

## **Darke County LEPC Minutes**

### **March 18, 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 10:02 am by Chairman Matt Aultman. The minutes of September 17, 2024 meeting were presented for review Jordan Francis made a motion to accept the minutes, Kevin Subler 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. Jordan Francis made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report Kevin Subler 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, report accepted.

#### **Old Business**

- The Hazardous Response plan was updated and submitted for review. The updated plan was approved by the Ohio SERC at the December 2024 meeting. The plan is required to be updated every three years.
- The Commodity Flow Study has been completed and received. Kevin is working on a condensed overview to share out with partner agencies.

#### **New Business**

- A full-scale Hazardous Materials exercise is scheduled for Saturday, June 7, 2025 in partnership with the Anderson's.
- Annually the DC LEPC pays a portion of the SERC Grant to Darke County Fire Chief's Association for use by the HazMat Team. Jim Bowell made a motion to pay \$1,200.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jordan Francis, all in favor, motion accepted.
- This week is Spring Severe Weather Awareness Week. Mindy advised if any facility needed assistance in determining safe shelter areas to contact her. Everyone is encouraged to participated in the state-wide tornado drill on Wednesday at 9:50 AM and the County outdoor warning sirens will NOT be activated as they are tested monthly.
- 2025 is a re-organizational year for the LEPC. If anyone is interested in joining the Executive Board please reach out. This will be presented at the June meeting.

#### **LEPC Planner Report**

- Kevin Subler – SERC Tier II filings are almost all received from required reporters. He has reached out to 10 facilities reminding them.

#### **Members Comments:**

- Cpt Trissel – The Sheriff's Office has been busy. There was a shooting involving a fatal traffic crash that they are currently investigating.
- Neil Yockey – OEMA Radiological Branch is working through the regional EMA staff to collect Rad Meters to be recalibrated which will take 4-6 weeks beginning in July.
- Jean Cline – The American Red Cross has provided 55 smoke alarms, opened 6 cases for 15 clients for Darke County since July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- BASF is undergoing a name change to BASF Coatings. They are adding to their EHS personnel and have some additional projects in the planning stage.

- John Pequignot: The Anderson's completed training with Greenville and Greenville Twp Fire Dept. Spring shutdown will begin 4/7 and they will have a lot of contractors on site.
- Michael Colamarino – Park District has several projects at Bears Mill. There will be two electric vehicle charging stations installed at Bish Discovery Center very soon. They are working with Upper Valley JVS to conduct prairie burns and conducting a public survey.
- ODOT: Inspectors are out checking all the culverts in the County. Repairs at 722 should be completed very soon. There will repairs on the 127 bypass which will cause 1 lane closure. The round-about on 121 with super loads issues have somewhat improved now that the Indiana construction is complete.
- Commissioner Aultman – Darke County will be tearing down a building on 5<sup>th</sup> Street behind Wayne Theater and the old terminal at the Airport. County-wide interned is about 75% complete and they are working through signal issues on the Western side of the County. Avian Flu continues to be identified in Darke and Mercer County. Estimates of county financial loss of one billion dollars by June.

Respectfully Submitted:

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