

**Darke County LEPC Minutes
July 28, 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 March 17, 2009 meeting were presented for review. Tim Gade made a motion to accept the minutes, Bob Dietrich 2nd the motion, all in favor, motion passed, minutes accepted.

Treasurer's report:

- Treasurer Mark Wolf presented this report. Balance as of June 30, 2009 was \$46,813.70. Each member was given a detailed print out of the LEPC fund. Jim Schaar made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Tim Gade 2nd that motion, all in favor, motion passed, and Treasurer's report accepted.

Coordinator's report: Mindy Saylor

- HazMat training attached

Melody's Report:

- Continue CAMEO data entry for report year 2008; filing year 2009.
- Made several facility contacts to request additional information and or to correct SERC report deficiencies and/or discrepancies.
- On April 13, 2009, made a site visit to Arcon Construction, first time filer, to assist with completion of SERC Report.
- HMEP Inspections/Grant - No Activity; will be selecting 8 facilities for inspection. Will focus on EHS facilities and first time filers.
- March 19, 2009, conducted HazMat Awareness training at Versailles Rescue (more than 35 in attendance; 24 EMS/Fire and 11 CERT members)
- Attended the exercise at Mississinawa School on 4/7/09
- April 23, 2009, and May 27, attended Safety Council Meeting.
- May 14, 2009, attended BASF CAP Meeting.
- Had numerous meeting planning/discussing VRC training and development of County VRC plan, and Donations Management Plan.
- Respiratory Protection for First Responders - Smoke tubes for Qualitative fit testing for the use of respirators have been ordered. Upon receipt we will be scheduling fit testing for the Sheriffs Dept and Coroners Office. In process of scheduling fit testing for coroner's office.
- H1N1 – participated in numerous meetings and state conference calls regarding H1N1. Assisted in the procurement of N95 respirators.
- Researched and gathered information of H1N1 prep and response.

Old Business:

- On 4/7/09 Mississinawa Valley Schools hosted and exercise that covered evacuating the school and a hostage situation. The exercise included students during a real school day. Things went very well and some issues were identified to be addressed, mainly communications inside the building.
- The City of Greenville exercised their Emergency Operations Plan on 6/11/09. A report was received back from the Ohio Emergency Management Agency with some recommendations.
- On 7/14/09 an Ohio/Indiana joint tabletop exercise was held in Mercer County. 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 and will build to a full scale exercise scheduled for 10/31/09.

New Business:

- For National Preparedness month a Citizen Preparedness Walk has been scheduled for 9/15/09. This will be planned in conjunction with Darke Co Chapter American Red Cross, Citizen Corps, local First Responders and Emergency Management.
- The entire county is facing some changes in communications. As of 1/2013 the FCC is requiring that everyone be switched over to Narrowbanding. This means a lot of upgrading of equipment, replacing equipment and applying for new radio frequencies. This will affect all radio communications and looks to be very expensive. A Communications Committee will be formed to assist in the planning of the changes with a goal of 2011 to complete.

Organizational Meeting:

- Election of Officers – A ballot was distributed to all. Tim Gade made a motion to open nominations from the floor and Melody Lucas 2nd. After none being heard Ryan Berry made a motion to close nominations and

Melody Lucas 2nd. With that, the Executive Board Members are re-elected to a term of August 15, 2009 – August 15, 2011.

- Each member was asked to complete the Application for Appointment and return.

Citizen Corps (Melody Lucas)

- The VRC training scheduled for April 4, 2009, has been postponed to June 12, 2009. The training is sponsored by the Darke County EMA/Citizen Corps in partnership with the United Way, Area Red Cross, Hands On (Council on Rural Services/RSVP), and Health Dept (MRC) and will be a regional training Regional Training – HS region 3/ LVC Region 1. Most of the cost will be covered by a State Grant provided by LVC 1, specifically the “Challenge Grant”.
- The same VRC group is in the process of developing and implementing a County VRC Plan and Donation Management Plan which will be incorporated into the County’s EOP.
- Darke County Volunteer Network (formerly the Darke County Volunteer Consortium) – held its quarterly meeting on May 4 2009, the program topic was “Generational Marketing”.
- CERT Team –. Continues to meet monthly. The following is a brief summary of the 2009 schedule: Mass/Care Feeding (Red Cross provided), Hazardous Material Flow Study in Darke County, Volunteer Reception Center Training and Exercise, Sponsoring a 20 hours CERT Class (February), Collaborating (ARC provided), Shelter Ops (ARC Provided), and various Outreach Activities (including: spot on TIGER and JOY FM, sponsoring a Preparedness Conference for Mayors, TWP Trustees, Sheriff, Police, EMS, and Fire).
- CERT is partnering with the local Amateur Radio Operators to conduct a level 1 operator’s course. This training was tentatively scheduled for April 18 and 25th but due to the delay in the Citizen Corps grant it is unscheduled at this time.
- Fire Corps – Fire Corps is one of Citizen Corp priority programs. Need a new fire department sponsor for the program
- There has been no news on the 2008-2009 grant application. Should have been released in late 08 or early 09. On January 26, 2009 a phone call was made to the state contact regarding its status, and Patrick indicated that he hoped to have had it out in 2 weeks. We do know that that a federal budget of \$14.5 million has been set aside for CCP for 2008-2009.

Members Comments:

- Bob Dietrich – Business is improving for Midmark. They have closed a plant in New York which employed 70-80 people. That division is being relocated to Versailles with 2 of the New York employees transferring. The Versailles plant will be adding around 40 new positions over the next year with 12-15 being hired so far.
- Leroy Murphy – Whirlpool has brought back about 100 temps.
- Tal Mong HazMat Coordinator – He has been out on 2 spills – One being a MVA on 127 N with 30-40 gallons of diesel being released and the other being on the Darke/Miami County line of an unknown substance in Canyon Run Creek. Ohio EPA and ODNR are still investigating.
- Tammy Beanblossom – Construction continues to run on schedule with a planned opening in the first quarter of 2010.
- Dr. Jim Moore – Darke County Mental Health is preparing for their National Accreditation. He feels we are very lucky in Darke County that the voters have supported the Mental Health Levies and they are still able to operate with all the state budget cuts.
- Steve Wenning – He attended the Ohio/Indiana exercise and enjoyed it.
- Jim Schaar, Electronics Recycling was a huge success again with 4 or 5 semi trailers collected. A tire collection is scheduled for September and they are working on a Hazardous Household Waste collection.
- Mark Wolf – Darke County is storing a Region III Strike Team Vehicle with various equipment with our local HazMat Trailers. On 8/7/09 the City HazMat Team will have a site visit to increase their typing.
- Mike Rhoades – The County is applying for stimulus funds to bring Broad Band to rural areas. Currently they are working with 2 prospective new businesses in the county/city. Sales tax revenue is down about \$800,000. Many county offices have reduced hours and all budgets have taken a 20% cut. County officials are projecting another 18 months before a marked improvement will be seen.

Meeting adjourned.

Absent

June Mong

Mindy Saylor