



## MINUTES OF LEPC MEETING – December 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2016

**\* Note that changers were made to the order of reports in order to accommodate schedules**

### LOCATION:

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

### ATTENDANCE:

#### LEPC Members:

Steve Wittmer, John Corcoran, Jim Fry, Mike Jones, Tom Garrity, Jim Leary, Scott Lynch, Michael Moonblatt, Megan Young, Greg Jeniec

#### OEP Staff:

Bev Stemple, Bill Messerschmidt, Jason Wilson, Brandon Pursell, John Waters, II

### CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Wittmer called the meeting to order at 1300hrs. The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance.

### GUESTS:

Travis Kurtz, Linda Kardos, Jules DiRocco, James Weller, Tony DelBuono, George Henderson, Tom Rafferty, Abraham Maldese

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There was no unfinished business to address.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **The following committees have nothing to report:**

Transportation, Communications, Public Works, SEPA Regional Taskforce, Energy, Human Services, Recovery, Administration and Finance, Logistics, External Affairs

### **Hazardous Materials**

Mr. Waters presented the mission statement of the Hazardous Materials Response Team. He noted that the mission statement was a combined effort between OEM, HMRT, and Director Sullivan. Mr. Waters reported that updates have been made to the HMRT webpage including, pictures, contact information and the mission statement. Mr. Waters then provided a demonstration of D4H for scheduling, incident reporting, and equipment management. Chairman Wittmer inquired about the latest incidents noted on D4H and Mr. Waters elaborated on the three incidents the HMRT responded to since the last meeting. The first response was for a gasoline leak in Whitpain Township. The HMRT then responded to a call on Foundry Road for an unknown odor inside of a building. The third response was for an attempted chemical suicide in Willow Grove. John informed the committee that the HMRT participated in Operation Thunderbolt and showed the committee how the HMRT used D4H to log training prior to Operation Thunderbolt. Mr. Waters reported that he had attended a Table Top Exercise at Villanova University. Mr. Waters went on to demonstrate PEAC WMD and explained how PEAC is capable of identifying SARA facilities along with critical populations and infrastructure surrounding the facility. Mr. Waters noted that the HMRT and members of OEM have access to PEAC. Mr. Waters demonstrated how PEAC is capable of estimating a worst case scenario for a release. Chairman Wittmer asked if Ms. Stemple uploaded the Tier II reports into PEAC. Mr. Waters explained how information is loaded into PEAC. Mr. Waters informed the committee that there are future goals for the system including creating boundaries so that every municipality can only see their facilities. Chairman Wittmer asked if this capability was already built into the system and Mr. Waters informed him that some were and other parts were not. Chairman Wittmer asked Mr. Garrity if PEAC crosswalks with the NFPA. Mr. Garrity said he would have to see if that would be possible. Chairman Wittmer asked if any of the surrounding counties have access to PEAC and Mr. Waters informed Chairman Wittmer that Montgomery County is the only county. Chairman Wittmer asked if Montgomery County was planning on sharing this with the surrounding counties.

### **Fire and Rescue Services**

Mr. Garrity reported that as of November 20<sup>th</sup>, The Fire Academy had offered a total of 423 classes with a total 376 classes ran and 47 classes cancelled. There was a total of 3,037 students, 7,009 enrollments, and an overall total of 56,415 training hours. Mr. Garrity reported that Inforcer Doors had been added to the Smoke Building and Drill Tower, repairs were made to the Burn Building, and a second portable forcible entry prop was procured along with a Bilco door prop. Mr. Garrity noted that the Spring 2017 schedule was online and the print version would be out next week. The catalog would be available by next month. Mr. Garrity informed the committee that the Chief Officers Seminar for 2017 will be held on January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Mr. Garrity listed the speakers that would be presenting and noted that the Urban Search and Rescue along with the Hazardous Materials Response Team would have a breakout session.

Mr. Jones had nothing to report.

### **Public Health and Emergency Medical Services**

Ms. Young reported that the Health Department has a POD contract to make updates on the Health PODS.

### **Emergency Management**

Mr. Wilson reported that OEM is in the process of renewing their mass care plans. Mr. Wilson informed the committee that they are wrapping up a risk and capability assessment with Haystax. This assessment is being completed to meet compliance for the EMAP process. Mr. Wilson went on to explain the benefits that OEM will receive when the final product is complete. Chairman Wittmer asked how this project was funded and Mr. Wilson noted that it was purchased with task force funding. Chairman Wittmer asked Mr. Wilson when they expect to receive the final product. Mr. Wilson informed Chairman Wittmer that they should receive the risk assessment portion by December for and February for capability portion.

### **Hazardous Materials**

Ms. Stemple reported that there were 284 active plans and that there was approximately 99% compliance for the year. Chairman Wittmer asked if there were any additional questions for Ms. Stemple.

Mr. Pursell reported that as of December 12<sup>th</sup>,2016 there was a total income of \$132,000 and that 98% percent of all filed facilities have paid their invoices. Chairman Wittmer asked if there

would be 100% compliance and Mr. Pursell noted that he was actively pursuing the delinquent facilities

**Additional Reports**

Mr. Jeniec informed Mr. Wilson that Dewberry is supposed to hold a Debris Management Training. Mr. Wilson requested that Mr. Jeniec email him the information regarding the training.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Chairman Wittmer asked Mr. Pursell if rooms had been reserved yet for the 2017 Meetings. Mr. Pursell said he could not speak for Mr. Waters but he had not yet reserved rooms for the 2017 meeting dates. Mr. Pursell assured Chairman Wittmer that he would reserve rooms if Mr. Water had not already.

**VISITOR COMMENTS:**

Chairman Wittmer asked if the visitors to the meeting had any comments. Mr. Kurtz asked if the next scheduled meeting was on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February, 2017. The meeting date was confirmed for November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and 1300hrs.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

Tuesday February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 1300hr

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Mr. Lynch and Seconded by John Corcoran to adjourn the Montgomery County LEPC meeting for December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The meeting was adjourned at 1335hrs.