

**Darke County LEPC Minutes  
December 15, 2009**

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 July 28, 2009 meeting were presented for review. Jim Schaar made a motion to accept the minutes, Bob Dietrich 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 November 30, 2009 was \$57,304.68. Each member was given a detailed print out of the LEPC fund. Pam Garland made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Roger VanFrank 2<sup>nd</sup> that motion, all in favor, motion passed, and Treasurer's report accepted.

**Coordinator's report: Rick Lee**

- HazMat training attached

**Melody's Report: (given by Rick Lee, Melody on sick leave)**

- CAMEO data entry for report year 2008; filing year 2009, is complete. One facility remains non-compliant (Robert Winner & Sons). Reporting summary: 33 EHS facilities (7 of which are Exempt); 72 HC facilities (12 exempt); and 33 negative facilities. 14 new filers; 7 first time filers for 2008 and 7 for 2007 (counted in 2008 report).
- Revised SERC Hazard Analysis and Risk Assessment form to be used during facility inspection process.
- On Sept 30, 2009, complete and submitted SERC County LEPC Compliance Report (SFY 2009 – July 1, 2008 to Oct 1, 2009)
- Seven HMEP Inspections were conducted through the months of August and September. Prior to inspection, facilities received a pre-inspection letter and questionnaire, followed by phone contact to schedule and discuss the inspection process. Facilities inspected were: UAP/Crop Production Services, Greenville; Mercer Landmark, New Weston; Codinos, Versailles; Jafe Decorating, Greenville; Norcold, Bradford; Anderson, Greenville; King Command Foods, Versailles.
- On September 30, 2009, HMEP inspections data, hazard analysis and risk assessment plans, and required filing report was completed and submitted to complete the 16<sup>th</sup> year HMEP Grant Reimbursement Special Project.
- On August 12-13, 2009, attended the Annual SERC/LEPC Conference in Columbus.
- On October 29, 2009, attended OEPA Debris Management workshop with Solid Waste District in Dayton.
- On August 14, 2009, conducted DOT/Haz Mat/Haz Waste familiarization training to Solid Waste District Employees.
- Developed Respiratory Protection Plan and associated training associated with the use of N95 respirators. On October 15, 2009 provided training and implementation materials to all interested first responder/first receiver groups.
- July 14, 2009, participated as an Evaluator in the Multi State cross boarder plane crash table top exercise held in Mercer County. Additionally, on October 31, 2009, participated as a player (SimCell) at the Cross Boarder full scale exercise held in Monroe, IN.
- On June 12, 2009, held VRC exercise for VRC staff.
- Continue partnering in support of Citizen Corps (Volunteer Network, and CERT). ARC, HandsOn, RSVP, Health Dept, United Way
- Solid Waste District – Household Hazardous Waste Project; assisted with bid review/contractor selection, and collection process.
- Preparedness Walk – in partnership with ARC, Citizen Corps, EMA, EMS, and Fire.
- June 27, 2009, Safety Fair at Wal-Mart
- DC Fair
- Annie Oakley Parade.
- Attended monthly Safety Council Meetings.
- Attended/hosted various meetings for planning/discussing VRC training and development of County VRC plan, and Donations Management Plan.
- Various meeting with assisting in the coordination of the Household HazWaste Project.
- September 15, 2009, attended Director Conference in Columbus.
- September 18, 2009, attended H1N1 Meeting.
- October 6, 2009, attended EMS Board Meeting at Wayne Hospital.
- October 8, 2009, attended Narrow Banding meeting
- October 8, 2009, attended HazMat Committee Meeting.

- October 27, 2009, had meeting with Adam Link, Norcold to review modeling and discuss use of reverse 911 in emergency response and shelter in-place training and outreach.
- November 12, 2009, attended Township Trustees meeting.
- July 1, 2009, received verbal notification of a spill/release at BASF. Material released was Thermal 59 and was contained on site.
- On August 10, 2009, responded to a report of a release in Ansonia; CSX engine fire.
- September 26, 2009, tanker roll over, Hillgrove-Fort Recovery Rd. Spiller - Wayne Oil Company. Formal release report received from Wayne Oil on September 29, 2009.
- September 18, 2009, reported by dispatch that there is a cross county spill (from Pittsburg to New Madison/Richmond (SR 121/36) of a mystery material (thought to be drilling slurry). Spiller unknown. No spill report received by EMA.

#### **Old Business:**

- For National Preparedness month a Citizen Preparedness Walk was held on 9/15/09. This was planned in conjunction with Darke Co Chapter American Red Cross, Citizen Corps, local First Responders and Emergency Management. We look for this to be an annual event.
- On 10/31/09 an Ohio/Indiana joint full scale exercise was held in Monroe Indiana. Ohio counties included Darke, Mercer and Van Wert. Indiana counties participating were Adams, Allen and Jay. This was a very interesting day that went well. There will be several action items once the final report is completed.
- Narrowbanding – nothing new to report at this time. Expected total funds needed just for first responders in the county will be around \$200,000.

#### **New Business:**

- The LEPC will begin planning for the annual hazardous chemical exercise. This is the beginning of a new cycle meaning that it can be a tabletop, functional or full scale and must be completed by 6/30/10. The Andersons, BASF and Whirlpool have offered any assistance needed.
- The amount awarded for the 2009 Homeland Security Grant is just over \$65,000. Planning for that money will be beginning in January.

