



## MINUTES OF LEPC MEETING – May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018

### LOCATION:

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

### ATTENDANCE:

#### LEPC Members:

Jim Fry, Tom Garrity, John Corcoran, Greg Janiec, Scott Lynch, Kathleen McVeigh, Megan Young, Don Sirianni

#### OEP Staff:

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

### CALL TO ORDER:

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

A motion was made by John Corcoran and seconded by Scott Lynch to accept the meeting minutes for February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting as submitted/amended. The question was called for, asked, and approved.

### GUESTS:

Jules DiRocco, Mary Elizabeth Newsom

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Mr. Pursell reported that Bev Stemple had been nominated by the planning workgroup to serve as the chair. In addition, Mr. Pursell had noted that Tom Garrity was nominated by the Training workgroup to serve as their chair. Vice Chairman Fry asked that there be a motion to appoint Bev Stemple as the Planning Workgroup Chairperson. A motion was made by Scott Lynch and seconded by Brandon Pursell. Vice Chairman Fry asked for a motion to appoint Tom Garrity as the Training Workgroup Chairperson. A motion was made by Kathleen McVeigh and seconded by Scott Lynch.

Mr. Pursell concluded the unfinished business by presenting service Lapel pins to those LEPC member who were absent at the last meeting.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

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

### **Hazardous Materials**

Mr. Waters reported that HMRT members had attended Hazardous Materials Operations refreshers around the county as a meet and greet. Mr. Waters noted that in February, members of the HMRT attended a chemistry review course as well as tours at JBS and PA American Water Treatment in Norristown. Mr. Waters added that the team recently attended a booby trap class at Arcadia University that was put on by the Montgomery County Bomb Squad. Several members of the team will be attending the HazMat Conference in June down in Baltimore. Mr. Water reported that there are several upcoming trainings including an FBI evidence collection and a live fire training for the foam taskforce. Mr. Waters reported that the HMRT responded to multiple incidents including a complaint of chemicals in a medical drop off box, a leaking above ground storage tank, suspected clandestine lab, radioactive material call, refrigerant leak, and suspected narcotics contamination. Mr. Waters informed the committee that the HMRT will be receiving a new piece of identification equipment called the MX 908. This device can identify trace amounts of chemicals, narcotics, and explosives. Mr. Waters added that the team will also be receiving a new Zumro Technical Decontamination Tent. Mr. Waters reported that a PO has been cut to create two videos for Hazardous Materials Operations Refresher classes. Mr. Sirianni asked if chemical complaints for the medication drop boxes have become a more frequent issue. Mr. Waters added that this was an isolated incident. Ms. McVeigh acknowledged Mr. Waters annual HazMat report and commended him on how well done it was.

Ms. Stemple reported that for Report Year 2016 there was 100% compliancy from planning facilities and Extremely Hazardous Substance are up 10%. Ms. Stemple added that for Report

Year 2017 1% of facilities did not meet the March 1<sup>st</sup> requirement and 25% of plans have been completed.

Mr. Pursell reported that as of May 8<sup>th</sup>, there was a total income of \$115,625 with an additional \$4,380.95 in HazMat reimbursement. Mr. Pursell added that there was a records request by Aqua PA to view Tier II reports for specific facilities that are upstream from their drinking water intakes for a source water vulnerability assessment.

### **Emergency Management**

Mr. Wilson reported that a mass care planning meeting took place a few weeks ago to discuss findings. Mr. Wilson added that there was a debris management plan meeting to discuss contractors and /or vendors for the surrounding counties.

### **Fire and Rescue Services**

Mr. Garrity reported that the Fire Academy is currently working on the Fall Training Schedule and is planning to release it on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Garrity also noted that repairs are being made to the Burn Building, Smoke House, and Drill Tower. It is anticipated that all repairs would be completed by the end of May. Mr. Garrity reported that the Fire Academy has completed its second Pilot Vehicle Rescue Technician testing on April 7<sup>th</sup> and approval from the PA State Fire Academy is expected sometime this summer. Mr. Garrity noted that Entry Level Firefighting Class 1705 will be graduating this Wednesday. Mr. Garrity added that the men and women of this graduating class will serve as firefighters in 27 volunteer combination fire companies in Montgomery, Chester, Berks, and Delaware County. Lastly, Mr. Garrity reported that to date this year, the Fire Academy has had 2,775 enrollments for 1,705 students totaling 22,477 hours of training. Over 1,000 of those students took a Hazardous Materials course that totals almost 7,000 hours of training.

### **Public Health**

Ms. Young reported that the Health Department is still planning for the SNS exercise in October. In addition, Ms. Young reported that a tabletop exercise was conducted in March in Upper Providence Township and there is another table top exercise coming up in Upper Moreland.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Pursell noted that he will be reaching out to the workgroup chairs to assign projects.

### **VISITOR COMMENTS:**

Mr. Dirocco announced that Delaware County has launched an All Hazards School Initiative for grades six through 8. Mr. Dirocco added that this initiative was done under a U.S. DOT grant and that they will post the findings once completed.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

Tuesday August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 1300hr

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Scott Lynch and Seconded by John Corcoran to adjourn the Montgomery County LEPC meeting for May 8th, 2018. The meeting was adjourned at 1332hrs.