

Washington County Local Emergency Planning Committee

March 9, 2016

Emergency Operations Center - 204 Davis Avenue, Marietta, Ohio - (740) 373-5613

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The March 9, 2016 LEPC meeting was called to order by Chief Durham, Chairperson. Chief Durham invited the attendees to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

February 10, 2016 minutes were emailed for review and provided at meeting. Chief Durham entertained a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Brian Simperts made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Sgt. Rich Hays seconded the motion. The motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Jeff Lauer announced the LEPC account balance is \$31,744.36 as of March 9, 2016. Mr. Ralph Matheny made a motion to accept the financial report as stated. Mr. Brian Simperts 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

Committee had nothing to discuss.

Mr. Bob Zwick shared that on March 15 and March 29 from 9am to 11am the Quick Clear Class - Traffic Incident Management Systems will be at Station 1. There are 8 to 10 open spots each day.

Ms. Betty King shared the following dates:

April 14 Workshop (not yet on EMA site)

April 19-20 Ebola Exercise

May 2-4 ICS 300 Jefferson County Health Department 500 Market Street #7 Steubenville, OH 43952

May 9-10 ICS 400 Jefferson County Health Department 500 Market Street #7 Steubenville, OH 43952

June 2-3 Social Media Training for PIOs Washington County EOC

June 7-9 Homeland Security Exercise & Evaluation Program Course Muskingum County

Mr. Jim Rose shared that tentatively on April 13 there will be an Incident Action Plan training in Wood County.

EXERCISE COMMITTEE

Mr. Jeff Lauer invited anyone from committee to attend the Function Exercise on April 19 at 9am. A participation form was available. An exercise committee meeting was being held directly after this LEPC meeting.

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COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

Ms. Shelly Stormes stated that to date a total of 79 facilities have submitted Tier 2 reports. Of those four are first time filers. She had 63 entered in to CAMEO. And forty-two oil and gas companies have filed to date with six having been entered in CAMEO. The deadline was March 1.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Ms. Amy Tucker shared that the LEPC website has been purchased and is being created. The cost totaled \$77.50 for the year. Chief Durham stated that the plan is to launch it next month at the LEPC meeting then go live.

Chief Durham updated the committee on the Everbridge system. Shared they are currently working on a couple quirks. The goal is to turn the "umbrellas" over to the different entities with the reliance on the three administrators being next to none. Currently have 8 private organizations partnering with us.

Mr. Jim Rose introduced Rick Woodyard, Wood County 911 Director and Bill Riffle, Wood County 911 Communications Coordinator. Rick explained that Wood County has recently purchased the Everbridge System and they are currently working on the system. It was suggested that Wood County could model Washington County's public campaign. Both counties see the importance in possibly connecting them in cases when both counties are affected by an incident.

PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE

Nothing discussed.

TRAINING/SEMINAR REMINDERS

Nothing discussed. It was discussed earlier in meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Durham shared that the LEPC committee should have a plan concerning radio back up. He asked Mr. Ralph Matheny what needs done to begin to formulate a plan to be prepared.

Mr. Ralph Matheny explained that the local Amateur Radio Club is a very small organization. In an emergency they could maybe provide 3 or 4 people to assist. The club does have a lot of equipment including a repeater that has good county coverage with batteries that should last up to a week and has a generator to recharge. They also have mobile radios that can be taken to different locations. They also have the ability to reach long distances. He recommended that the EOC have an all-purpose radio but that it could also be provided by the club. The main issue would be getting an antenna system. He shared that the ARL is a national organization that would be able to provide around a dozen individuals to come in an emergency. The club is concerned about liability and insurance issues and would like some sort of agreement between the county and the club.

Mr. Kenny Harris shared that the Wood County Amateur Radio Club would also be available and has equipment to be used in an emergency. He shared that on the fourth weekend of June they have a Field Day where they run off grid for a 24 hour period. An invitation was given to come check it out.

Mr. Rick Woodyard from Wood County added that they have a mobile command that can mix communication if needed.

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Chief Durham ended the discussion by saying he is open to hear their thoughts regarding radio back up. Also thought it may be important to set up a time to talk through a mock exercise. He and Jeff will be checking into the liability issues Mr. Ralph Matheny brought up.

Chief Durham also shared that he would like to have a yearly joint LEPC meeting with Wood County. It would be convenient since they meet the same day of the month. He will bring it back to the committee next month.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Nothing discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion, Chief Durham entertained a motion to adjourn of the meeting. Mr. Jim Rose made the motion and Ms. Amy Tucker seconded it. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

NEXT MEETING DATE – April 13, 2016 @ 1:00 PM at the EOC

Respectfully submitted,

Shelly Stormes