

**Darke County LEPC Minutes  
March 20, 2012**

This meeting of the Board Members of the Darke County LEPC was called to order at the office of Darke County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management at 10:02 am by Chairman Mike Rhoades. Mindy Saylor took roll call. The minutes of December 20, 2011 meeting were presented for review Krista Fourman made a motion to accept the minutes, Jim Schaar 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all in favor, motion passed, minutes accepted.

**Treasurer's report:**

Treasurer, Mark Wolf presented this report. Balance as of 2/19/12 was \$29,012.84. Each member was given a detailed print out of the LEPC fund. It was noted that training was approved by the Executive Board for April. Leroy Murphy made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Jim Schaar 2<sup>nd</sup> that motion, all in favor, motion passed, and Treasurer's report

**Coordinator's report: Mindy Saylor**

- There has been no spills reported since the last meeting
- Detailed training list was given to each member
- EMA has received the grant application for the FY11 Homeland Security Grant. Award amount is \$33,539 which is a 50% reduction. Beginning in 2012 this program will become a competitive grant with a focus on preparedness.

**Old Business:**

- The By-Laws are still pending for adoption from last year. Mindy will send them out for review to all the members. At the June meeting they can be voted on.

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**New Business:**

- Annual HazMat Functional Exercise scheduled for ~~5/31/12~~—Changed to 6/7/12 7:00 pm
- The LEPC has a part-time position opening for Inspector, Planner, Trainer. The notice was sent out to all members.
- The HMEP Grant application for planning was approved for \$11,037.76 (20% match of 2,207.68 required) Training amounts have not yet been received.

**Citizen Corps – Mindy Saylor**

- The CERT Group will be attending the Home and Sports Show this weekend.
- Dr Holman stated that the MRC had not been meeting as regularly but thought there was a meeting coming up.

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**Members Comments:**

- Chief Deputy Whittaker – Sports Show this weekend looks to be bigger and better.
- Dr Holman – Health Dept is repeating the Functional Exercise in April with the drive-thru immunization clinic for 7<sup>th</sup> graders at the fairgrounds.
- Pam Gibson – Ohio EMA has learned that SERC has denied the use of pipeline exercises for LEPC credit. The issue will continue to be looked at noting that law would have to be amended.
- Cheryl Batten – BASF continues to hire, 15 so far with more expected.
- Jeff Whetstone – ODOT expenses for this winter 83k for labor, 141k for salt and about 96k for equipment. These figures are lower than last year.
- Jeremy Elliot – FPE had Mindy Saylor and fire department come out and review their severe weather procedures which they appreciated.
- Tammy Beanblossom – Wayne Health Care census figures are up.
- Lynne Gump – Red Cross continues to work with partners on the functional needs sheltering. The annual meeting in May will include a functional exercise. March 31<sup>st</sup> is Comedy and Caring and 100 seats are left.
- Krista Fourman – Solid Waste District continues to be very busy. Trash Bash applications were just completed with 1200 volunteers covering 600 miles. March 31<sup>st</sup> is a white goods recycling and freon is not required to be removed to participate, May 24<sup>th</sup> is electronics recycling and June 2<sup>nd</sup> is shred day.
- Tom Hans – Asked about the EMA Directors position and combining with another County. Commissioner Rhoades stated the board is looking into their options. Stated the Governor's office is pushing consolidation and the question remains if funding could be tied to combining.
- Jim Schaar – Stated the outdoor warning sirens worked well earlier this month.
- Dale Farmer – Introduced Scott Glum. While he has been with EPA for some time he will be working in Emergency Response. Dale spoke on issues with manure releases which his office responds to. He stated that around 90% of his responses to these are in Darke County. As of now, the LEPC really hasn't been involved but

he may start sending copies of the reports just for informational purposes. EPA is requiring all reports be forwarded for criminal investigation. Enforcement actions, possibly criminal prosecution, are possible for releases that are intentional or caused by gross negligence.

- Mark Wolf – Last year the County HazMat had 5 total calls ranging from advisory to full response. The process for certifying the team as a Type III is still underway. The HazMat trailers may be relocated to a City owned facility. Should know by the end of the week.

Meeting adjourned.

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**Mindy Saylor**