#### **Citizen Corps - Melody Lucas (given by Rick Lee, Melody on sick leave)**

- The VRC training June 12, 2009. The training is sponsored by the Darke County EMA/LEPC/Citizen Corps in partnership with the United Way, Area Red Cross, Hands On (Council on Rural Services/RSVP), and Health Dept (MRC). was a Regional Training – HS region 3/ LVC Region 1. Most of the cost was covered by a State Grant provided by LVC 1, specifically the “Challenge Grant”.
- VRC group completed a draft County VRC Plan and Donation Management Plan which will be incorporated into the County’s EOP.
- CERT Team –CERT is partnering with the local Amateur Radio Operators to conduct a level 1 operator’s course. This training was postponed from April 2009 to some point in 2010, due to the delay in the Citizen Corps grant.
- CERT members continue to meeting monthly. Recent CERT Training included: Traffic Control, Mass Care/Mass Feeding, and Respiratory Protection
- Fire Corps – Fire Corps is one of Citizen Corp priority programs. Still looking for a fire department sponsor for the program
- Completed By-Laws and Draft Resolution for Citizen Corps. Resolution was subsequently signed by the Commissioners.
- Gave outreach presentation to Greenville Eagles and Hamm Radio/Ares group.
- CERT group assisting Health Dept by volunteering at Flu Clinic.
- CERT member participated in Annie Oakley Parade, Wal-Mart Safety Fair, and had a night out at the Fair.
- On November 14, 2009, Citizen Corps (MRC and CERT) conducted a field trip to MACIE in Dayton. MACIE is a deployable emergency medical resource for acute care following a disaster.
- On August 28, 2009, completed and submitted grant application. The 2008-2009 Citizen Corps grant application had been approved. Information on the tentative grant award has been received in the amount of \$6,650.00.

#### **Members Comments:**

- Dennis Wein – H1N1 vaccination clinics underway. 16-20 volunteers from MRC, Red Cross, and CERT are being used to staff them.
- Mark Wolf – GFD had training at the Andersons – Confined Space and Technical Rescue and all staff members toured the facility. GFD HazMat Team is now a Type 3.
- Jim Schaar- The Solid Waste District has been very busy this year hosting electronics recycling, tire recycling, shredding and a household hazardous waste collection.

- Roger VanFrank- Received a grant for \$256,000 for Clean Ohio Trails for a connector from Miami to Darke Counties. The project will start in Gettysburg with the help of Engineer Jim Surber which helps with the 25% match and eventually will tie into the Greenville Creek Trail. They received a donation of around 5 acres of land on Stillwater for fishing and canoes.
- Heather Garbig – The Andersons are doing well and are profitable. Having an issue with micro toxins this year in the crops. Everything is being tested.
- Scott Brewer – On Monday a company will begin removing the trestle over Pikeville causing intermittent closings of US Route 127 and should be completed in about 2 weeks.
- Leroy Murphy – Whirlpool has hired a new Environmental Health & Safety Professional named Phil Millen
- Tammy Beanblossom – Construction planned to be complete on 3/8/10 and they are planning on beginning the construction of a new ICU to be complete in about a year.
- Dr. Holman – this week starts the availability of the H1N1 vaccine to the general public. Darke County has vaccinated about 7000 people, only about 20% of the priority groups. Right now the H1N1 cases seem to be declining but with it being very early in flu season that may change. The flu clinics will be held on Wednesday the week between Christmas and New Years.
- Dr. Jim Moore – Darke County Mental Health is working with veterans. Locally funds have been reduced and they have not replaced some staff that has retired. This has put a strain on their services. An accreditation has been added in intensive home-based services and they now have a contract with Miami County for this service.
- Beth Davenport – Darke Rural Electric has some construction projects going in Preble County and will have some in Darke County in 2010. Jim Rush is retiring and a new engineer has been hired, Bruce Burk. Mr. Burk does have Electrical Safety training that is available to anyone who may want it.
- Lt. Scot Ross – Greenville PD has received a grant of \$27,000 used to purchase radios in preparation for the Narrowbanding.
- Pam Garland – City offices have reduced their hours, closing at 1:00 pm on Fridays. This does not affect Transit services. January 1 will begin a new 3 year contract with MV Transportation and also will not affect services. They have received some grants and stimulus monies and have prepared themselves for the Narrowbanding requirements.
- Cheryl Batten – BASF is still slow but they are working 5 day weeks. Some changes have been made to the property including removing the old security trailer and booth. They are beginning the process of training all associates to the HazMat Technician level. Some changes have been made to the Emergency Evacuation plans.
- Bob Dietrich – Introduced Jerry McEldowney who will be taking his place as he retires at the end of the year. The closure of the New York facility is complete and all work has been moved to Versailles. Business is steady but they are unsure how the healthcare reform bills could affect their business.
- Jim Crawford – Complemented the businesses that spoke up volunteering to assist in the annual HazMat Exercise saying that Darke County is fortunate to have the support and not all counties have that.
- Mike Rhoades – Reminded everyone to buy local. Initial reports are looking good for sales tax figures but won't be known for sure until the end of January.

Meeting adjourned.

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**Rick Lee**

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**Mindy Saylor**