

Warren County LEPC Meeting Minutes 12/16/2021

LEPC members in Attendance: Keith Wise, Melissa Bour, John Franks, Sydney Renner, Mike Hannigan, Lesli Holt, Larry Sims, Paul Kindell, Kevin Hardwick, Sam Reed

<p>Welcome and Introductions</p>	<p>DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION: Sydney Renner introduced herself and welcomed those in attendance. Because there were more members than non-members present a quorum was reached.</p>	<p>RECOMMENDATION/ACTION: None</p>
<p>Review of Previous Meeting Minutes</p>	<p>DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION: Sydney Renner reported that the previous meeting minutes were sent out to the LEPC members for review via email. There was one minor edit suggested (to update the title for the new NWS Meteorologist in Charge) which was made to the minutes. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes was made by Mike Hannigan, Seconded by Kay Vonderschmidt. Motion passed.</p>	<p>RECOMMENDATION/ACTION: None</p>
<p>Reports:</p>	<p>DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION:</p> <p><u>LEPC Coordinator Update:</u> Sydney Renner mentioned Warren County did receive concurrence on the No Change for the Hazmat plan. The LEPC needs to look at getting a planning committee together for the tabletop exercise for the spring. The jurisdiction involved is the City of Carlisle and the scenario involves a train derailment. Any LEPC members who wish to be on the planning team need to contact Sydney.</p> <p><u>EMA Update:</u> EMA has been working hard on updating plans. ESF #10 which deals with hazardous materials has been updated, reviewed, and signed off by stakeholders. The EMA has also been looking at virtual EOC software to help with EOC operations.</p> <p>Kay Vonderschmidt said Tri Health will be using Microsoft Teams along with a third party software for their EOC operations. She will forward the information to the EMA so they can look at the product as well.</p> <p><u>SERC:</u> Sam Reed reported Warren County LEPC submitted a no change letter for the Hazmat Plan that was voted for concurrence on December 8. The new LEPC handbook went through a revision and has been submitted to the Executive Committee for review and vote and will hopefully be published sometime in early 2022. Sam Reed will do a training for county LEPCs on the updates to the handbook once it has gone through final approval and publishing.</p>	<p>RECOMMENDATION/ACTION: None</p>

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	<p>All LEPC exercises are due by June 30th of 2022 for this exercise cycle.</p> <p><u>Ohio EPA:</u> Keith Wise reported Ohio EPA has hired their third person for their regional office. OSC Alyssa Corbeil has been training in the office and will be put into rotation around the first of the year. They will be fully staffed once she is in rotation.</p> <p>Note after meeting: Ohio State Highway Patrol is no longer answering the spill line for the Ohio EPA after hours. There is a third party vendor handling these calls and the dispatching of EPA personnel. The new vendor is working well and EPA has been getting their information and calls quicker which will enhance their response.</p> <p><u>Greater Cincinnati Hazmat:</u> No representative present.</p> <p><u>Warren County Health District:</u> No representative present.</p>	
<p>New Business:</p>		
<p>Hazardous materials spills and events for Warren County</p>	<p>DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION: Lesli Holt reported on spills and occurrences during 3rd / 4th qtr 2021.</p> <p><i>The 3rd/4th Qtr Hazmat Stats reported to the EMA are as follows:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Odor of gas in a structure – 38 (½ residences, ½ businesses) • Odor of gas outside – 20 • Gas line strikes – 8 (Clearcreek Twp) 2 (Mason) 4 (Deerfield Twp) 2 (Hamilton twp) – trend of same company causing strikes in Clearcreek / Springboro Area. Duke Energy and OUPS was notified. • Fuel spills - 1 <p>Other: 2 propane tank leaks (residential)</p> <p><u>Calls of note:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesli Holt reported that there was another issue in the Springboro / Clearcreek Twp area with a contractor causing multiple gas line strikes during 4th qtr. This was the same contractor who caused strikes in the 	<p>RECOMMENDATION/ACTION:</p> <p>Melissa Bour will work with Telecom to pull reports on gas line strikes for the EMA on a quarterly basis.</p>

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	<p>2nd qtr of 2021, which EMA reported to Duke Energy and the Ohio Utilities Protection Service (OUPS). EMA reported the contractor again to the same agencies.</p> <p>Lesli said the trend in strikes was noticed by a dispatcher the first time, and by an EMA staff member the second time. She said at this time there is really no effective way to notice trends in gas line strikes, this instance was picked up because the caller was the same with each incident.</p> <p>Melissa Bour reported that the Communications Center can work with Telecom to get some reports for trends on gas line strikes and calls so that EMA can note trends and contact the appropriate authorities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Semi accident/fire on I75 leaking 50 gallons of diesel fuel onto roadway. Sydney is working with Middletown Fire Dept. and the spiller on cost recovery for materials used to clean up the spill. • The Warren County Health Department forwarded a complaint that was made to their office to EMA, asking who in the Ohio EPA they should contact. The complaint was regarding improper storage and disposal of chemicals in a business in Franklin. EMA sent EPA contact info to the health department for follow up. 	
<p>Roundtable Discussion: Partner Updates</p>	<p>DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION:</p> <p>Telecom: Paul Kindell spoke about the linklayer authentication the state is mandating for radios on the MARCS system. This upgrade has to be complete by 2025. A majority of WC radios will need to be upgraded or require flash kits by Motorola before the company stops supporting the upgrades for those radios this summer. Telecom is working with Motorola on this.</p> <p>Telecom also set up a regional drug task force talk group that allows Northern Kentucky and Cincinnati to have better operational communications. This will fix interoperability issues they have had in the past. The talk group and supporting documentation was completed last week.</p> <p>Business: No report for this meeting.</p>	<p>RECOMMENDATION/ACTION:</p> <p>None.</p>

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Sheriff's Office: Sheriff Sims reported they have moved to their new facility and have been in place for about 8 weeks. Transition went smoothly with moving operations from the old facility to the new.

