



MINUTES OF LEPC MEETING – May 9th, 2017

LOCATION:

Montgomery County Public Safety Training Center
1175 Conshohocken Road
Conshohocken, PA 19428

ATTENDANCE:

LEPC Members:

Steve Wittmer, Dave Brown, Megan Young, John Corcoran, Kathleen McVeigh, Mike Jones, Tom Garrity, Jim Leary, Scott Lynch, Greg Jeniec

OEP Staff:

Bev Stemple, Jason Wilson, Brandon Pursell

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Wittmer called the meeting to order at 1305 hrs. The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance.

A motion was made by Scott Lynch and seconded by Tom Garrity to accept the meeting minutes for February 14th, 2017 meeting as submitted/amended. The question was called for, asked, and approved.

GUESTS:

Jules DiRocco, James Weller

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Chairman Wittmer announced that the LEPC by laws had been revised and updated as requested at the February 14th meeting. Chairman Wittmer asked if Mr. Pursell would explain the new sections and revisions made to the By-laws. Mr. Pursell explained that a quorum under Article 10 had been established since this was one of the major areas that needed to be defined. He explained that a quorum would consist of 5 members, one of those members being from the Executive Board. The second section that Mr. Pursell reviewed was Article 5 and the new addition of the Executive Committee and explained which members comprise that committee. Mr. Pursell went on to explain the creation of the Planning, Training and Outreach Workgroups. Chairman Wittmer asked if the Workgroup Chair would be nominated or if they would be volunteers. Mr. Wilson clarified that the Workgroup Chair position would be on a volunteer basis, however, if no volunteers came forward a Workgroup Chair would be nominated. Mr. Pursell explained the creation of a membership list which would assist the committee in identifying which positions would need to be filled. Chairman Wittmer noted that wording would need to be changed in order to allow flexibility in filling positions. With the assistance of Mr. Corcoran, Chairman Wittmer proposed the new wording for Article 8. Lastly, Mr. Pursell reviewed the new addition of Article 11 and the new process for the amendment of by-laws. Mr. Brown suggested rephrasing under Section 11.01 and after deliberation the proper wording was identified.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The following committees have nothing to report:

Transportation, Communications, Public Works, SEPA Regional Taskforce, Energy, Human Services, Recovery, Administration and Finance, Logistics, External Affairs,

First Aid and Public Health

Mr. Brown reported that he is working along with the Chief of the Hazardous Materials Response Team to make sure hospitals have decontamination plans that they can implement. Mr. Brown reported that this will be taking place later this year.

Ms. Young reported that the POD project is moving forward and approximately half of all POD sites have been surveyed. Mr. Brown noted that 2 Sites have backed out and sites will have to be resurveyed.

Fire and Rescue Services

Mr. Jones reported the approval for the funding to send members from different organizations in the County to training at Texas A&M.

Mr. Garrity reported that currently in 2017, there have been 117 courses offered with 2,000 students enrolled which has accumulated to approximately 30,000 hours of training. A class of

entry level firefighters will be graduating next week. Mr. Garrity reported that the smoke house is being outfitted with new equipment to better train students. Mr. Garrity noted that an engineering company is coming to inspect the burn building on June 8th to assess its status. It was noted that Philadelphia and Delaware County will be utilizing Montgomery County's burn building due to the fact that Philadelphia and Delaware County cannot utilize their own buildings because of their current conditions. Mr. Leary asked if use from other agencies will cause excessive wear on Montgomery County's burn building. Mr. Garrity assured Mr. Leary that due to lower usage from Montgomery County firefighters, the use from other counties will have no adverse effects.

Emergency Management

Mr. Wilson reported that the Division of Emergency Management is in the process of reevaluating both the Mass Care Plan and the County Debris Management Plan. Mr. Wilson added that a fuel assessment for the county is currently underway as well. Lastly, Mr. Wilson added that the Division of Emergency Management is looking to push Alastar to the municipality level.

Hazardous Materials

Ms. Stemple reported that all planning was on track for the year and that 30% of all plans are complete and that there are a few facilities that are not compliant.

Mr. Pursell reported that there was a total income of \$122,025.00 from all facilities invoiced. Mr. Pursell added that as of May 9th, there 333 reporting facilities consisting of a total of 1,255 reporting chemicals. Overall there are 1,605 chemicals between all reporting and planning facilities.

Mr. Waters reported that the Hazardous Materials Response Team On-Site Assessment for recertification took place last week. The exercise portion of the recertification is scheduled for June 10th. Mr. Waters reported that the HMRT responded to two laboratory fires since the last LEPC meeting including several other calls throughout the county which required HMRT response. The first response was to a dehumidifier fire in a laboratory in Upper Providence. The second fire occurred in Upper Moreland. Officers were requested to respond to Upper Hanover for assistance with a white powder discovered at a furniture moving company. It was determined that the powder was a sweeping compound and there was no threat. Mr. Waters stated that officers from the HMRT were requested to East Norriton to a home owner that mixed chemicals in order to eradicate suspected intruders from his home. It was determined that the chemicals mixed were bleach and chlorine. The latest HMRT response was for a building fire in Conshohocken where the product on fire was determined to be material used in cigar manufacturing. Mr. Waters reported that HMRT took delivery of new five gas meters within the past month and that personnel are currently receiving training on the new devices. PEAC Software is currently being updated to limit access to municipalities so that every municipality is only able to see what facilities are within their township or borough. Mr. Jeniec asked how the

borders were defined to limit access. Mr. Wilson stated that shapefiles of each municipality were given to the company to help outline and define municipal borders. Chairman Wittmer explained to the Committee that since Pennsylvania is a Commonwealth, more power vested in the municipality and therefore it is required that facility information only be released to the municipality it is located in. Lastly Waters reported that funding was secured to send 10 members to Texas A&M for training and to send members to this year's Haz Mat conference in Baltimore. Mr. Jones had asked Mr. Waters for a status on the Haz Mat study. Mr. Waters reported that the PO had just been cut and he will provide an update at the next meeting.

Additional Reports

There were no additional reports.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Wittmer noted that New Business for the August 8th meeting will be to have an update on the Haz Mat Study and to adopt the new by-laws

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Mr. DiRocco reported that Delaware County is pursuing an initiative to respond to pipeline leaks for pipelines that run throughout the county carrying both gasses and liquids. Mr. DiRocco informed the committee that a similar initiative had taken place to deal with oil by rail. Mr. DiRocco assured the committee that he will keep them informed with updates as they come. Mr. DiRocco also informed the committee that Delaware County is working on improving their GIS to identify pipelines in the county and that they were in the process of working on a Table Top Exercise in Delaware County. Mr. Leary asked Mr. DiRocco if they could be invited to observe the exercise.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Tuesday August 8th, 2017 at 1300hr

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by John Corcoran and Seconded by Scott Lynch to adjourn the Montgomery County LEPC meeting for May 9th, 2017. The meeting was adjourned at 1355hrs.