

**Darke County LEPC Minutes
September 16, 2008**

This meeting of the Board Members of the Darke County LEPC was called to order at the new offices of Darke County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management at 10:04 am by Chairman Mike Rhoades. Mindy Saylor took roll call. The minutes of June 17, 2008 meeting were presented for review. Lynne Gump made a motion to accept the minutes, Tim Gade 2nd the motion, all in favor, motion passed, minutes accepted.

Treasurer's report:

- Treasurer Mark Wolf presented this report. Balance as of August 31, 2008 was \$62,354.20 with YTD expenses of \$24,752.80 and receipts are \$19,200.90. The 2009 SERC Grant was received in the amount of \$19,198.00. Each member was given a detailed print out of the LEPC fund. Terry Holman made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Bob Dietrich 2nd that motion, all in favor, motion passed, and Treasurer's report accepted.

Coordinator's report:

- HazMat training attached
- June reported on the wind event that came through Darke County on Sunday 9/14 as a result of Hurricane Ike. The entire county lost power for about 4 – 5 hours on Sunday and as of Tuesday DP&L had restored power to the majority of Darke County and reported about 180,000 customers still without power their service area. They have added additional crews to assist in the recovery. Darke Rural Electric reported that they had restored power to all of their customers. Governor Ted Strickland did issue a State of Emergency for Ohio.
- June, Melody, Tal Mong, Leroy Murphy and Kurt Troutwine attended the LEPC Conference. Darke County LEPC once again received the block of wood award. We are 1 of 22 counties that have met the criteria for this award for 14 consecutive years.

Melody's Report:

- CAMEO is complete. Final stats are – 24 EHS, 7 Government EHS, 62 HS and 66 Negative/Exempt facilities. Total 159
- 6 Facilities remain non-compliant.
- Facility inspections for the HMEP 15th Year Special Grant is completed and submitted. A total of 8 inspections were completed, 6 will be reimbursed at \$250 each. The program will be completed in 2009 as a 16th Year Special Grant.
- The Volunteer Consortium continues to meet although interest has decreased.
- CERT Continues to meet monthly. They participated in the Annie Oakley Parade, Darke County Fair and Mass Decon Exercise. The Citizen Corps website has been updated along with the EMA site.
- Leroy Murphy has been working with Melody to develop a Fire Corp Program.
- Melody responded to a fuel spill on 571 in June.
- Melody gave an overview on training she has attended and provided

Old Business:

- On August 9, 2008 a full scale, Mass Decontamination Exercise was held in Arcanum. The exercise was concurred with.

New Business:

- September is National Preparedness Month. A Pledge to Prepare event has been coordinated by Darke County Red Cross and EMA for 9/27/08 at 10:00 am.

Members Comments:

- Lynne Gump, Red Cross has added blended learning to their training. This is a combination of web-based training and class-room. The hours have not been reduced but it does allow more flexibility to the volunteer. A shelter was opened to assist with the power outages. A family of 4 spent the night and 11 were fed. They are working with CAP for the meals. Currently there are 6

volunteers deployed to assist in the hurricane recovery. Red Cross is in need of 3400 additional volunteers within a week to replace those that are due to return home.

- Tim Gade, Rest Haven stated the Nursing Home Administrators are scheduled to meet on 9/26. They have 2 new members. He had some questions for Tal Mong in reference to decontamination of the special needs population. Tal agreed to attend an administrators meeting to discuss.
- Cheryl Batten, BASF has eliminated the need for 1 EHS chemical on-site. Business has been slow but everyone is still working. The newest area of involved in non-automotive. They are conducting a wellness program for their employees and are currently working on 33 months of injury free work.
- Leroy Murphy, Whirlpool production is good and new warehouse is about 2 weeks behind schedule.
- Stacey Barnt, FPE is working to catch up production after the power loss. They are working on a 2 year span of no work time loss injury free.
- Heather Garbig, The Anderson's Ethanol is preparing for the first harvest season.
- Sherry Hathaway, Job & Family Services will be replacing food stamps for clients that lost food due to the power outages.
- Tal Mong, The fusion center will be collecting information in reference to Ethanol incidents. The HazMat Technician training is changing. NFPA 472 revisions in 2008 in reference to the current training and responsibilities for HazMat. Pittsburg is redoing their tornado siren procedures along with measuring some lanes of their rural areas.
- Scott Brewer, ODOT does not currently have a contract for salt supplies. Locally the supply is good but don't look for pure salt treatments on roadways, it will likely be a mixture.
- Roger VanFrank – reminded the group of the financial need of the American Red Cross. The Park District has requested fall burning permits. Upcoming fall festivals are the Gourd Show and Prairie Days.
- Chief Dennis Butts, Greenville PD has added new employees due to retirements. Several officers attended the IC 300 course.
- Tammy Beanblossom, Wayne Hospital continues with construction. A new parking area has been added for the Emergency Department.
- Dr Terry Holman, Health Fair is 10/14 and the Health Dept will be doing flu shots. Only one other event is scheduled for the shots on 10/16 at the VFW.
- Jim Schaar, The Solid Waste Dept is hosting a tire recycling day on 9/18/08 in which they estimate about 18,000 tires will be received. Environmental Council will be discussing Farm Wind Power at the next meeting.
- Mark Wolf, Greenville Fire handles about 60 calls in the wind storm. He instructed an IS 300 course 9/10 – 9/12 at his department. His department's hazmat team is working to request to be a type 3 team. They are also busy with current building projects and have knowledge of some additional projects that will be coming in the future. The Anderson's have donated foam for use of training at the Ohio Fire Academy on 9/26-9/27, 2008.
- Mike Rhoades, the county 911 has been updated. Current projects with Homeland Security grant is reverse 911.
- Melody Lucas added a comment about a concern with the rails and an incident that occurred recently with a train and truck at a crossing not covered by lights or gates. With the transport of Ethanol in the county, this small incident precursor to a larger one. June agreed and stated that she was in the process of re-forming a rail safety committee that met several years ago.

Meeting adjourned.

2008 Meeting Dates

December 16

June Mong

Mindy Saylor