Commissioner's Office: No representative present.

Hospitals: Kay Vonderschmidt reported ODH has been reprogramming MARCS radios in emergency departments. The XLECOMM channels (allowing communication between hospitals, fire, and police) are being upgraded. They are giving hospitals Kenwood portable radios during this upgrade.

COVID – cases are up in the region. Omnicron variant has been found in the region. It is more transmissible but may not make people as sick. All hospitals have been 90-95% full in the region. There are multiple people being held in ED's due to beds not being available in the Med/Surg and/or ICU units.

Tri-Health performed an exercise for all sites (142 buildings). Scenario was a shelter in place event for a chlorine leak. Hospitals performed well but there were some lessons learned for off-site medical offices.

The Regional Disaster Coalition Surge Test is scheduled for late January / early February. ODH is doing an Anthrax online TTX on March 1. Regional MCI in Hamilton County will occur in northern Hamilton County on Saturday, April 16th.

USEPA: No report for this meeting.

Fire: Mike Hannigan had no report for this meeting.

Weather Service: John Franks reported there was a fiber optic line cut to the NWS Wilmington Office building which rendered their services unavailable for about a day. NWS Chat will be migrating to another platform called Slack in 2022. This will help with operational issues with the current program.

Question was asked about backup system for NWS Chat. EMA had noticed some complaints online about the system not working correctly during the recent tornadoes in Kentucky. John Franks reported people can always call the spotter line, utilize weather radio, or the MARCS radio channel (NWS WILN).

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	<p>Red Cross: No representatives present. Nathaneal Moccabee has left the organization and his duties have been temporarily taken over by Rebecca Strobrige.</p>	
<p>2022 Goals and Meeting Dates</p>	<p>DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION: Sydney Renner asked if there are any goals that the LEPC would like to accomplish. Sam Reed said he would like to see all LEPC members in attendance when he does his educational sessions about the new LEPC guidance in early 2022. This will most likely occur in February or March and might occur the same time as the first LEPC meeting of 2022.</p> <p>Sydney reported that the bylaws will need updated in 2022 as well as the Hazmat Plan (since we did a no change this past year).</p> <p>Sydney Renner said there was a recommendation to limit the number of LEPC meetings from once per quarter to twice per year. Sydney asked to entertain any questions about the meeting frequency. A question was asked about what the bylaws state regarding meetings, specifically about the stated frequency of meetings. Sydney explained that the bylaws only specify two meetings per year so the LEPC has been exceeding the meeting quota stated in the bylaws.</p> <p>Lesli Holt explained that there could be special meetings held by the LEPC if need be, they just have to be published at least 72 hours before the meeting occurs (per SERC guidance). The EMA/ LEPC Chair just want to respect everyone's time and make sure LEPC meetings had enough content that was worth the member's time to drive to the meeting location.</p> <p>John Franks motioned to move the LEPC meetings to two meetings per year. Mike Hannigan seconded. Motion passed.</p>	<p>RECOMMENDATION/ACTION: None.</p>
<p>LEPC Education: ChemLock Program</p>	<p>DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION: Sydney Renner provided education on the ChemLock Program. Highlights include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Was put out by CISA in November - Designed to be a no cost, voluntary, chemical security initiative with tools to help smaller to medium-size facilities that do not meet the reporting threshold for hazardous chemicals. - Four pillars: 	<p>RECOMMENDATION/ACTION: None.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ On site assessments: assess chemicals on site and provide security plans to enhance security posture. ○ Resources: guidance documents, fact sheets, flyers, and exercises and drills that provide helpful information for sites to better their security or chemical safety programs. They provide exercise packages, scenarios, situation manuals, handbooks, and other templates for exercises and drills. Templates are downloadable and fill in the blank for facilities. It is unknown if there is a limit to the number of exercises one facility can request or a limit of exercises per county. ○ Training courses: They currently offer two free courses: Introduction to Chemical Security and Secure Your Chemicals Branch: Security Planning Training Course. There may be more courses available in the future. ○ To sign up for ChemLock services facilities can visit the CISA website (CISA.gov/chemlock) <p>- Suggestion was made to go through fire departments to get the information about ChemLock program to businesses that may have hazardous chemicals on site but are below the reporting threshold. EMA will ask the Fire Chief's Association if Sydney can come talk about this program at a future meeting. Sydney will gather more information about the program to be ready to present it to the Fire Chiefs.</p>	
Next LEPC Meeting	Next meeting is February 10, 2022 from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Details will be sent out at a later date.	
Adjourn	Motion to adjourn was made by Mike Hannigan. Seconded by John Franks. Meeting Adjourned at 14:23	