



## MINUTES OF LEPC MEETING

August 9th, 2016

### LOCATION:

Montgomery County Public Safety Training Center  
1175 Conshohocken Rd  
Conshohocken, PA 19428

### ATTENDANCE:

#### LEPC Members:

Steve Wittmer, David Brown, Scott Lynch, Jim Fry, Megan Young, Greg Janiec, Tom Garrity, Kathleen McVeigh, Michael Moonblatt, Michael Italia, Michael Jones

#### LEPC/OEP Staff:

Beverlee Stemple, Jason Wilson, Todd Stieritz

#### Visitors:

Jim Weller – Horsham Air Guard

### CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Wittmer called the meeting to order at 1310hrs.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members and visitors were introduced.

A motion was made by Mike Italia, and seconded by Scott Lynch to accept the meeting minutes for June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting as submitted/amended. The question was called for, asked, and approved.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- Chairman Wittmer made a motion to change the future Montgomery County LEPC meeting frequency to quarterly. A vote on this motion would accept the changes pending a review of Act 165 for compliance and coordination with surrounding county LEPC meeting dates. Discussion ensued about the logistics of this change. It was suggested that meetings would remain on the second Tuesday of the month. The frequency change will take place beginning in 2017.
- The meeting schedule for the remainder of 2016 is:
  - Tuesday, September 13, 2016 – Work Group Meeting
  - Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Public Meeting
  - Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Work Group Meeting
  - Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Public Meeting
- Chairman Wittmer asked that John Waters be notified and asked to schedule the meetings and notify LEPC members of final meeting dates. The motion was seconded by Kathleen McVeigh. The motion passed by a majority vote.
- David Brown brought up that per the Pennsylvania Sunshine Law, all public meetings are supposed to be advertised in local newspapers. Chairman Wittmer asked that John Waters be notified and look into this matter.
- Chairman Wittmer requested that the meeting agenda and flow be altered to allow individuals to report out on all topics on which they have input at a single time, instead of the traditional “report of committees”. Chairman Wittmer requested that John Waters reflect this in the agenda for the October 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### **REPORT OF MR. GARRITY**

- The 2016 Fall Semester schedule for the Montgomery County Fire Academy is now available on the county website

#### **REPORT OF MR. BROWN**

- There is currently a paramedic training program running
- There are three (3) upcoming Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) courses scheduled
- There is a transition plan in place to ensure the continuation of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) training throughout the negotiations with the Montgomery County Community College.

#### **REPORT OF MS. STEMPLE**

- 1133 listings in the PATTS system
- 516 active sites (reporting plus planning)
- 268 planning sites
- Mr. Italia and Mr. Fry requested that in the future, a document be sent out before the meeting summarizing this information.
- Mr. Wittmer requested that an annual list of the top 10 or 20 hazardous sites in the county should be produced.

- Mr. Fry made a motion that SARA numbers be sent out in a summary page prior to each meeting. Mr. Italia seconded the motion. The motion passed by majority vote.
- Mr. Wittmer stated that the Working Group Meeting in September will be used to create a “dashboard” to handle this data. The dashboard would cover all compliance concerns. However, Mr. Wittmer reminded that the LEPC is not an enforcement group and needs to focus on what Act 165 says LEPC is.
- Ms. Stemple brought up concerns she has over the escalation process for noncompliant sites. Mr. Wittmer suggested that a Work Group Meeting might be needed to discuss and improve this process.

#### **REPORT OF MR. STIERITZ**

- Mr. Stieritz announced that he would be giving the report on behalf of Mr. Waters.
- The previously announced new meeting dates were restated.
- Emergency Management
  - The Training and Exercise Coordinator position has been filled. The individual will start at the end of August.
  - Interviews for the SARA Reporting Specialist have begun. There is one (1) today and three (3) next week.
- HazMat Team Update
  - Incidents
    - A warehouse fire occurred in a commercial cleaning facility in Lansdale Borough. Only mild detergents were present and were not really involved. The runoff was pH’ed several times throughout the incident and was consistently neutral.
    - A transformer fire occurred in Lower Merion Township. A large trailer mounted generator and transformer were involved. A malfunction in the transformer caused 550 gallons of mineral oil to leak on the ground and into a storm drain. Crews worked to build and underflow dam and booming operations took place downstream in Philadelphia.
  - D4H Technologies program has been delivered. It is an equipment/personnel management and incident reporting software.
- SARA Reporting
  - 344 Reporting sites to date
  - \$125,850 in fees collected to date
  - 19 facilities have not paid yet. Efforts are being made to correct that issue.

#### **NEW BUSINESS/VISITOR COMMENTS**

- Chairman Wittmer requested that “New Business” and “Visitor Comments” be combined.
- Kathleen McVeigh congratulated the Department of Public Safety for expanding and improving the capabilities of the 911 communications system. She noted the installation of the new radio communications towers. Ms. McVeigh went on to outline several training opportunities:
  - Bakken Crude Oil training at the Valley Forge Fire Company on Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016
  - Pennsylvania HazMat Conference is taking place August 25-28<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and the Valley Forge Convention Center

**NEXT MEETING DATES**

- Next Workgroup Meeting – Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- Next Public Meeting – Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**ADJOURNMENT**

- A motion was made by Mike Italia, and seconded by Greg Janiec to adjourn the Montgomery County LEPC meeting for June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The meeting adjourned at 1335hrs.