

Darke County LEPC Minutes
December 14th, 2021

This meeting of the Board Members of the Darke County LEPC was called to order at the Darke County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management at 10:00 am by President Matt Aultman. Josh Haney took the roll call. The minutes of September 21st, 2021 meeting were presented for review Terry Holman made a motion to accept the minutes, Jim Schaar 2nd the motion, all in favor, motion passed, minutes accepted.

Treasurer's report:

- Reviewed the detailed expense and income information. A copy was provided to all. Terry Holman made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Jim Schaar 2nd, all in favor, report accepted.

Old Business:

- We did a review of the Hazardous Response Plan and submitted it to Ohio EMA. They accepted our submission and concurred with the plan. That letter is attached to your information packet.

New Business:

- We advertised for the LEPC Planner/Inspector position and Kevin Subler from Greenville Fire Department applied. We met with him and offered him the position and he accepted. He will start the first of the year. We are excited to have Kevin on board. I think he will be a great fit.
- There's a printout in your pack in reference to a free program through CISA called ChemLock. Its designed to help with chemical security. I will send information out electronically upon request.
- They are removing 3G towers so any 3G devices will become inoperable. This will affect more then phones. Your medical devices, home security systems and vehicles could all be impacted. AT&T is shutting down as early as February 2022.

Members Comments:

- Mark Whittaker, we still have a staffing shortage in the jail. Our staffing in the dispatch center is improving. We have two spots that we would like to fill in dispatch and no new applications for the jail. The sheriff has retired since the last time we spoke. The Commissioners and Republican Committee appointed me as the acting sheriff. I will seek the republican nomination for the general election.
- Scott Hill, we have been very busy. We have stopped all elective surgeries due to staffing issues. We don't have enough staff to keep up with the number of patients in the hospital. We have seen an increase in psychiatric patients.
- Vince Moncado, the Andersons is having staffing issues as well. Mostly on the operations and maintenance side. We are adding some equipment.
- Andy Williams, we have had a small staff turn over this year. This year marks the end of 3 years' worth of upgrades.
- Marc Cantrell, November has been very busy. We have seen a lot of fires across our region.

- Jerry Miller, there has been some changes in the level of service that we are going to perform during snow and ice operations. From 11pm-5am our trucks will be out but they will not be spraying any materials. That is a directive from Columbus. We are also down a driver this year. The round about is still on track to begin this summer. Construction should last about 3 months.
- Terry Holman, the health department is staying busy. The COVID numbers are going up in our area. The last two weeks has shown an increase. The school case numbers have increased as well. About 39% of the county is vaccinated which puts us in the lower half of the state.
- Matt Aultman, the commissioner's office is working through appropriations. We have been dealing with the solar farm that is looking to come into Darke County. It will be approximately 1800 acers of panels. We are being told that they will apply the first quarter of next year. One commissioner will get to be on the state hearing board.

Respectfully Submitted:

Josh Haney

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