

Darke County LEPC Minutes
September 15th, 2020

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 Mike Rhoades. Josh Haney took the roll call. The minutes of July 21st, 2020 meeting were presented for review Jim Schaar made a motion to accept the minutes, Terry Holman 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:

- Communication Advisory Committee Update – The dispatchers at the Sheriff's office are attending a power phone training. When someone calls 911 and they have a medical emergency the dispatcher will be prompted to enter a code that will then prompt them to give instructions to the caller from a pop up window on the screen.
- We are still waiting for our exercise requirement for LEPC and HazMat. We had to cancel our last exercise because of the pandemic. We still do not have any direction from SERC who over sees that program. We are unsure where this stands at this point. SERC has created a committee to go to legislation and try to get the language changed.

Training Updates:

- There are some ICS-300 and 400 scheduled in the area. There are some virtual classes scheduled as well.
- The LEPC conference is virtual this year on October 14th. The fall Ohio EMA directors conference is also virtual and we have already been told that our spring directors conference will be virtual as well.

New Business:

- We did some basic updates to the plan. We are required to update this plan every 3 years. Mark Whittaker made a motion to accept the plan, Jim Schaar 2nd the motion, all in favor, motion passed, plan accepted.
- We are holding steady with our SERC grant. Last year it was a little higher due to some first time filers.
- Ken Johnson has requested that we find a replacement for him due to some scheduling conflicts. Ken will assist in training a new person. We will need to review the job description and see what we need to do to fill that position. I would like to have this addressed prior to the next filing year which will start in February. If anybody knows anyone who might be interested, please let us know. It is a part time position mainly dealing with SERC filings and exercise planning.

Members Comments:

- Jeff Yantis, the village of Gordon is in desperate need of a clerk. If anyone knows of anyone that could do this, please let me know.
- Van Spitler, Wayne Hospitals drive thru rates are continually going down. Our ER is up and down. We have been seeing anywhere between 50-60 patients. Our mental health patients have increased since COVID started. Our PPE level is somewhat at a comfortable level.
- Vince Moncado, we had a mock spill drill with the USEPA. We done this through a Teams meeting. The first week of November we will have our shutdown. We do 2 shutdowns a year 1 in spring and 1 in the fall. It will get us ready for winter months.
- Mike Colomarino, we have done a lot of landscaping around the bike trail by Maid rite. The parks are still open and we have seen an increase in people using them.
- Terry Holman, Flu season is coming up. We will be doing a drive thru practice next month. Corona virus, we are prepping for that vaccine may be available before the end of the year. Both vaccines may be a frozen vaccine so that creates some issues. So far we have had 737 positive cases, 24 of those are probable. 36 deaths and 72 hospitalizations. Currently we have 72 active cases out in the community. The majority of what we have now is friends and family spread. Anywhere between 30-50% refuse to cooperate with tracers.
- Jim Schaar, Household hazardous waste is coming up on October 15th.
- Amanda Browne, we are still responding to spills. They have changed our protocol to minimize our contact with people. We are working from home. They are prioritizing spills in waterways right now.
- Marc Cantrell, ARC has a lot of people deployed at this time. We are still working in the virtual setting for the offices. We are still doing CPR classes so those are still available. You can register online for those. There are a lot of blood drives going on.
- Mike Rhoades, we had a pre bid meeting for the taxiway at the airport. We had 18 contractors show up and 14 of them bid. They will be starting on this project by the end of the year.

Respectfully Submitted:

Josh Haney

