

Warren County LEPC Meeting Minutes 9/16/2021

LEPC members in Attendance: Melissa Bour, Sydney Renner, Emily Reynolds, John Franks, Amos Johnson, Katie Thielmeyer, Mike Hannigan, Dustin Ratliff, Brooke Matzen, Steve Renniger, Lesli Holt, Kay Vonderschmidt

<p>Welcome and Introductions</p>	<p>DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION: John Franks introduced himself and welcomed those in attendance. John thanked the group for being flexible and attending both in person and meeting virtually. Members in attendance introduced themselves. Because there were more members than non-members present a quorum was reached.</p>	<p>RECOMMENDATION/ACTION: None</p>
<p>Review of Previous Meeting Minutes</p>	<p>DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION: John Franks reported that the previous meeting minutes were sent out to the LEPC members for review. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes made by Mike Hannigan, Seconded by Dustin Ratliff. No oppositions.</p>	<p>RECOMMENDATION/ACTION: None</p>
<p>Reports:</p>	<p>DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION:</p> <p><u>LEPC Coordinator Update:</u> 2rd quarter hazmat stats reported by Sydney Renner, listed below.</p> <p><u>EMA Update:</u> Emily Reynolds introduced as Emergency Plans assistant by Sydney Renner. Update given by Sydney Renner on promulgation of EOP Base Plan.</p> <p><u>SERC:</u> No representative present.</p> <p><u>Ohio EPA:</u> No representative present.</p> <p><u>Greater Cincinnati Hazmat:</u> Brooke Matzen reported that if anyone has any training needs to contact GC Hazmat. GCHMU is willing to assist with exercise planning. Command 400 or other Hazmat resources are available for training.</p> <p><u>Warren County Health District:</u> Dustin Ratliff reported WCHD is continuing on COVID response. The county has experienced a significant increase in outbreaks now that school has started. They have increased their staffing specific to schools and outbreak response. Continuously working with case investigations and contact tracing, more outbreaks in childcare settings. Providing education on this to appropriate parties. Hospitals have seen increase in COVID patients in med surge and ICU. Efforts to monitor and track disease investigations will continue.</p>	<p>RECOMMENDATION/ACTION: None</p>

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New Business:		
LEPC Membership for Term of June 2021 - 2023	<p>DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION:</p> <p>John Franks reported that David Wood, former LEPC Chair, resigned his position with Warren County EMA, effective July 2021. Since he resigned, the current LEPC chair position is vacant. Warren County EMA has hired Sydney Renner as the new LEPC / Grants Coordinator. In this position, she would be a member of the Warren County LEPC (pending approval).</p> <p>Mr. Franks reported that the LEPC needs to consider Sydney Renner's LEPC membership request for approval and the LEPC needs to vote in a new chairperson.</p> <p>Lesli Holt motioned to approve Sydney Renner as a member of the Warren County LEPC. John Franks Seconded. Motion Passed. EMA will send copies of these minutes to the Warren County Commissioners to approve Sydney's membership on the LEPC.</p> <p>Election of new LEPC chairperson: Brook Matzen motioned to nominate Sydney Renner as the Warren County LEPC Chairperson, pending her membership approval by the Commissioners, seconded by Melissa Bour, no opposition. Motion passed.</p> <p>Remaining officers: Vice Chair – John Franks will retain position.</p> <p>Secretary – Lesli Holt will retain position.</p>	RECOMMENDATION/ACTION:
Hazardous materials spills and events for Warren County	<p>DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION: Sydney Renner reported on spills and occurrences during 2nd qtr 2021.</p> <p>The 2nd Qtr Hazmat Stats reported to the EMA are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Odor of gas in a structure - 10 • Odor of gas outside – 13 • Gas line strikes – 8 • Fuel spills - 3 	RECOMMENDATION/ACTION:
		<p>EMA will send LEPC membership request for Sydney Renner to the Commissioners for approval by resolution.</p> <p>Once approved, EMA will send copy of signed resolution and updated LEPC membership list (with Sydney Renner listed as the new chairperson) to the SERC for approval.</p> <p>None.</p>

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	<p>Other: OIL SPILLED ON THE ROAD IN DEERFIELD TWP (HANDLED BY FIRE). CALL LISTED AS EXPLOSION IN Springboro (turned out to be a gas leak) 50 GALLONS NON pcb OIL SPILLED (HANLDED BY FIRE DEPT)</p> <p><u>Calls of note:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 75 – 100 gallons of fuel spilled in ditchline heading toward creek (Clearcreek Twp). EMA spoke with battalion on scene and hooked them up with Ohio EPA on response and cleanup. • 90 gallons of diesel fuel spilled as a result of vehicle accident (EPA engaged and went to survey scene). • Dispatch Supervisor Holtel noticed a trend in gas line strikes in Springboro (same caller two days in a row). He reported it to EMA. On the third day the company struck a gas line again. EMA contacted Duke Energy and Ohio Utilities Protection Service (OUPS) to address the issue with the contractor and make sure the area they were working was appropriately marked to avoid future gas line strikes. Duke investigated, found the contractor was using equipment they were asked not to use (due to throwing materials that cause gas line strikes). They addressed the contractor and the gas line strikes in the area ended. 	
<p>Roundtable Discussion: Partner Updates</p>	<p>DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION:</p> <p>Telecom: Paul Kindell spoke about requirements from MARCS for link layer authentication. He will be following up with individual radio users.</p> <p>Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bill Romain discussed COVID surge in employees, increased number of contact quarantines. - Dan with Proctor and Gamble discussed increase in packages from UPS/FedEx with leaking fluids, handled by internal hazmat team. Kay spoke on EMS treatments and considerations for pesticide exposure. <p>Sheriff's Office: No representative present.</p> <p>Commissioner's Office: No representative present.</p> <p>Hospitals: Kay discussed surge in hospital COVID cases. Hospitals have moved towards virtual exercises.</p>	<p>RECOMMENDATION/ACTION:</p> <p>None.</p>

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	<p>USEPA: Steve Renninger discussed plans over the next few months for expanding oil spill response area up to the Little Miami watershed.</p> <p>Fire: Nothing to report.</p> <p>Weather Service: Nothing new. Staffing changes discussed. Tom Johnstone is the new Meteorologist in Charge (MIC) for NWS Wilmington. New Lead Forecaster is Kristen Cassidy.</p> <p>Red Cross: No representatives present.</p>	
<p>LEPC Education: Local Government Reimbursement Program</p>	<p>DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION:</p> <p><u>UAS 500</u> Presented by Chief Amos Johnson and Katie Thielmeyer</p> <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Drone capabilities including but not limited to scene safety and situational awareness on structure fires, wide area search, police investigation assistance, SWAT call outs, arson investigations. - Rapid deployment, able to get drones in the air in approx. 1-2 minutes after on scene arrival - Thermal imaging capabilities - Live stream features up to six drone cameras - Limitations with extreme temperatures - Requested by calling Hamilton County Communications Center. - Over 30 dispatches since being considered a regional resource. - Able to coordinate drones with hazmat response reducing response time, number of personnel in the hot zone, and equipment costs. - Working on the capability to perform remote metering and air sampling using UAS drones. 	<p>RECOMMENDATION/ACTION:</p> <p>None.</p>
<p>Next LEPC Meeting</p>	<p>Next meeting is December 16th, 2021 from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. LEPC members have been asked to produce goals for 2022. Details will be sent out at a later date.</p>	
<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>Motion to adjourn was made by Dustin Ratliff. Seconded by Mike Hannigan. Meeting Adjourned at 14:32</p>	