

**Darke County LEPC Minutes
June 19, 2007**

This meeting of the Board Members of the Darke County LEPC was called to order at Wayne Hospital at 10:02 am by Vice-Chairman Roger VanFrank. Mindy Saylor took roll call. The minutes of March 20, 2007 meeting were presented for review. Jim Schaar made a motion to accept the minutes, Tim Gade 2nd the motion, all in favor, motion passed, minutes accepted.

Treasurer's report:

- Mark Wolf presented this report. Balance as of May 31, 2007 was \$50,093.48. YTD expenses of \$11,531.01 and receipts are \$20,681.28. Each member was given a detailed print out of the LEPC fund. Terry Holman made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Bob Dietrich 2nd that motion, all in favor, motion passed, and Treasurer's report accepted.

Coordinator's report:

- HazMat training attached
- August 8th will be the SERC meeting which precedes the LEPC Conference on August 9th at the Fire Academy in Columbus.
- The HMEP Planning Funds have been requested

Melody's Report:

- After spending time cleaning up the CAMEO Program – To date Darke County has 133 active facilities. Of those, 19 are government exempt, 28 are EHS and 21 are negative filers. Still working on 3 facilities that have not filed.
- Melody is working with other agencies in putting together a Hazard Assessment for the new Ethanol Plant.
- Working on putting the Citizen Corp training curriculum together. The 2nd Volunteer Consortium meeting is scheduled for tonight at 6:30 at the Red Cross office.
- Melody attended the HazMat Tech refresher class on 5/20/07

Old Business:

- The full scale, hazardous materials exercise on 5/5/07 has been concurred with by the State. This exercise focused on 8 objectives and involved multiple departments, agencies and BASF. A few issues were exposed and are being addressed.
- The construction of the new EMA facility is moving forward. Bids for the project are to be opened on July 11, 2007.

New Business:

- The HazMat trailer that was housed in Arcanum has been moved to Pittsburg because of insurance issues.
- The bi-annual Organizational Meeting of the LEPC will be held on July 17, 2007 at the Nature Center at 10:00 am.

Members Comments:

- Bob Dietrich, Midmark has completed the notification system for fire and weather.
- Lynne Gump, American Red Cross commented on the HazMat Exercise that they worked with 2 other chapters and multiple organizations including Amateur radio and the MRC in testing their capacities. They fed 125 people and were pleased with their new partnerships. Also, they are almost complete with the Shelter Trailer that was donated to them which will hold supplies to shelter 50 families. They have completed CPR and First Aid training at Midmark and GTI.
- Melody said she hoped to have the Hazard Assessment for the new Ethanol plant done soon as to respond to some editorials in the paper from concerned citizens.

- Cheryl Batten – BASF is working on certification in Responsible Care, similar to ISO certs. They will have an internal audit in August and the certification audit sometime next year. They have 2 employees attending advanced hazmat training.
- Terry Holman, The Health Department has only received 7 complaints in reference to the smoking ban. The new sewage laws for Ohio are being rescinded and changed back to the old ways for possibly a couple of years. They are working on the required ICS training for the staff.
- Tim Gade, the Darke County Nursing Home Administrators group would like to look at a table top exercise to look at the needs of Darke County Nursing homes in a disaster. Their next meeting is Friday, October 6, 2007 at 12:00 at CJ Highmarks.
- Tammy Beanblossom – Wayne Hospital has employed an architect for their upcoming renovations. The ground breaking date should be coming soon. A meeting was held with multiple agencies to look at the Special needs population. Storage of the 50 cots and mass cache will be in the basement of the medical building.
- Beth Davenport of Darke Rural Electric that they are continuing to rebuild old lines. In 2008 they will begin a new work plan. The DP&L peaking unit on Sebring Warner Road has been purchased by Buckeye Power, an energy cooperative. They are taking applications for the Operation Round-up, were customers have their bills rounded up and the money is distributed to non-profit organizations, groups and individuals.
- Tal Mong, Darke County HazMat told the group that there was a diesel spill in Union City Indiana they responded to. About 30-40 gallons was spilled. They are also looking into EMS HazMat training and would like to have a Trench Rescue course. About the HazMat exercise he stated they would like to get more EMS on board and he commended the Red Cross for doing an excellent job.
- Jim Schaar stated the Environmental Council sponsored the tire recycling which went very well, taking in about 12,000 tires. The community service program helped out and the workers received credit for time and a half.
- Roger VanFrank said the Park District was able to dispose of 97 tires which came from areas they have cleaned up. The new shelter is completed which was a project with Greenville City Schools. They are hosting about a thousand kids this summer with their camps and activities.
- Mark Wolf, Chief of Greenville Fire stated that the plans for the Ethanol plant will be completed before they begin operations. Running at maximum capacity they would have about 10 rail cars per day. With the smoking ban they have seen an increase in mulch and trash fires. The location of the final outdoor warning siren has been decided to be on E Main Street between the Post Office and Colony. With this addition that would cover the City of Greenville with ½ mile per siren. The specifications on the sirens are at 1 mile. He also felt the HazMat exercise went well and exposed some areas that could use improvement.

Program:

- John Butterworth, Terrorism Prevention Ohio Homeland Security spoke to the group about the Ohio Homeland Security and their focuses. They have many areas of their public outreach including multicultural affairs, Ohio Response Plan with resources online, the Fusion Center which is located next to the EOC in Columbus and the Contact Information Management System which is a web-based program.

Meeting adjourned.

2007 Meeting Dates

Organizational Meeting July 17 @ Nature Center 10:00 am

September 18 @ OSU Extension Office 10:00 am

December 18