

**ALLEN COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
(LEPC)**

Meeting Minutes of June 21, 2018

Members present: Carol Bertrand, Catherine Reed, Rick Skilliter, Michael Hensley, Mark Gierhart, W.D. Litsey, Jim Michael. Todd Truesdale, Beth Seibert, Ted Brookman. Rick Sanchez, Thomas Mazur.

Members absent: Steve Carr, Brian Rader, Tim Haniford, Kevin Bruin, Jed Metzger, Clint Roland, Joe Martz, Mike Kill, Paul Harris, Everett Wehrly, William Kelly, Tom Berger, Bruce Black, Craig Hohenbrink, Brian Winegardner Trevor Violet, Dieter Wireman, Steve Harvey

Guests attending: Becky Hauserman SRC, Gene Davis EMA

Vice Rick Skilliter called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. at the Red Cross Chapter House and declared that a quorum was present.

Jim Michael moved and Beth Seibert seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the April 19, 2018 meeting. Noted corrections to the minutes included that Carol Bertrand spoke about the Lima tree rebate program, not the Emerald Ash Bore, and Rick Skilliter spoke about the CISM program, not the Ottawa River Coalition. The amended minutes were approved by voice vote.

Beth Seibert moved and Ted Brookman seconded a motion to approve the financial report reflecting no activity for the time period. The motion was approved by voice vote.

New Assistant Director Travis Fillhart presented information on behalf of Director Tom Berger. Those items included:

- Display of the 2017 LEPC Recognition for our LEPC from the State.
- Distribution of a quote \$16,850 quote to hold a HazMat IQ training that was requested by Lima Fire Chief Bruce Black. The topic will be presented at the August meeting for a vote.
- There were 14 calls for service since our last meeting. One of the memorable calls was for a vehicle that went into the Ottawa Metro Park, creating a sheen. Allied Environmental was called to mitigate the situation, using roughly 300 yards of boom.
- LEPC 101 – The PowerPoint has is available for review. Discussion led to a request to have the PowerPoint shared with the entire LEPC at our August Meeting.

Assistant Director Travis Fillhart then shared a little about his bio and how he came to the EMA position, which he started April 27, 2018. Mr. Fillhart is a certified Paramedic, having served at Bath Fire and Rescue and the Ford Plant Emergency Department. He holds an Associate Degree in Fire Science, and a Bachelor Degree in Public Safety Administration from The Ohio State University. He is currently pursuing his Master's Degree.

Committee Reports:

- Health Department – There will be a local, regional, and possibly a statewide drill on October 23 – 24, 2018, replicating the 1918 pandemic flu. This flu outbreak will be of magnitude to recommend isolation and quarantine. The working plan continues to be refined at this time.
- Training – Chief Todd Truesdale shared there will be an evidence collection for HazMat / WMD September 18-20. The program will identify proper handling of evidence for submittal to the laboratories. The program is paid for by a grant, but they will be presenting a request at our August meeting to assist with defraying meal costs associated with the training.
- Evacuation Shelters – Ms. Reed spoke about the successful emergency preparedness kits distributed in conjunction with the Area Agency on Aging, EMA, and the food bank. She also spoke about an upcoming September 7, 2018 United Way Day of Giving. They will have free smoke detectors for distribution to 1,500 homes on the east side of Lima (limit 3 per home), and they have access to handicap/ability detectors that vibrate to alert of a fire. They have met their 2018 goal for distribution, but would like to do more. They will need volunteer help that day.

Ohio SERC

Anita Stechschulte presented on behalf of the SERC.

- The annual LEPC conference is slated for October 17, 2018, at the Ohio State Student Union.
- The NWO HazMat conference will be January 12, 2019, at the Winebrenner Center on the University of Findlay Campus.
- Hancock EMA / LEPC is conducting a table top drill on August 15, 2018, and she asked if our EMA was planning to coordinate / collaborate with them on this drill for our local Marathon Distribution Terminal. She highly encouraged our EMA to reach out to them to see about partnering.

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- Ms. Reed shared there will an Ohio Public & Private Partners Conference on August 18, 2018, at the University of Findlay. This not a public event, but is a good opportunity for those in the public sector to collaborate and communicate with private sector organizations.
- Carol Bertrand expressed concern over the ongoing funding concerns with the Regional Transit Authority and any impact that may have in the event of an emergency evacuation. Generalized discussion highlighted that RTA was previously funded by the county commissioners in conjunction with federal grants. The local support ended in the early 2000's, and the federal government isn't always timely with their payments. Ultimately, the consensus was the encourage local hospitals, fire / EMS, and the EMA to write a letter to the commissioners to bring to their attention the reliance on RTA for emergency transportation during evacuations. Anita Stechschulte noted that transportation is an area of concern on emergency plans for our county.
- Rick Sanchez spoke on behalf of Lima Memorial Hospital. The hospital will be receiving a 52 bed portable hospital with supplies to fully operate as a standalone facility. The unit comes to LMH via an agreement with the Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio. The portable hospital can be used for emergencies, but also for short term public relations

events. When run as a hospital, the minimum staffing will be four nurses and at least one doctor. Set up is to be within 30 minutes, and demobilization should occur within 2 hours.

Tom Mazur moved and Tedd Brookman seconded a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully,
Rick Skilliter