible projects, which were then prioritized by the committee members to achieve a ranking of projects, and then were chosen by the committee.

- Bill Smith reported on the terrorist bombings in London. As a result of the bombings the Security level has been raised to Orange, but is discipline specific, relating to mass transit.

- Introduction of and welcome was given to Beth Thomas who is the new Solution Area Planner. Beth is taking over for Jerry Paauwe who retired to have double knee surgery and then enjoy life at the cabin. Welcome Beth, we are glad you are here!

- Bill Smith reported that there will be a Michigan Emergency Management Training Conference October 4-6, 2005 at Grand Traverse Resort. He encouraged everyone to take a flyer and check out the Web site.

- NIMS (National Incident Management System) All EOC staff needs to complete the IS700 & IS800 course on-line this year. The certificate will be mailed to them. We need to have a copy of this certificate on file in the EOC. In 2006 any Emergency Response organization will need to complete the both courses as well. If LEPC members wish to be proactive, it is advised to take them now. The web site are; <http://www.fema.gov/nims/> <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is800.asp>

- On June 10, 2005 the HazMat/Tech Rescue Team received a call from Haworth in Holland. A container of solvent had been punctured by a forklift. The material was stabilized and transferred to an overpack drum.

- On June 8 a call was received from Coopersville. Cutting oils from a machining facility had been entering the sewers. Drains were covered.

- On July 4, 2005 the HazMat/Tech Rescue Team responded to a fire at the Blenco fertilizer plant in Marne. It was a 3-Story structure that burned completely down. 11-12 different fire departments responded (mostly for water). The chemicals present were water soluble. One contained a non-toxic green dye. All of this got into the 4 drains there that feed into Sand Creek. The drains were plugged and berms were put up for containment. Twelve HazMat/Tech rescue members responded.

Next meeting date will be on September 21, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. in the EOC meeting room.

The program was a demonstration via the internet, of an internet based Tier II reporting program from Intelligent Decisions Systems Inc. The software for this project will be provided by the State, but there is an ongoing cost affiliated with it. This system can help with industry in submitting their Tier II reports and can be used to develop response plans in a much easier and more efficient manner

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## **Agenda**