

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

August 18, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT

Captain Clarence Tucker - Chairperson	Akron Fire Department #4
Virginia Abell	Summa Health System
Tommy Smoot	Summit County EMA
Don Weaver	Summit County DOES
Chad Knowlton	American Red Cross
Mark Pry	Metro Regional Transit Authority
Valerie De Rose	Summit County EMA
Damion Vickrey	Univar USA
Lisa Gradert	Cuyahoga Community College

MEMBERS ABSENT

Anthony Law	Akron Fire Department
Dale Panovich	Township Trustees Association
Steve Groves	Summit County SORT
Reggie Brown	Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
Aixa Bakuhn	Summit County Health District
Jill Skapin	Summit County Dept. of Communications
Chief Thomas Pozza	Cuyahoga Falls Police Department

GUEST/STAFF

Chris Miller	SCEMA
Sandy Rilling	Terminal WHSE
John Vergis	W+LE RR
John Rutecki	SCEMA
Jessica	American Red Cross
Reggie Brown	OEPA

The meeting of the Summit County Local Emergency Planning Committee was called to order, at 8:36 a.m. at the Emergency Operations Center, 166 S. High Street, Akron, Ohio, by Chairperson Tucker.

Introductions of those in attendance were made.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMENTS:

Clarence Tucker spoke about the letter from Vikki Sue Bunting which reviewed the Chemical Emergency Response and Preparedness Plan for the Summit County LEPC. This plan is now being forwarded to the SEPC for a final vote. The recommendation is for SERC to concur with the plan. A copy of the plan was attached with the letter.

Clarence Tucker spoke about the letter from AT&T which dealt with the annual update of the spill line #. Valerie De Rose responded saying the emergency data is ok as is.

Clarence Tucker spoke about the next letter from Vikki Sue Bunting which was a letter of concurrence saying the May 14, 2011 Functional Exercise completed the exercise requirements for the LEPC's second year of the current exercise cycle.

Clarence Tucker spoke about the letter to Jeff Beattie which included a copy of the SERC LEPC compliance report.

Clarence Tucker spoke about the letter to Kathleen Nelson which dealt with the Tier II Chemical Inventory and Quality Control Assessment Project files which documented 7 approved inspections performed by the LEPC. This is an application for reimbursement.

Clarence Tucker asked if it looked like the State would accept the submission.

Tommy Smoot said it looks like they will not accept the submission. He said this is considered a match in kind since there is no contract in place with the City of Akron or the firefighters to do the inspections on behalf of the LEPC. Tommy Smoot said he was going to submit the hours for Chris Miller since he did some inspections.

Valerie De Rose said we need to talk with Kathleen Nelson since all 32 political subdivisions are represented by this LEPC, so any Fire Department that goes out for these inspections is doing it on behalf of the LEPC. Currently the LEPC does give the City of Akron money for data entry. She said Kathleen has taken over for Jeff Beattie and may still be learning the process.

Lisa Gradert stated the best practices have already been reviewed.

Valerie De Rose said Kathleen Nelson also sent a grant award letter which has never happened before and they are usually sent separately.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 18, 2011

Chad Knowlton made a motion to approve the August 18, 2011 minutes with

The motion carried by voice vote with no abstentions

INFORMATION COORDINATOR REPORT

T. Smoot spoke about the LEPC concurrence for the exercise and plan concurrence report. This plan will not be concurred until it is approved by the state. He said the report asked general questions that needed to be answered and he is working with Chris Miller to complete the report.

Tommy Smoot said the LEPC conference was held and he thinks it went well.

Mark Pry agreed it went well and people were obviously interested in the subject matter. He said that Sharen Breyer had a great presentation.

Clarence Tucker agreed the conference went well.

Mark Pry said the dust explosion/silo presentation was great.

Tommy Smoot stated an email was sent out about the 25th anniversary of EPCRA, i.e. The Right-to-Know Act.

Tommy Smoot said he has processed a few EPCRA requests recently.

Tommy Smoot said an updated version of CAMEO is out now.

Tommy Smoot stated elections and approval of the budget will be talked about at the February meeting.

Tommy Smoot said he has the LEPC spill magnets to hand out and to let him know if you need any more in the future.

Clarence Tucker spoke about the CAMEO update and how filers want to provide electronic submissions.

