



MINUTES OF LEPC MEETING – February 11, 2020

LOCATION:

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

ATTENDANCE:

LEPC Members:

Steve Wittmer, Jim Fry, Dave Brown, Mike Jones, Tom Garrity, George Dula, Jim Weller, James Leary, Scott Aharonian

OEP Staff:

Bev Stemple, Brandon Pursell, Jason Wilson

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Wittmer called the meeting to order at 13:03 hrs. The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance.

A motion was made by Tom Garrity and seconded by Jim Weller to accept the meeting minutes for December 10, 2019 meeting as submitted/amended. The question was called for, asked, and approved.

GUESTS:

Erin McDermott, Charon Richards

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Wilson noted that Brandon Pursell was promoted to the Hazardous Materials Program Coordinator position effective January 27th. Mr. Wilson added that Mr. Pursell will remain the LEPC coordinator until his old position is filled

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The following committees have nothing to report:

Transportation, Law Enforcement, Media, Local Government, Administration and Finance

Hazardous Materials

Mr. Pursell reported that there have been seven calls since the December 10th LEPC Meeting, notable calls are as follows:

- December 10th – Abandoned Acid Container – Limerick Township
- January 22nd – Unknow White Powder – Upper Dublin Township
- January 27th – Chemical Suicide – Lower Pottsgrove Township
- January 28th – HazMat Inside – Springfield Township
- February 4th – Fire / HazMat – Upper Merion Township

Mr. Pursell reported that there have been 4 trainings since the December 10th LEPC meeting.

- December 11th – Homemade Explosives Lab Training with Montgomery County BDU
- January 18th – Chemistry Review
- January 22nd – Emergency Response Work Group Tabletop Exercise
- January 23rd – Montgomery County Special Operations Medical Considerations Presentation

Lastly, Mr. Pursell reported that this evening the HMRT will be reviewing decontamination equipment and capabilities.

Ms. Stemple reported that there has been 100% compliance for all 264 planning sites for RY2018. Ms. Stemple added that some sites were reviewed, and the total of planning sites were brought up to 290. Ms. Stemple provided Chairman Wittmer a list of facilities with the highest chemical quantities and concentrations. Ms. Stemple noted that for RY2019, EHS chemicals have declined. Ms. Stemple believes this was due to the removal of chlorine from water treatment plants.

Mr. Pursell reported that as of February 11th, there is a total income of \$8,900.00 is SARA revenue. Mr. Pursell added that there is an additional \$1,492.15 in HazMat reimbursement. There is a total of 221 reporting facilities in Montgomery County that have submitted their Annual Tier II Report. Mr. Pursell reported that since the December 10th LEPC meeting, the MCDPS has put on or attended 17 outreach events. Lastly, Mr. Pursell reported that on January 30th, the chemical safety program received notification of a Diesel fuel spill that occurred on January 28th in New Hanover Township. The incident occurred when a saddle tank was ruptured at 1742 swamp pike. It is noted that PA DEP was notified and Lewis Environmental had initiated clean up.

Emergency Management

Mr. Wilson reported that DRC was selected for the Debris Management contract that was signed in 2019. There was a kickoff meeting and DRC is hiring a representative for the contract. This plan will develop activation criteria. A Debris Management TTX was conducted the first week of February. Mr. Wilson reported that the Division of Emergency Management is conducting a program review to help with activation protocols and daily responsibilities. Mr. Wilson noted that the SARA Title III position was renamed and posted to the County website. Mr. Weller asked about the LGS redemonstration. Mr. Wilson reported that the municipal demonstration

had taken place and correction were made. Chairman Wittmer asked what threshold triggers a debris management plan to be implemented. Mr. Wilson responded that something great in magnitude than the 2014 ice storm.

Fire and Rescue Services

Mr. Garrity reported that the 17th Annual Command Officer Seminar was January 25th and approximately 160 fire chiefs and officers attended. The 54 members of Class 2001 completed HazMat Awareness training as the last class of their Introduction to the Fire Service course. Mr. Garrity also noted that on the same day, las 1905 started their hazmat ops training. Lastly, Mr. Garrity reported that Spring Training Schedule is available online and the 2020 Catalog is at the Print Shop but should be online later in the week.

Emergency Medical Services

Mr. Brown reported that he is working with surrounding partners for response guidelines to the coronavirus. Mr. Brown added to the HazMat report that Dr. Wang responded to the February 4th Upper Merion fire with the HMRT.

Public Health

Ms. McDermott reported that the Office of Public Health is looking for contacts for surrounding businesses to reach out about becoming POD sites. Ms. McDermott will distribute the facilities list to the committee via email after the meeting.

Fire Chiefs Association

Mr. Jones reported on the Foam Task Force deployment to the February 4th Upper Merion fire. Mr. Jones talked about the inner operability between the foam units. Mr. Jones added that Jim Cutrell presented at the Chief Officers Seminar on the use of Universal Green Foam as opposed to the use of Universal Gold.

ADDITIONAL REPORTS:

No Report

NEW BUSINESS:

No Report

VISITOR COMMENTS:

No Comments

NEXT MEETING DATE:

May 12th, 2020 at 1300 hrs.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Brandon Pursell Seconded by Bev Stemple to adjourn the Montgomery County LEPC meeting for February 11th, 2020. The meeting was adjourned at 1345hrs.