

**Darke County LEPC Minutes
December 18, 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 10:00 am by Chairman Mike Rhoades. Mindy Saylor took roll call. The minutes of September 18, 2012 meeting were presented for review Pam Garland made a motion to accept the minutes, Terry Holman 2nd the motion, all in favor, motion passed, minutes accepted.

Treasurer's report:

Mindy Saylor presented this report in the absence of Treasurer, Mark Wolf. Balance as of 12/18/12 was \$40,008.44. Each member was given a detailed print out of the LEPC fund. Leroy Murphy made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Tom Hans 2nd that motion, all in favor, motion passed, and Treasurer's report accepted.

Coordinator's report: Mindy Saylor

- Have to rebid the lease for the Hazmat building changing the monthly rate from \$500 to \$300. Hoping to go through April 2014 for FY11 Homeland Security Grant.
- Held HazMat Awareness class at the EMA office for County Garage Employees. Also recently offered HazMat Tech Refresher.
- The HazMat team is hoping to move towards the Type II Classification.
- There was a gas leak in New Madison on December 12, 2012.
- Mindy advised the group that Chief Mark Wolf had an accident and sustained some injuries and he will be out of the office/work until at least February 18, 2013.
- A detailed training list was given to each member. Mindy noted the upcoming HazMat IQ course.

Old Business:

Mindy advised the group that the HazMat Plan was submitted with a "no change" status and concurred with by SERC.

New Business:

- Mindy advised the group that the tentative date for the HazMat Exercise which will be a full scale will be on 5/11/13 for the 2012/2013 year. Cheryl Batten volunteered to be a part of the planning committee.
- Mindy advised the group of the new law coming from the state regarding Dangerous and Wild Animals. Each county will be required to have a Dangerous and Wild Animal Emergency Response Team and will have to consist of predetermined members. Mindy advised that she has been in contact with the local Wildlife Officer, Jeff Wenning, to get things started.
- Mindy advised that we received a FY12 Homeland Security Grant for Functional Needs Sheltering. We received funds for several supplies including bariatric cots. These supplies will be stored in a trailer that is monitored by the Red Cross.
- Mindy advised that we received 5 new generators as a part of a regional grant through Van Wert County. We are looking for places to store them where they can be maintained. The HazMat team is planning to take 2 of the smaller ones.

Citizen Corps – Mindy Saylor

- Mindy advised the group that we are looking at scheduling a CERT training course after the first of the year.
- Mindy advised that the CERT grants are now completely competitive as of FY11.
- Dennis Wein spoke about the MRC. He advised that the MRC members participated in an Alzheimer's Walk. He also advised that they participated in a Zoonotic Disease course in October and on November 1st they participated in a Responder Suspicious Package course.

Ken's Report

- Ken advised that the CAMEO project is complete.
- He attended the HazMat conference.
- He is sending out a monthly information email as a newsletter discussing resources.
- He advised that Ohio EPA sent out an eplan notice for filing. This would mean that all data would be stored on the internet. Ken recommended to be able to download info and not depend on the internet.
- Ken advised of the Xenia fire and sheltering incident and explained that many occupants were functional needs residents.

Members Comments:

- Pam Garland – Pam advised the group that there are a rising number of riders in the Greenville Transit that are mentally ill. She also discussed the issue of bed bugs and lice. She talked about the administration changes going on at the transit. She advised that the number of riders is up 7% possibly due to the aging population. She noted that the Job Access Grant stopped and the Disability Grant ends December 31, 2012. She noted that there will be \$565,000 in grants in 2013.
- Chief Deputy Mark Whittaker – Advised the group that jail is not the place for the mentally ill and that the problem is that there is no housing for them.
- Dr. Holman – Advised the group that flu season is upon us and is above average. The health department is out of vaccines but many places like Area retailers still have some available.
- Cheryl Batten – BASF is above what was projected for the year. They are looking for non-automotive customers. They hired 5 people and have several to retire in 2013. They had a good audit.
- Todd Mangen – Advised the group that he was just visiting from Monsanto. He is in charge of security there.
- Josh Haney – Advised the group that he replaced Tammy Beanblossom at Wayne Healthcare.
- Jeff Whetstone – Advised the group that it has been a good winter so far and ODOT is still well supplied. The prices on salt are good, so they might be able to focus more on road maintenance in the future. He advised that he is the Mercer County Manager too.
- Leroy Murphy – Advised that Whirlpool made about 2 million mixers and set a new record.

- Tom Hans – Advised that the Household Hazardous Waste Collection went very well. They had over 200 cars go through and the traffic flow was not an issue.
- Commissioner Mike Rhoads – Advised the group that there is a new program that has been purchased from the Auditor called Pictometry. He is concerned that there will only be 100 log ins for the county. This could be a great tool for different departments that use mapping systems.
- Katie McCabe – Noted that she no announcements from herself, but read an email from Jerry McEldowney from Midmark. Jerry stated that “Facility expansion at the Versailles, Ohio location continues. An additional 100,000 sq. ft of manufacturing space is being added. Estimated completion date is April 2013. Equipment and material moves will then follow. Expansion will result in added employment opportunities.”

Respectfully Submitted:

Mindy Saylor

Katie McCabe