

Darke County LEPC Minutes March 26, 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 10:01 am by Chairman Matt Aultman. The minutes of September 16, 2025 meeting were presented for review Russ Thompson made a motion to accept the minutes, Ben Boyer 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. Lee Harmon made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report Russ Thompson 2nd, all in favor, report accepted.

Old Business

- Hazardous Materials Contingency Plan submission was approved by the Ohio SERC

New Business

- Hazardous Materials TTX is scheduled for 4/27/2026
- Annually the DC LEPC pays a portion of the SERC Grant to Darke County Fire Chief's Association for use by the HazMat Team. Dylan Didier made a motion to pay \$1,200.00, 2nd by Jeff Yantis, all in favor, motion accepted.
- HMEP Grant Training Courses
 - Spill Responses & Tactics – 2/28/2026
 - Modern Day Decon – 4/25/2026
 - HazMat Technician – (w/Preble County) 3/21/2026
- Darke County has a new emergency notification system called Hyper-Reach. This system can provide emergency notifications to residents of emergency situations like chemical leaks, 911 outages and weather warnings.
- The Board discussed meeting dates and times going forward. The previous Tuesday meeting times are now a conflict with the Commissioners Session meetings. Those members present stated they do have any conflicts with moving to Thursdays at 10 am. Mindy will send out the remaining 2026 meeting dates.

LEPC Planner Report

- Kevin Subler – He has received 74 out of the 79 required Tier II filings and he has followed up the those that have not submitted. Discussion was had on the Fram closure and the requirements of the Cessation of Regulated Operations.

Members Comments:

- Chief Thompson – The County Fire Training Center is anticipated to be complete by July. The Fire Chiefs Association completed a mutual aid agreement with Union City Indiana in order to receive IPSIC user ID's.
- BASF – Will have a new name at the next meeting and they will update everyone on the changes.
- Michael Colamarino – The Darke County Parks is hosting a dedication and grand opening of the new covered bridge on 4/26/26 at 2PM.

- ODOT: Repairs will begin on 127 from the 49 overpass to around Kichenaid. They will reduce traffic to 1 lane at times during the process.
- Jeff Yantis – The Amateur Radio group repeater feed lines appeared to be severed and they are working with the County on repairing.
- Mindy Saylor – Federal Grants are in a holding pattern until the Department of Homeland Security funding is resolved. The County Mass Casualty trailer has been relocated to Greenville Township Emergency Services.
- Commissioner Aultman – Countywide internet completion has been slowed because of the vendor contracted being sold and having communication issues with new owners. County continues with blighted property tear downs.

Respectfully Submitted:

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