

Darke County LEPC Minutes

June 17, 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 March 18, 2025 meeting were presented for review Jeff Yanits made a motion to accept the minutes, Todd Denniston 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. Krista Unger made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report Todd Denniston 2nd, all in favor, report accepted.

Old Business

- A full-scale Hazardous Materials exercise was successfully completed on Saturday, June 7, 2025 in partnership with the Anderson's. The After Action Report was distributed to those in attendance.
- Chief Thompson expressed needing more opportunity for HazMat Training. Mindy stated she will follow up with the HazMat Coordinator to try to meet that need.

New Business

- The LEPC Bylaws were discussed with the topic of combining the Secretary and Treasurer position into 1. Jim Bowell made a motion to make that change, Krista Unger 2nd the motion, all in favor, motion passed. Mindy will update the bylaws for adoption.
- This is our reorganization year. If anyone is interested in joining the executive board, we will take a nomination. Russ Thompson made a motion to keep the positions the same with Sheriff Whittaker agreeing to take the Secretary/Treasurer position. Krista Unger 2nd, nominations were closed, all in favor, motion passed.
- 2025 HMEP Training courses requested
 - HazMat Technician (partnership w/Preble Co)
 - Modern Day Decon
 - Spill Response Strategies & Tactic

LEPC Planner Report

- Kevin Subler – SERC Tier II filings are almost all received from required reporters. He is working with 1 facility to complete their filing.

Members Comments:

- Chief Thompson – The property for the County Fire Training Facility will be on Jaysville St. John Road.
- BASF Shut down is happening with contractors onsite doing confined space work.
- Michael Colamarino – Bash at Bish and Gathering at Garst events are upcoming. The covered bridge construction is beginning.
- ODOT: Trying to get caught up on mowing that was delayed in the Spring. They have Ohio maps for anyone that would use them. Culvert inspectors are still out inspecting.

- Krista Unger – Shred day on 6/7 was very well attended. Trash Bash in April had 805 volunteers collecting 6.7 tons of trash from Darke County roadways. Upcoming events – Tire collection 9/17, Household Hazardous Waste 10/5 and Shred Day 10/11.
- Jeff Yantis – The Amateur Radio group will be assisting with the Jeep Show and Annie Oakley Parade in Greenville.
- Holly Banks – Whirlpool conducted confined space training. A pop up sale will occur during Annie Oakley Days with all proceeds staying local.
- Sam Reed – HazMat plan review is due 10/17/25
- Becca Stronbridge – Jean Cline is retiring from the American Red Cross. A new volunteer will be attending future meetings.
- Sheriff Whittaker – Upgrades have been completed on the Command Trailer. Grants have been awarded to fund substance abuse treatment to jail inmates and funding a jail needs assessment.
- Commissioner Aultman – House Bill 335 which would overhaul the property tax rules has been introduced. There is great concern over what funding cuts would affect local governments and especially fire and EMS departments as it is currently written.

Respectfully Submitted:

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