

Darke County LEPC Minutes
June 17, 2014

This meeting of the Board Members of the Darke County LEPC was called to order at the Darke County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management at 10:00 am by Treasurer, Mark Wolf. Mindy Saylor took the roll call. The minutes of March 18, 2014 meeting were presented for review Terry Holman made a motion to accept the minutes, Cheryl Batten 2nd the motion, all in favor, motion passed, minutes accepted.

Treasurer's report:

Treasurer, Mark Wolf reviewed the detailed expense and income information. A copy was provided to all. Terry Holman made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Mark Whittaker 2nd, all in favor, report accepted.

Coordinator's report:

Mindy Saylor stated there was no training currently scheduled but a HazMat Operations and Technician course is being worked on for September.

Old Business:

- 2014 LEPC Exercise – May 10, 2014 Tabletop exercise was very successful. Leslie Bricker from Ohio EMA reviewed her report with the group. The recommendation for concurrence has been submitted to the SERC.
- A Memorandum of Understanding is being developed between the Darke Fire Chief's, Darke County HazMat, Darke County EMA and LEPC and Greenville City Fire to detail which entity owns equipment within the HazMat Trailers. In case of disbandment, each entity would receive their property back.

New Business:

- Ken Johnson spoke briefly about information that has been coming out through Ohio EPA/SERC in reference to recent Hazardous Materials events. The Federal Government has issued an Executive Order – Improving Chemical Facility Safety and Security but at this point we are unsure what, if any, effects it will have on us locally.

Ken's Report

- Ken Johnson stated he had been busy planning the annual exercise but plans to finish up the SERC Annual filings now that it is complete. Believes most facilities have complied.

Citizen Corps

- Josh is planning a CERT Training for this fall.
- Dr. Holman said MRC will be assisted at DPT clinic on April 12.

Members Comments:

- Adam Link advised that Whirlpool is expanding again. An Employee Health and Safety fair is being held and they are leasing space in the old Corning Building.
- Jeff Whestone spoke of a hazmat incident in Mercer County where it took a couple days to identify the product spilled. US 127 will be closed for 90 days for an improvement project and they are now MARCS equipped.
- Todd Mangen from Monsanto stated they are working on a safety plan for workers in the field. They would like to do a drill and will be reaching out to Arcanum Fire and EMA.
- Marla Warner, Wayne Healthcare participated in the regional Radiological Drill.
- Dan Garcia stated that AEP would like to schedule a tour of their facility for first responders.
- Ryan Berry, Clinton Randall has joined the Early Bird.
- Cheryl Batten – BASF continues to hires with 18-20 already since January. Production is good. They have relocated engineering, logistics and administration to the old Corning building. Working on a mass casualty plan for the facility. USEPA was in for an audit and should have the report in approximately 6 months.
- Steve Wenning, Greenville Twp Rescue also participated in the regional Radiological Exercise.
- Dr Holman, Health Department participated in the Radiological Exercise also. They had to make some last minutes and found areas of improvement in communications.
- Chief Whittaker – Sheriff’s Office is busy with overtime being a big concern. They will be looking at forming a countywide communication committee to develop a 3 and 5 year plan as equipment is coming to its end of life and will be needing updated/replaced.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mindy Saylor