



MINUTES OF LEPC MEETING – February 13th, 2018

LOCATION:

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

ATTENDANCE:

LEPC Members:

Steve Wittmer, Jim Fry, Dave Brown, Armand Alessi, Tom Garrity, Kathleen McVeigh, Megan Young

OEP Staff:

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

CALL TO ORDER:

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

During guest introductions Mary Newsom of the American Red Cross introduced herself. Mary will be replacing Angel Ferris on the committee as the American Red Cross representative.

A motion was made by Tom Garrity and seconded by Dave Brown to accept the meeting minutes for November 11th, 2017 meeting as submitted/amended. The question was called for, asked, and approved.

GUESTS:

Jules DiRocco, Mary Newsom

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Pursell reported that members who volunteered for the LEPC Workgroups will be receiving an email from him in the following weeks to put members in touch with their workgroups. Mr. Pursell asked that each work group nominate a chairperson at that time and email him with their nomination.

Due to the absence of James Weller, Chairman Wittmer asked if the recognition of Mr. Weller's PEMA appointment could be held at the May meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The following committees have nothing to report:

Transportation, Public Works, Law Enforcement, Media, Local Government, Administration and Finance

Due to time constraints, Ms. Young was the first to present her report

Public Health

Ms. Young reported that the Health department has started planning for a SNS/MCM functional exercise in October. The Health department has identified locations on each end of the county. Ms. Young also noted that it is currently flu season and the flu is prominent in Montgomery County.

Hazardous Materials

Mr. Waters reported that he had submitted the 2017 annual report for the Hazardous Material Response team. This report will be pushed to EMCs, EMS and Fire Chiefs. Mr. Waters added that this report will now be produced on an annual basis. Mr. Waters noted that there will be outside vendors coming in for a Drug IQ class and a Propane IQ class. Mr. Waters informed the committee that 2018 goals for the HMRT are to update dispatch procedures, update legacy equipment, and start tracking the nature of calls to identify what the team needs to train for. Lastly Mr. Waters reported that the HMRT will be participating in a live fire training exercise in Delaware County. Chairman Wittmer acknowledged the improvements to the HMRT and asked that the annual report be attached to the minutes.

Mrs. Stemple reported that for Reporting Year 2016, 100% of planning sites are compliant for all 270 planning sites. Ms. Stemple added that for Reporting Year 2017 3% of all plans have been completed for the reporting period. Chairman Wittmer asked Ms. Stemple if she could provide a report of the top 10 chemicals with the highest quantities in Montgomery County.

Mr. Pursell reported that as of February 13th there was a total income of \$3,075.00 in revenue. Mr. Pursell added that there is a total of 196 reporting facilities reporting a total of 277 reportable chemicals. Mr. Pursell noted that invoicing for facilities started later this year due to technical issues with Knowledge Center and the new State system. As of February 1st, the system is back online but still working through minor issues.

Emergency Management

Mr. Wilson reported that the Mass Care Plan is still in process and should be wrapped up by the end of the first quarter of 2018. Mr. Wilson added that the Debris Management Plan is on hold as the region is meeting with the Regional FEMA Coordinator to review the plan. Mr. Wilson noted that this year grant funding should hold steady as compared to the major cut seen last year. Mr. Wilson added and said that there were no cuts and budgeting has been determined. Lastly, Mr. Wilson reported that the UAVS are still awaiting their COA's but have been requested for two separate incidents. The first incident was for a fatal fire in Schwenksville and the second request was for Super Bowl Celebrations in the eastern end of the County.

Fire and Rescue Services

Mr. Garrity began his report with summarizing the events of the Command Officer Seminar on January 27th. Mr. Garrity noted that there were 120 people that attend the event and the coordinators of the seminar received very favorable reviews. Mr. Garrity reported that class 1801 started on January 28th with 58 students. It was noted that this was the largest entry-level firefighter class in several years. Mr. Garrity added that 57 students tested for HazMat Awareness national certification and 56 passed. Mr. Garrity reported that 38 students in class 1705 are completing HazMat operations training and most are expected to test for national certification. Mr. Garrity summarized the classes run in 2017 by noting that 319 classes and drills were attended by 2,887 individuals for a total of 51,047 hours. It was added that 383 students obtained national certification. Although training is down approximately 10% compared to 2017, a five-year trend analysis is positive for enrollments. Mr. Garrity reported that the Fire Academy is working with Mann Woodward Studios to finalize the design of the new confined space prop in the Drill Tower. Mr. Garrity finished his report by noting some courses that are coming up.

First Aid / Health

Mr. Brown reported that EMS have been working with the HMRT on several projects and are near completion with most of them. Mr. Brown added that one of the projects has been training and preparing for fentanyl. Other projects have included using the Physicians Response Team to assist the HazMat Team and working with hospitals to see what their decontamination capabilities are. Chairman Wittmer asked if the LEPC needs to assist with communicating with the Physicians Response Team to make sure they can assist the HMRT. Mr. Brown informed Chairman Wittmer that The Physicians Response Team will go out and practice with the HMRT and the physicians will be equipped with radios so they can communicate with the team

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Pursell presented Service Lapel Pins on behalf of the Montgomery County Department of Public Safety as a token of appreciation for their dedication the LEPC and to Montgomery County. Mr.Pursell informed Chairman Wittmer that all absent members will receive their pins at the May 8th meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Tuesday May 8th, 2018 at 1300hr

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Tom Garrity and Seconded by Kathleen McVeigh to adjourn the Montgomery County LEPC meeting for February 13th, 2018. The meeting was adjourned at 1345hrs.