Valerie De Rose clarified the County is not able to accept electronic submissions, so a CD should be used.

OLD BUSINESS

AreaRAE MONITOR RESOLUTION

T. Smoot said the resolution has been approved and he is just waiting on quotes.

Clarence Tucker talked about setting up the 4 monitors at the U of A football game.

Tommy Smoot asked if that meant the North, South, East and West side.

Clarence Tucker said yes.

John Vergis wanted to know if that was standard practice.

Clarence Tucker said no except when they expect large crowds.

ALL-HAZARDS PLANNING CONFERENCE 2011

Clarence Tucker said he has been getting nothing but positive feedback.

Valerie De Rose wanted to know if we should plan for a conference in the spring of 2012 because attendance was down due the Solon conference which was two days later.

Chad Knowlton said the attendance in Solon was higher.

Reggie Brown recommended not planning an event around the same time as Solon's conference.

John Vergis agrees because people get burnt out on training and conferences by the end of the year.

Clarence Tucker thanked Virginia Abell for hosting the conference.

Virginia Abell said a spring conference has its pros/cons. She said the weather would be a pro, but the hospital schedule is busier so she would need the dates early.

Chad Knowlton asked to avoid a conference in May to avoid conflicts with Airport and U of A drill.

Valerie De Rose thought April seemed to be best time.

Lisa Gradert thought consistency would be good with a set spring date.

Reggie Brown thinks advertising needs to be better because people were unaware of the conference.

Lisa Gradert asked if we ever pursued continuing education credits.

Valerie De Rose said no.

Chad Knowlton said he now attends the regional LEPC conference and could hand out information at the event.

CONTINUING CHALLENGE HAZMAT CONFERENCE

Chris Miller thanked the Committee for sending him to the conference. He said it was a very positive experience where he learned a lot. Chris Miller said it is a good idea to keep sponsoring individuals to go to conferences, but this one may not be the best one since it is more vendor driven.

Clarence Tucker said he has attended the conference and thought it was a great resource with very experienced trainers. He said he was disappointed it is not the same type of conference.

NEW BUSINESS

SPECIAL TEAMS PLANNER REPORT

Chris Miller said he has been working with Tommy Smoot on the LEPC plan.

Chris Miller said he has been working with Akron Canton Airport on their exercise even though Summit County will not have a large role in the exercise.

Chris Miller talked about the U of A tabletop exercise held November 16, 2011. He said the annual exercise will be held in May in conjunction with the U of A drill. Chris did not think the tabletop turned out exactly as planned. He said the facilitator was changed, which caused problems, but thought overall it was a good learning experience.

Clarence Tucker thought it was positive the executive level U of A employees had to critically think about a plausible event. He thought they misunderstood how an incident would progress. Clarence thought the facilitator let the discussion get off course but he thought he learned a lot from the experience.

Valerie De Rose said the U of A wanted the EOC alternates to participate and not the executives. She thought there was too much involvement from the U of A executives. She said they were doing technical planning even though there were experts there to assist them.

Chad Knowlton said they did realize they could not handle the situation on their own.

Lisa Gradert said higher learning institutions are working together more.

Clarence Tucker said U of A realized there were issues that were not thought about until yesterday.

Chris Miller said in preparation for this tabletop he attended HSEEP training which will help in the future in designing exercises for LEPC.

Chris Miller said there is a change in the process for filers and he is working with Valerie De Rose and Tommy Smoot to ensure consistency with the data entry process. He said the process is switching from numbers to an alpha system and an intern will be assisting with the transition.

Chris Miller said he is behind on his EHS interviews.

Clarence Tucker said he knows Chris Miller is working on many things and in his defense he knows he is working hard.

Lisa Gradert said she currently has students that have EHS requirements that can receive credit for internships.

Valerie De Rose asked if they can or will do the work for no pay.

Lisa Gradert said yes and she would look into it.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

EHS HAZARD ANALYSIS COMMITTEE

Steve Groves was not there to report.

Clarence Tucker asked Chris Miller what facilities have currently been done.

Chris Miller said the Stow facilities.

Clarence Tucker said he has done some Akron facilities and he has invited local fire officials to come along.

John Vergis said in the past the health department came out and asked why they did not come out this year.

Clarence Tucker said since the City of Akron health department combined with Summit County, they have needed to train new individuals.

