

**LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
MAY 17, 2006**

Approved Minutes

Vice-Chairperson Dan Henderson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Members in Attendance: Tom Bosscher, Kenneth Dziesinski, John Edwards, Lee Hoeksema, Eric Klingensmith, Earl Mokma, Dianne Phillips, Ken Porter, Chris Saddler, Bill Smith, Chief Rich Szczepanek, Beth Thomas, Paul Ziegler

Members Excused: Dr. Paul Heidel, Sindee Maxwell, Randy Mergener, Susan Paauwe, Chris Pfeiffer, Myra Reimink, Steve VanderHill, Rep William VanRegenmorter, Paul Hascher

Members Unexcused: Michael Averill, John Crozier, Chief Dan Henderson, Don Hutchens, George Keefe, Anne McManus, Lis McNeil, Chuck Pistis, Cornelius VanderKam, Jeff VanderWerff, Rick Velderman

New Members Introduced: None

Guests Present: Gerry Dawson, Brian Whitsett, Blain Beckett, Meghann Rauscher

Handouts: Lessons from Hurricane Katrina (IAEM Bulletin)

January 18, 2006 Minutes: The minutes were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Subcommittee: (Myra Reimink)

- Dan Henderson reported that the Executive Subcommittee meeting did not have adequate representation. This sets a poor example to others. We have a good LEPC and we don't want it to fail for lack of effort. The Subcommittees are encouraged to meet and develop some ideas. An updated subcommittee list and job description will be included with the minutes.

Planning Subcommittee: (Amy Swords)

- Amy has agreed to be the planning subcommittee chairperson. This position was vacated Jim Hancock retired. Dianne Phillips asked for assistance with writing plans. There are a lot of additional sites that need to be added. When those are completed we need to look at Transportation routes.

Public Relations & Promotions Subcommittee: (Randy Mergener)

- Dianne recapped the March LEPC Conference. It was well attended with about 80 participants. The speakers were well received, with some being liked more than others. CEU's were earned by nurses for attending.

- Bill Smith reported that there were 3 vehicles in Holland Tulip Time Parade, Tech Rescue, Hazmat trucks and the Mobile Command Unit. There was a good turnout despite the rain. A number of the baton twirlers took refuge in the back of one of the vehicles because of the cold and rain.

Outreach Subcommittee: (Su Paauwe)

- No Report - Absent

Training & Exercise Subcommittee: (Paul Hascher)

- No Report - Absent

OLD BUSINESS

- Beth Thomas reported that the LPT (Local Planning Team) met last week. LE has been active with their projects. A few other projects have been committed including OCHMTRT and radios for Holland Hospital. Those who are participating in the 2005 Homeland Security Grant are encouraged to get the description of the items to be purchased turned in as soon as possible so eligibility forms can be submitted. The deadline of the grant has been extended from September 30, 2006 to January 31, 2007. The Buy America Act may complicate the buying process and is something we need to be aware of when making purchases for the '06 Grant.
- Bill Smith and Beth Thomas reported on the 2006 Homeland Security Grant. The first Regional Planning Team meeting will be held June 8th at which the by-laws will be written and the at-large reps will be elected. They will be looking at projects that will benefit our region.
- Chris Saddler reported that the certifications for the IS700 NIMS and IS 800 NRP trainings are continuing to come in with approximately 170 people having taken at least one of the trainings. Georgetown recently did a group training and got over 40 people trained at one time. The sites to go to for training are
<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is700.asp>
<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is800.asp>
Please send us a copy of your certificate when received for our records.
- Bill Smith reported that the Homeland Security conference in May was a good conference. The general session speakers were excellent.

NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion was held on ideas for the 2007 LEPC conference. Dianne Phillips stated that having a narrow target group gets a better response. Chief Rich Szczepanek suggested doing a group NIMS training. This idea was received well with discussion as to whether it should be for the conference or separate trainings.

- Chief Rich Szczepanek reported that the Ottawa County Fire Chiefs are putting together an incident management team to assist incident command in a large multi-jurisdictional/agency incident.

HAZMAT/TECH RESCUE TEAM UPDATE

- Ken Porter and Dianne Phillips reported on an incident at the AT&T building in Grand Haven on May 12, 2006. The float on the diesel generator stuck open causing diesel fuel to overflow into the basement of the building which then entered the sanitary sewer system. Response was centered at the wastewater treatment plant. Everyone worked well together and kept the fuel from entering the river. There were 15 responders at an estimated cost of \$4,300.
- OCHMTRT will have a drill at GVSU on July 19th. They will have a spill in the lab, and a rescue in the ravine.
- The team plans to tour Zeeland Chemical in May.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held July 19th at 10:00 a.m. in the EOC

TRAINING

Meghann Rauscher from Ottawa County Planning and Grants gave a presentation on the scope of work and projects that are conducted in that department. Several maps were displayed showing the resources that are available to the LEPC in our planning. Discussion was held regarding Planning and Grants assisting the LEPC in the future in regards to developing plans for hazardous materials.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.