

Darke County LEPC Minutes

September 24, 2026

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 Chairman Matt Aultman. The minutes of March 26, 2026 meeting were presented for review Ben Boyer made a motion to accept the minutes, Robert David 2nd the motion, all in favor, motion passed, minutes accepted.

Treasurer's report:

- Chairman Matt Aultman reviewed the detailed expense and income information. A copy was provided to all. Lee Harmon made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report Tom Huff 2nd, all in favor, report accepted.

Old Business

- Hazardous Materials Contingency Plan review was recommended for approval to SERC
- HMEP Grant Training Courses Applied for Year 2
 - HazMat IQ – Above/Below the Line
 - HazMat IQ Detecting and Monitoring
 - Full Scale Exercise
 - Hospital 1st Receiver Training (added on)

New Business

- LEPC Planner Position Vacancy
- Annual Compliance Report Submitted to Ohio SERC
- Weather/Flooding Update – Darke County has not had any major flooding and had 1 property with significant roof damage.
- Communications Information – There have been some reports of MARCS radios having “out of range” issues. Encryption which would make radio traffic private, is being discussed both countywide and statewide.
- ICS 300 11/6/26 – 11/8/26 @ Greenville Twp Emergency Services
- ICS 400 12/5/26 – 12/6/26 @ Greenville Twp Emergency Services

Members Comments:

- DC Health Dept – Onsite flu clinics are available
- BASF – Sale is complete and will operate as Surventis.
- PUCO – Pairing with local law enforcement to decrease cases of distractive driving. Changes to CDL license requirements. PHMSA increased the transport limits of lithium batteries. Reminder to be cautious of incidents with contractor vehicles that are likely to have batteries in them.
- Ohio EPA – There are reports of delays in the spill reporting hotline.
- Michael Colamarino – The Darke County Parks has fall event. They are behind on moving and working on maintenance projects. Hiring a full time maintenance position.
- ODOT: Big thank you to the Sheriff's Office for their support on the 127/36 repairs. Projects scheduled for 503 and 49 South. Mowing will begin again soon and they are preparing trucks for winter inspection.

- Whirlpool: Maintenance projects – switch gear changes, half the building without power.
- ARES: Jeff appreciates the assistance in getting the repeater repaired and now they are dealing with interference from an unknown source.
- Edison State – Lee Harmon stated fall semester enrolment is up and a nursing wing has opened at the Piqua campus. They are willing to host trainings if needed.
- The Anderson's – Corn is starting to be received. They added 2 tanks that are not complete yet.
- Greenville Police – Lt Boyer thanked Ken Johnson for his assistance with their MARCS radios.
- Greenville Twp – National Child Safety month is ongoing. They have a small supply of free car seats per quarter for those that are WIC eligible. They offer free car seat installation and checks.
- Commissioner Aultman – Building Regulations office opens 10/1/26 at the Garst building. Work is ongoing addressing zoning and Date Centers with fourteen of twenty townships zones. The County is looking at law firms for representation on the high voltage power lines.
- Solid Waste District: Upcoming events
 - Household Hazardous Waste 10/3/2026
 - Paper Shred Day 10/10/2026
 - DEA Drug Day 10/24/2026

Respectfully Submitted:

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