



Greene County
Local Emergency Planning Committee
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NOTICE OPEN MEETING LEPC GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: Thursday, April 20, 2023
Time: 11:30 a.m.
Location: PSC Training Room
Lunch: Park Board

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Ralph Siccama at 12:04 p.m.

The General Committee meeting minutes of February 16, 2023, meeting was shared. Lynn Hollingworth made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and J D Landon seconded the motion. A vote was held and passed to approve the minutes.

The March LEPC Executive Committee minutes were also provided to membership via the meeting invite.

OLD BUSINESS

Karen McKinnis presented the Financial Statement Report and hard copies were available. Expenses to date total \$5,937.65, expenses since the last meeting included flow study work and the last training general meeting in February. The balance sits at \$31,905 with \$20,321.96 in reserves. Hard copies were made available.

Michael Stees provided the MERC update. The new MERC director, Stephen McClain, has been settling in and starting to provide guidance and answer questions. Some of the messages include:

- CEPT funds can be used for training and flow studies.
- Hazmat classes are paid by HMEP funds and certification are allowed under HMEP.
- Grants are available for Emergency Preparedness. MERC is trying to do 10 grants at \$100,000 each. Applications were due March 15 and will be awarded April 1, 2023.
- Tier II reporting system had no glitches this year.
- LEPCs still cannot have access into the database due to the number of users that would create in the system. Each Fire department and LEPC should receive a flash drive in June.
- The EMD can be the chair of a member of the LEPC/LEPD.
- 2023 Central State HazMat Preparedness and Planning Conference will be June 7-9th at Hilton Garden in Independence. CEPF funds can be used to attend.
- The next MERC meeting is June 6th at 1:00 p.m.

HAZMAT Update; was provided by Larry. There was one fuel spills reported in Springfield, Greene County, over the last 2 months. The quantity reported was 16 ounces.



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Aubrey provided the IPP and Training Update. Hard copies of upcoming training opportunities were made available. Let Aubrey know if you see training listed that you would like to attend or have a need to develop. There is a Department of Energy training opportunity with transportation. Aubrey also highlighted some upcoming Hazmat classes. We have 27 organizations who participated in a TTX “One Stop Shop.” May 9 is the TTX at EOC “ Operation Chem Loco.”

Gretchen provided an update on the flow study – which continues to move forward. 217 placards have been recorded since March. Work continues on the expansion to include waterways, railroads, pipelines and possibly air.

Ralph called for other Old Business.

None was brought forth.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation – Chris Roush presented: Springfield Hazmat Team

Chris provided details of the Springfield Fire Department’s Hazmat Team in a Power Point Presentation. Details were provided on many features of the team including:

- CEPF (Chemical Emergency Preparedness Fund) established and supports hazmat teams. EPCRA established with funding going to MERC and the local LEPC though Tier II and Pipeline fees.
- HMEP (Hazmat Material Emergency Preparedness) provides funds for training and exercises through grants bases on EPCRA and administrated by MERC. Training is paid directly to the trainer/vendor. The window to request training classes is August – November each year and all classes must be completed by September each year.
- LEPC grants are new for 2023 with an excess of \$4 million dollars which can be used for hazmat training and equipment. SFD and OEM will continue to watch for these funding opportunities and apply for any additional funding that fit our local needs. Some funding application may need a LEPC vote to approve the requests.
- SFD hazmat is now the only hazmat team organization in Greene County and consists of 15 member teams and three shifts (45 members.)
- Team members are provided with a minimum training which takes some time and logistics to get completed timely.
- SFD uses station #6 for most training.
- NIMS Team Capabilities
 - Chemical – solid, liquid and gas, instrumentation (Ahura, Thermo Scientific Gemini Analyzer, Honeywell Multi-Gas.)
 - Biological – presumptive testing only for protein bioassay, secondary presumptive test for Anthrax, Botulinum, Yersinia Pestis, Ricin, and SEB.
 - Radiological/Nuclear – ID and Presumptive Quantity – HIT counters, dosimeters, Ludlum detectors.
 - Explosive/Energetics – recognize precursors and refer to bomb squad.
- Response Run stats for 2022 included 11 incidents.





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Chris hosted questions and discussions from membership.

Ralph asked for Other New Business.

None was brought forth.

Ralph announced the next General Membership Meeting is set for June 15, 2023.

Chris Roush made a motion to adjourn, seconded by J D Landon. A vote was held, passed and Ralph adjourned the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

UPCOMING LOCAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

*Note: training opportunities listed here are time and capacity sensitive so are subject to changes
Visit the following link to register or to see a complete and up-to-date course listing.

<http://training.dps.mo.gov/sematraining.nsf/TrainingSchedule?OpenForm>

All registrations are handled through the DPS web portal training.dps.mo.gov