TRAINING, EDUCATION & EXERCISE COMMITTEE

Tommy Smoot talked about the training information John Vergis provided.

John Vergis said through a TransCaer grant an anhydrous ammonia training will be held.

Valerie De Rose said she will have the handout attached to the minutes.

John Vergis said he is looking at June 14-16 because it works well with W&LE RR. He said there would be two classes a day and he is currently working on the schedule. John Vergis said he hopes these dates work for those that want to participate.

Clarence Tucker said the dates looked fine to him and asked how many participants he is looking for.

John Vergis said 30 per class without participation by Medina or Stark County because he is planning training there as well.

Chris Miller asked if Portage County participants were okay.

John Vergis said yes.

Valerie De Rose wanted to know if there was a cost associated with the training.

John Vergis said no but the class will be advertised on the TransCaer website. He said he will have to revise the announcement and send it out.

Valerie De Rose said a flier could be done listing all the classes being offered and her office could send it out.

John Vergis said that would work.

Reggie Brown said he thought John Vergis was being very accommodating with 450 class slots providing an opportunity for all from the region to attend.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Chris Miller said his is just waiting for SERC to see if they approve the plan.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sharen Breyer was not in attendance.

Tommy Smoot said there were basic expenses, like purchase of supplies and Continuing Challenge Conference costs.

Valerie De Rose said SCEMA is requesting an additional \$5,000 for administrative costs in 2012.

Clarence Tucker requested a motion to approve.

Virginia Abell made a motion to approve the additional funds with Chad Knowlton as the 2nd

The motion carried by voice vote with Valerie De Rose abstaining.

SPILL REPORT COMPLIANCE

Don Weaver wanted to stress the importance of awareness and education throughout the community and deal with enforcement later. He said he drafted a letter he provided to Tommy Smoot for trucking companies for the Committee's review. Don Weaver said when the letter is approved he will send it out. He said the number of diesel spills is very high.

Lisa Gradert asked if you have a way to verify the amounts.

Reggie Brown said the amount is 25 gallons or if a sheen is present on water.

Valerie De Rose said we need to work better with people filling out the reports because she thinks sometimes we are not receiving them.

Lisa Gradert said this illustrates the importance of education.

Reggie Brown said it is possible you did not get the call and the OEPA is telling them to include the County LEPC in their 30 day report.

INCIDENTS

C. Tucker asked John Vergis to address a recent incident.

John Vergis said on October 28, 2011 there was a train derailment of 4 sulfuric acid tanks and 1 lumber car. He said the tanks were damaged but they did not leak. John Vergis said new tanks were brought in after the cranes came in and turned the cars back over. He said they brought in a cleaning contractor for the tanks and they were loaded on flat cars and taken to be repaired.

Reggie Brown asked if any precautionary notifications were made.

John Vergis said yes the Summit County LEPC spill line was contacted and he was told to call the Summit County Sheriff's Office. He said he must have dropped the ball.

Valerie De Rose said the City of Akron should have fielded the call and John Vergis did not make a mistake.

John Vergis asked if contacting the spill line is sufficient.

Valerie De Rose said yes.

Clarence Tucker said the City of Akron contacted OEPA to say there was no leak.

Reggie Brown said he did not have a record of the report but thinks either way John Vergis should call just as a precautionary measure. He said John Vergis has no legal obligation to contact the OEPA.

John Vergis said he did call the Federal Railroad Administration was contacted.

Reggie Brown suggested the OEPA be contacted anytime a car derails/tips over.

Lisa Gradert asked if it is best for someone to get an incident number when contacting the OEPA.

Reggie Brown said yes.

Lisa Gradert said John Vergis will be covering himself legally as well.

Valerie De Rose said locally we are doing that by taking information down even though there is no spill.

Clarence Tucker said there was a spill involving a 150lb chlorine cylinder that leaked.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Nothing to report

ADJOURNMENT

Virginia Abell made the motion to adjourn with Don Weaver as the 2nd.

Being no further business to come before the Local Emergency Planning Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Summit County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) has been tentatively scheduled for **February 16, 2012 at 8:30 a.m., in the Emergency Operations Center, Akron Municipal Building, 166 South High Street, Basement Level, Akron, OH 44308.**

Respectfully submitted,

Tommy Smoot
LEPC Secretary

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