

Darke County LEPC Minutes

September 16, 2025

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 10:05 am by Vice-Chairman Brian Phillips. Chairman Matt Aultman arrived a few minutes later. The minutes of June 17, 2025 meeting were presented for review Jordan Francis made a motion to accept the minutes, Russ Thompson 2nd the motion, all in favor, motion passed, minutes accepted.

Treasurer's report:

- Mindy Saylor reviewed the detailed expense and income information. A copy was provided to all. Jordan Francis made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report Russ Thompson 2nd, all in favor, report accepted.

Old Business

- Hazardous Materials Full-Scale Exercise 6/7/2025 SERC Compliance letter received dated 8/13/25
- Appointment of LEPC Membership 2025-2027 approved 8/13/25

New Business

- SFY26 SERC Grant Award received \$21,815
- EMA/LEPC Annual Contract was presented for approval. Jordan Francis made a motion to accept, Russ Thompson 2nd the motion, all in favor, contract approved.
- Hazardous Materials Contingency Plan
Annual review with no changes – updated 2024 – Russ Thompson made a motion to approve the no change, Jordan Francis 2nd, motion approved.
- SFY24 Compliance Report was completed and submitted to the Ohio SERC
- Current drought conditions were presented showing an abnormally dry condition for Darke County. This map is updated weekly.

LEPC Planner Report

- Kevin Subler – Discussed the start of planning for the next Hazardous Materials Exercise.

Members Comments:

- Chief Thompson – The County Fire Training Facility construction is beginning with an anticipated completion in June 2026.
- BASF – Normal production continues. Todd Denniston is retiring.
- Michael Colamarino – Evening on the Prairie in October. Covered bridge construction continues along with maintenance of other structures.
- ODOT: Preparing for winter has started, mowing continues and there may be some small culvert replacements this fall.
- Krista Unger –(emailed the following) Upcoming events – Tire collection 9/17, Household Hazardous Waste 10/5, Shred Day 10/11 and DEA Drug Day 10/25
- Jeff Yantis – The Amateur Radio group repeater has had some issue arise so they may need access to the equipment in the Sheriff's Office.

- Sam Reed – The Region 3 Strike Team responded to Auglaize County to assist with a structure collapse. The team includes members from the Greenville Fire Dept. and the assistance was spoken very highly of by the St. Mary's Fire Chief.
- Lt. Ben Boyer – Greenville Police Dept. would like more information on upcoming training.
- Ken Johnson – Ken continues to work on updating MARCS radios and is working on developing a PACE Communication Plan – Primary, Alternate, Contingency and Emergency. Studies have shown that having 1 backup system is potentially not enough.
- Andy Williams – Buckeye Power is under normal operations.
- Lee Harmon – Edison State has training space available if needed.
- Commissioner Aultman – Introduced Commissioner Aaron Flatter to the committee. Countywide internet is nearing completion. The Darke County Airport has a fly-in open house on 9/20/25. There was addition discussion regarding the real estate tax reform that could go to voters as soon as May 2026.

Respectfully Submitted:

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