

Warren County LEPC Meeting Minutes 12/17/2020

LEPC members in Attendance: David Wood, Sam Reed, Crystal Paul, Bill Romaine, Mike Hannigan, Brooke Matzen, John Franks, Lesli Holt, Kay Vonderschmidt, Melissa Bour, Dennis Waldbillig.

<p>Welcome and Introductions</p>	<p>DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION: David Wood welcomed those in attendance and thanked the group for being flexible and attending the meeting via conference call due to the COVID 19 pandemic. Members in attendance introduced themselves. 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: David Wood reported that the previous meeting minutes were sent out to the LEPC members for review. There were no suggested edits sent back to David. No other edits were suggested by LEPC members present. There was a motion from Mike Hannigan to approve the 09/17/2020 LEPC meeting minutes. Brooke Matzen seconded. Motion passed.</p>	<p>RECOMMENDATION/ACTION: None</p>
<p>Reports:</p>	<p>DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION:</p> <p><u>LEPC Coordinator Update:</u> Tier 2 filing update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Wood explained he sent an email to Tier 2 facilities to remind them that January 1-March 1, 2021 is the filing date for Tier 2 reports next year. • Jeff Beattie with the SERC sent an email to the LEPC containing a list of all Warren County filers who sent their Tier 2 reports to the state in 2020. David said we cross-referenced that list with our internal documents and found some facilities that reported with the state who did not submit to our county LEPC. David said he will follow up with those facilities during the filing period next year to get copies of their previous and current reports. • David reported that he has applied for the 2021 LEPC SERC grant on behalf of the county. The application was submitted last week to the SERC. <p><u>EMA Update</u> Lesli Holt reported that the county EMA is still running Logistics for the COVID 19 response. They are also producing a weekly Situation Report to assist with information sharing in the county.</p> <p>The EMA has also received approval from the state and FEMA on their Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. The final plan is posted on the EMA website and EMA is working with jurisdictions who still need to adopt the plan. Currently there are only 8 of the 27 jurisdictions left to still adopt.</p>	<p>RECOMMENDATION/ACTION: David Wood will follow up with facilities who filed with the state but did not file with the county LEPC in 2020 in order to obtain copies of their previous and current Tier 2 reports.</p>

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SERC: Sam Reed reported that SERC submissions for county hazmat plans were due by Oct 17th. Warren County was one of the first to submit and the plan update was concurred by both Sam and the SERC.

For the Dec 1 SERC meeting there were resolutions passed – 2020-56 (pertaining to allocation of funds for LEPC exercises) and 2020-57 (pertaining to waiving the financial penalty for failing to complete an LEPC exercise in the 2020 fiscal year). These resolutions do not give SERC authority to change exercise requirements. The only thing they can do is waive penalties, not update Ohio Administrative Code or Ohio Revised Code.

The EMAO (Emergency Management Association of Ohio) is working with legislators and the SERC to waive requirements for LEPC exercises in the wake of public health or safety. Per the EMAO:

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, EMAO this week was able to add language to Section 3750.04 (D)--see highlighted language below--to provide authority to SERC to allow a committee to forego their annual exercise requirement for public health or safety reasons. An amendment was added in the Ohio Senate to House Bill 412, as well as an emergency clause so that the language will take effect immediately once signed by the Governor

3750.04 (D)

(D) The commission, by order, may exempt any committee from conducting an exercise of its plan if, in determination of the commission, conducting an exercise is likely to have an adverse effect on the public health or safety or the environment of its emergency planning district. Such an exemption shall not last for more than one year.

Ohio EPA: No report at this meeting.

Greater Cincinnati Hazmat:

Brooke Matzen reported there were two runs – administrative response for a suspicious package morrow and response for an inert substance in Franklin. Brooke reported that GC Hazmat did sell one hazmat foam truck so now they are down to one truck which is positioned at station 33 in Fairfield. GC Hazmat also disposed half of their supply of AR AFFF foam as they are working to be more environmentally friendly with their foam supply.

Warren County Health District: No report for this meeting.

New Business:

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<p>2021 LEPC Exercise</p>	<p>DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION: David Wood reported that the exercise design team met in November and established the City of Mason will be the jurisdictional role player. The incident will be a traffic event occurring at the Reading Rd. and Tylersville Rd. intersection. This will include a hazmat spill involving a large tanker in that intersection. The objectives being tested include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shelter management • Hospital Services • Traffic and Access Control • Population Protective Measures • Resource Management <p>City of Mason PD, UC West Chester, WCSO, Public works, EMA, are all partners listed in this exercise so far. The tentative exercise date will occur in March 2021. Next exercise meeting will be in January. If anyone would like to be involved in planning the exercise, please reach out to David for an invite to the meetings.</p> <p>David reported that at the moment the exercise will either be an in-person tabletop or a virtual tabletop. No decisions has been reached yet. Sam Reed reported State employees are mandated to remain in a virtual support role right now so he will need virtual capability for this exercise. John Franks also reported he would need to attend virtually as well. David Wood will work with the planning team to utilize a virtual platform for the March 2021 LEPC tabletop exercise.</p>	<p>RECOMMENDATION/ACTION:</p> <p>Anyone who wishes to be on the LEPC 2021 exercise planning team please contact David Wood.</p> <p>David Wood will work with the planning team to utilize a virtual platform for the March 2021 LEPC tabletop exercise.</p>
<p>Hazardous materials spills and events for Warren County</p>	<p>DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION: Lesli Holt reported on Hazardous Materials Spills and Events for Warren County between 06/18 – 09/17/2020.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9/17 – Gas detector going off • 9/18 – Spectrum hit live gas line to the house • 9/20 – fuel spilled at UDF in Clearcreek Twp. • 9/23 – gas line struck • 10/2 – gas line strike in Turtlecreek Twp • 10/6 – Gas line strike near school tear down in Carlisle • 10/7 – FedEx truck leaking fuel in residential area in Mason • 10/9 – Gas line strike in Morrow (running underground utilities) • 10/9 – Fuel Spill near the Bike Trail in Washington Twp • 10/12 – Fuel spill in Springboro • 10/23 – Gas Line strike in Mason – hit gas line while digging for trees 	<p>RECOMMENDATION/ACTION:</p> <p>None</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10/24 – Smell of chemicals in sewer drain –Mason. Caller said it looks like milky water (per FD nothing found) • 10/28 – Plane crash into field in Turtlecreek Twp with fuel spill. EPA called and responded to scene. • 10/31 – Farm Equipment leaking hydraulic fluid into roadway • 10/31 – Semi leaking fluid onto I71NB next to King's Mills Rd • 11/18 – Truck lost fuel on roadway – Mason • 11/23 – gas line strike • 12/17 – Possible fuel leak from semi on Jeremiah Morrow Bridge • 12/7 – fuel spill from pickup truck on I71 NB from St rt 48 • 12/10 – CO2 tank leaking at Burger King in Mason • There were 29 calls for odor of gas outside and 15 calls for odor of gas inside a residence or business between 9/17/2020 – 12/17/2020. <p>Lesli Holt reported that the incidents involving a gas line strike included a few incidents where people were digging for trees. Lesli suggested that if time allows next year the LEPC should make an effort to promote the 811 program to help mitigate unnecessary gas line strikes from homeowners digging in their yards.</p> <p>There was a question about the previous meeting minutes showing multiple incidents at Costco in Deerfield Twp. John Franks wanted to know if the cause was rectified. Lesli Holt reported that there have been no additional calls to that location, and she reported previously that Deerfield Twp Fire was supposed to meet with Costco about fixing the cause of the repeated leaks so hopefully the situation has been fixed.</p>	
<p>Roundtable Discussion: Partner Updates</p>	<p>DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION:</p> <p>Telecom: Paul Kindell had no report for this meeting.</p> <p>Business: Bill Romaine had nothing to report for this meeting. Dealing with increased covid cases in the workforce. Affects production as key positions go open.</p> <p>Sheriff's Office: Not present at this meeting.</p> <p>Commissioner's Office: Not present at this meeting.</p>	<p>RECOMMENDATION/ACTION:</p> <p>None</p>

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	<p>Hospitals: Crystal Paul reported that their hospitals have started vaccinations of first tier employees. UC health received 975 doses – 700 to downtown and 100 to WC and 100 to Drake. Currently working on vaccinating ED and COVID cohort unit. Process is going well. Initial phase will be done Friday. Hoping for second batch of vaccine next week. Expecting 3,000 doses (system has roughly 8,000 employees). Hospitals are fielding lots of calls from public and private Dr. offices looking for vaccine.</p> <p>Last few weeks had seen a downturn in Covid patients. This week there has been an increase in Covid patients – currently 50 in house right now. Did reach high 70s right around thanksgiving. They had to double occupy some rooms. They received temporary morgue container for UC health system. Several times their internal morgue reached capacity so this will help relieve stress on morgue space.</p> <p>Tri-health reported that they are in the same place as far as seeing increased cases. There are currently about 200 covid patients in the Tri-Health system. They are also doubling med surg and ICU beds. Free-standing ED remains busy. Did not receive any Pfizer vaccine but hope to get Moderna vaccine in the system next week. Expecting initial 3000 doses for roughly 13,000 employees. They are also getting calls from public and physicians about vaccine. Tri-health and others are asking the region to put out statement about public health and hospitals not having vaccine for general public yet.</p> <p>Hospitals stating staffing is biggest concern right now. They seem to be ok on PPE for the pandemic response.</p> <p>USEPA : Not present at this meeting.</p> <p>Fire: Chief Hannigan had no report for this meeting.</p> <p>Weather Service: John Franks reported that Ken Haydu is retiring at the end of the year (head of Wilmington NWS Office). One of the Lead forecaster is retiring at same time. Ken’s vacancy will be filled but the other position will be down for some time.</p> <p>Red Cross: Not present at this meeting.</p>	
<p>Vice Chair nomination</p>	<p>DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION:</p>	<p>RECOMMENDATION/ACTION:</p>

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	<p>John Franks reported that his nomination for Vice Chair of the LEPC needs to be approved at this meeting.</p> <p>Brooke Matzen motioned to approve nomination of John Franks as Vice Chair for the Warren County LEPC for the remainder of the 2019-2021 term. Mike Hannigan seconded. Motion passed.</p> <p>Congratulations to Mr. Franks.</p>	None
Next LEPC Meeting	Next meeting is March 18, 2021 from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. via conference line.	
Adjourn	Motion to adjourn was made by Bill Romaine. Seconded by John Franks. Meeting Adjourned at 2:00 pm	