

Washington County Local Emergency Planning Committee
February 10, 2016
Emergency Operations Center - 204 Davis Avenue, Marietta, Ohio - (740) 373-5613

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The February 10, 2016 LEPC meeting was called to order by Chief Durham, Chairperson. Chief Durham invited the attendees to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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January 13, 2016 minutes were emailed for review and provided at meeting. Chief Durham entertained a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Shannon Smith made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Ms. Amy Tucker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Jeff Lauer announced the LEPC account balance is \$31,744.36 as of February 10, 2016. Sgt. Rich Hays made a motion to accept the financial report as stated. Mr. Jim Rose seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BY-LAW COMMITTEE

Nothing discussed.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Jeff Lauer stated the budget for this year was given at the last LEPC meeting.

TRAINING COMMITTEE

Nothing discussed.

EXERCISE COMMITTEE

Mr. Jeff Lauer explained that the evaluators and main players have agreed to play. The scenario takes place in the Beverly/Waterford area and Chief Lowe will be the IC for the exercise. Chief Durham suggested that if anyone is interested in helping out, the exercise committee could still use more help. An exercise committee meeting was being held directly after this LEPC meeting.

COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Jeff Lauer informed the committee that the deadline for the Tier 2 submissions is March 1.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Ms. Angela Lowery stated she will be getting with those on the committee to set up a meeting soon.

PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE

Nothing discussed.

EVERBRIDGE COMMITTEE

Chief Durham stated that the county is up to 2,672 web registrations. Recently an option of winter weather advisory was added to Washington County Alert. Some community members have been concerned about alert times and Durham stated we were at the mercy of the National Weather Service. Suggestion was to set quiet hours but the alerts do not stack up so they will not go out after quiet time ends. However, even if set to

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quiet time it is understood that alerts concerning flood, tornado and winter weather will still go through. Sgt. Rich Hays explained that a template of all snow levels with descriptions has been introduced to go out with alerts. Ms. Shelly Stormes stated she could put this new information out on the LEPC and EMA Facebook page.

Mr. Jeff Lauer stated that Washington County Alert has been up and running for 10 months and there have been issues that they are trying to get resolved. The county is still looking for additional partners.

Mr. Jim Rose interjected that Wood County has also signed up with Everbridge. Chief Durham extended an invitation to help if they need assistance.

TRAINING/SEMINAR REMINDERS

Ms. Angela Lowery is planning Social Media Classes - June 2 will be the basic and June 3 will be the intermediate. Please mark your calendars if you are interested.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Jeff Lauer explained about the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. He stated that if anyone on the committee gets asked to participate to please really consider it. It is very important to get county wide input.

Mr. Jim Rose asked the committee if anyone from the Corp of Engineers has been asked to be represented in our LEPC committee. Chief Durham took this suggestion in to consideration.

Chief Durham asked the group for suggestions of how to contact the committee if a cancelation was warranted. The group agreed Washington County Alert should be used.

Chief Durham also asked the group to think about how we build a better data base for Washington County Alert. Suggested targeting areas that have low participation rates and perhaps do a door to door campaign using volunteers. Mr. Chris Marreno said the American Red Cross has material to be passed out and perhaps the two could coincide. Ms. Jordan Shaw suggested a separate Facebook page specifically for Washington County Alert. Placing material in bags at stores was also suggested. Rich Hays said he would ask someone connected with the IGAs and Food 4 Less.

Chief Durham also stated that at this time no action will be taken regarding the Vice Chairperson position.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Nothing discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion, Chief Durham entertained a motion to adjourn of the meeting. Sgt. Rich Hays made the motion and Ms. Peggy Beyers seconded it. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

NEXT MEETING DATE – March 9, 2016 @ 1:00 PM at the EOC

Respectfully submitted,

Shelly Stormes