



MINUTES OF LEPC MEETING – August 14th, 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, Jim Weller, Armand Alessi, Mike Jones

OEP Staff:

Bev Stemple, Brandon Pursell, John Waters, II

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Chairman Fry called the meeting to order at 1301 hrs. The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Pursell noted that there were two corrections made to the minutes that were pointed out by Mr. Corcoran. Ms. Stemple also added a correction to be made to her report in the minutes. A motion was made by Greg Janiec and seconded by Jim Weller to accept the meeting minutes for May 8th, 2018 meeting as submitted/amended. The question was called for, asked, and approved.

GUESTS:

Jules DiRocco, Marc Brenner, Josh Baker, George Dula

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Pursell reported that the Training and Planning Workgroups have chairpersons that have been nominated and voted in by the committee. Mr. Pursell said that he will be reaching out to members of the Outreach Workgroup to select a chair to nominate so that the committee can move forward with delegating tasks to each workgroup.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:**The following committees have nothing to report:**

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

Hazardous Materials

Mr. Waters reported that members of the Hazardous Materials Response Team attended a live fire training exercise in Delaware County. Additionally, 6 members went to the IFC in Baltimore. Mr. Waters noted that all members of the HMRT have been trained on the new High-Pressure Mass Spectrometry Device (MX908). Mr. Waters reported that Larry Bak from Delaware County did a propane tanker case study. The Hazardous Materials Response Team will be running a Hazardous Materials Technician Class this fall. The Course is free to new members of the team. Mr. Waters added that the HRMT had recently been on several calls including a possible fentanyl exposure in Douglass, explosion at a facility in Whitemarsh, refrigerant leak in Lower Merion, home heating oil leak in Plymouth, unknown substance in a creek in Lower Moreland, and exposure to Ammonium Hydroxide in Pottstown.

Ms. Stemple reported that 74 percent of all planning sites have been reviewed for the year. Ms. Stemple reported that Extremely Hazardous Substances (EHS) Chemicals are on a decline in Montgomery County.

Mr. Pursell reported that as of August 13th there was a total income of \$120,725 in SARA revenue. Mr. Pursell Added that there was an additional \$4,380.95 in HazMat reimbursement. There is an overall total of 484 reporting facilities, of which 237 are planning facilities. Mr. Pursell reported that he has been working with Knowledge Center to import facilities that are still filing for the year. Due to importing issues with the system, he is unable to manually import data like before. Mr. Pursell has been trying to get in touch with facilities that still need to file for the year. Lastly, Mr. Pursell reported that over the past few months he had attended a

Radiological Train the Trainer course in June and just recently attended a Hazardous Materials Code Enforcement course at the National Fire Academy.

Fire and Rescue Services

Mr. Garrity reported that the Fall Training schedule is available online and copies were mailed to each fire company. Repairs to the burn building and drill tower have been completed. Mr. Garrity added that the floor of the cafeteria was currently being replaced and they are awaiting delivery of a new storage shed. Mr. Garrity reported that the Fire Department of Montgomery Township had donated 1,200 feet of used 5-inch hose line to the Fire Academy. Mr. Garrity noted that the PA State Fire Academy had approved Montgomery County Fire Academy to test for Vehicle Rescue Technician national certification. Mr. Garrity also noted that in July there was a combined graduation for classes 1801-1803. There were 51 students in the 3 classes and represented 35 different volunteer fire companies from Montgomery, Chester, and Delaware Counties. Lastly, Mr. Garrity reported that 81 students completed entry-level fire training. There have been 4,531 enrollments for 2,323 students totaling 37,649 hours of training. Over 1,200 students took hazardous materials courses that totaled almost 9,500 hours of training. 140 students achieved national certification in either HazMat Awareness, HazMat Operations or both.

Public Health

Ms. Young reported that she is preparing to do 2 full scale exercises in October for the Office of Health PODS. They will be dispensing preparedness brochures from the PODs during the exercise. The exercise will take place on October 6th and October 20th.

Fire Chiefs Association

Mr. Jones reported that the Foam Task Force training was very successful. Local Departments had the opportunity to exercise the knowledge they gained from their time at Texas A&M. The training also allowed the departments to identify short falls where they can improve.

ADDITIONAL REPORTS:

Civil Defense

Mr. Weller Reported That he had been involved in preparing for a National Level Exercise. He had been deployed with the Homeland Response Force for Region 3. This team is capable of CBRNE response as well as rescue.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Waters gave a briefing on the release of the hazmat study that had recently been completed. Mr. Waters reported that the HMRT will be putting together a study implementation workgroup to begin implementing the recommendations listed in the study. Vice Chairman Fry asked for a target date to have all implementations targets completed. Mr. Waters stated that the process will take between 3 and 5 years. Mr. Jones noted that that target dates had been listed in the study. Mr. Jones added that the last study that took place was very successful and added that this study will be just as successful by its completion.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Mr. Dula noted that the struggles listed in the hazmat study are not unique to just the Montgomery County Hazardous materials Response Team. Mr. Dula added that many hazardous materials response teams struggle with the same issues listed. Vice Chairman Fry asked Mr. Waters if he could include an update on how they study implementations are progressing.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Tuesday November 13th, 2018 at 1300hr

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Scott Lynch and Seconded by John Corcoran to adjourn the Montgomery County LEPC meeting for August 14th, 2018. The meeting was adjourned at 1332hrs.