



MINUTES OF LEPC MEETING – November 14th, 2017

LOCATION:

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

ATTENDANCE:

LEPC Members:

Steve Wittmer, Mike Jones, Tom Garrity, Greg Janiec, Mike Italia, Mike Italia

OEP Staff:

Bev Stemple, Jason Wilson, Brandon Pursell, John Waters, II

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Chairman Fry called the meeting to order at 1311 hrs. The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance.

A motion was made by Greg Janiec and seconded by Mike Italia to accept the meeting minutes for August 8th, 2017 meeting as submitted/amended. The question was called for, asked, and approved.

GUESTS:

Jules DiRocco, James Weller, Matt Barnes

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Pursell noted that the Montgomery County LEPC had received the official certification of appointment from PEMA for LEPC member Armand Alessi.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The following committees have nothing to report:

Transportation, Public Works, Law Enforcement, Media, Local Government, Administration and Finance, First Aid / Health, and Public Health

Hazardous Materials

Mr. Waters noted that Emergency Services Consulting Incorporated had finished analyzing all of the data for the HazMat study and a strategic planning session had been conducted on November 2nd and November 3rd. During the planning sessions members of the HazMat Team and Department of Public Safety discussed strengths, weaknesses, challenges, opportunities, and developed goals for the upcoming years. Mr. Waters noted that several trainings have recently been conducted such as the Advanced Flammable Liquids class at Texas A&M, Narcan and Drug Evidence Collection, and Engine 20 Foam Operations. Mr. Waters added that there have been 6 recent incidents that the HMRT responded to. On September 1st the HMRT responded to Landale for a tote leaking Tert-Butyl-Hydroperoxide. The tote was plugged and turned over to a cleanup contractor. The second response occurred on September 6th when the HMRT responded to a non-odorized Methane leak in East Greenville. HazMat and Fire Department personnel made entry to shut a valve and stop the leak. The third incident occurred on September 25th for a home heating oil leak on County Line Road in Horsham. Montgomery County HMRT worked with Bucks HazMat on the Incident. On October 5th the HMRT was requested to decontaminate a patrol car in New Hanover after it was suspected that the officers may have come in contact with pure fentanyl. All police gear involved was decontaminated and evidence was turned over to Montgomery County Detectives. On October 15th members of the HMRT responded to Franconia Township for an Ammonia leak at a facility. The call lasted approximately 22 hours and Bucks County HazMat Team was called in for the second operational period. Lastly, on October 28th the HMRT responded to a mercury spill in Lower Frederick Township.

Mrs. Stemple reported that for Reporting Year 2016, 100% of planning sites are compliant for all 273 planning sites.

Mr. Pursell reported that as of November 14th there was a total income of \$132,306.37 in revenue. Mr. Pursell added that there is a total of 504 reporting facilities reporting a total of 1,258 reportable chemicals. Mr. Pursell added that there was only one delinquent facility remaining for the year and that the delinquent facility is in the process of cutting a check.

Emergency Management

Mr. Wilson noted that they have received a draft of the Debris Management Plan and they had met with the vendor on November 13th to go over the plan. After discussion it was determined that the best option would involve municipalities buying into a second contractor. Vice Chairman Fry asked Mr. Wilson if there is a cost associated with contracting with a cleanup contractor. Mr. Wilson said yes and due to the potential to the magnitude of the response it would be the best option to have a contract. Mr. Wilson added that they do not want all municipalities to use the same contractor because it would limit that contractor's capability. Mr. Wilson added that OEM has just received a draft of the Mass Care Plan and they should have it completed by the first quarter of 2018. Mr. Wilson noted that after having a discussion with PEMA about the recent Grant allotment, it was determined that they were unable to change the allotment. Mr. Wilson noted that nothing has been cut yet. Lastly, Mr. Wilson added that the UAVs are still waiting on their official COA from the FAA to fly the drones. Montgomery County OEM is looking to send employees to get their 107 for flying the UAVs.

Fire and Rescue Services

Mr. Garrity noted that there have been improvements made to the smoke house including Bluetooth speakers for a more realistic training environment. Mr. Garrity added that Class 1704 is taking their skill test Saturday and that the Spring 2018 training schedule is completed and will be online next week. From January 1 to November 13th, 2017 the fire academy had run a total of 11,351 training hours for HazMat classes and trained a total of 1547 students in those classes. Mr. Garrity will be working with Chief Waters to include information on the company officer's initial status report as requested at the Strategic Planning Meeting. The 15th Annual Montgomery County Command Officer Seminar is scheduled for January 27th, 2018 and will feature guest speakers such as Chief Derek Alkonis of LACFD who will speak about their initiative to incorporate UL/NIST into fire ground operations. Lastly Mr. Garrity noted that on the morning of November 14th they had received notice that the fire academy has successfully completed their first pilot for teaching Vehicle Rescue Technicians.

Mr. Jones noted that the Texas A&M training mentioned by Mr. Waters was a great class and he went back to the Chief Association to let them know that the training heightened their level of preparedness.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Pursell noted that during the September 7th Commissioner's Meeting SMSgt James Weller was unanimously appointed to serve as the local emergency management representative on the Montgomery County LEPC.

Mr. Pursell had also proposed the 2018 Montgomery County LEPC meeting dates of February 13th, May 8th, August 14th and November 13th. Mr. Jones made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Italia to accept the 2018 meeting dates.

Mr. Pursell thanked all members of the LEPC that had volunteered for work group positions. Mr. Pursell noted that it will be an actionable item for the February 2018 meeting to begin utilizing these workgroups and at the next meeting he will provide the members of each group with the contact information for the other members in their Work Group

Actionable Item: Select workgroup chairperson and assign tasks

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Mr. DiRocco reported out that the PATTS presentation held in Delaware County was recorded and will be posted on their website for everyone's use. Mr. DiRocco also reported that Delaware County will be hosting a tabletop exercise focused on pipeline response and attendance is open.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Tuesday February 13th, 2018 at 1300hr

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mike Italia and Seconded by Chairman Wittmer to adjourn the Montgomery County LEPC meeting for November 14th, 2017. The meeting was adjourned at 1358hrs.