



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

Date: Thursday, February 19, 2026

Time: 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Location: Greene County Public Safety Center – Training Room

Lunch: Catered by Hy-Vee, served 11:30 am – 12:00pm

MINUTES:

Call to Order

- Meeting called to order by Chair: Ralph Siccama at 11:58 a.m.

Introduction

- Introductions were made by all attendees.

Approval of Previous Minutes

- The General Committee Meeting Minutes from December , meeting were shared.
- **Motion:** JD Landon moved to approve the minutes as presented.
- **Second:** Chris Roush
- **Outcome:** Motion carried and the minutes were approved

The January LEPC Executive Committee minutes were also provided to members electronically via meeting invite.

Old Business:

1. Financial Statement Report / Budget – Shelia Driemeyer / Tiffany Kick
 - A financial statement handout was provided.
 - Total expenditures: **\$2,967.22**, 7 expenditures: 6 hazmat physicals, Hy-Vee Lunch
2. Missouri Emergency Response Commission (MERC) / SEMA Update –
 - MERC Director as of Dec 16th – Pete Martin
 - Contact Information:
 - Office: 573-522-0072
 - Cell: 573-291-3715
 - Email: pete.martin@sema.dps.mo.gov
 - Address: 2302 Militia Drive; Jefferson City, MO 65102
 - Reviewed his background
 - EM is a big part of the operations
 - Goals:
 - Transparency
 - Communication
 - Efficient Processes
 - From the Office of the MERC
 - Office position review
 - ERGs needs – reach out to office
 - Website is outsourced, goal is to make the Website an educational resource
 - Have updated bylaws
 - LEPC handbook is being developed
 - Website now has who is in charge of Tier 2 along with contact information
 - Training goals are being developed



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- What are we offering? – received approval for one out of the three that was requested
 - Wanted to give everyone 1st choice.
 - Supposed to have a 3 series delivered to Reg. D. (This goal was established before his tenure)
- What are we not receiving?
 - Option to use CEPF funding for ICS 300 &/or ICS 400
 - Will they consider other ICS options like IC, Ops Chief, Planning Chief etc. options?
 - Would need to have a hazardous materials scenario!
- Fire Depts – do have Hazmat operations textbooks available – if you need them reach out
 - Send survey training survey to Fire
- Want to rebrand MERC – so everyone knows the acronym and what MERC is for
- MERC is a resource & asset for the LEPC and region
- Going around the State to make introduction
- Processes he is working on
 - Already approved – CPS (annual compliance packet) – changed the name = Part A, B, C to allow for smother transition
 - Improve Outreach Communication/Education for the fire services
 - Tier 2 collection going well – CPF collection was lower than normal – down 25% as some orgs didn't realize they needed to file
 - Estimated that November – June collection should be higher collection
 - Shared Handouts: LEPC/D procedural proposal, DRAFT LEPC/LEPD Part C-Financial Report 2025-2026
 - Provide feedback on the Drafted LEPC/LEPD Part C-Financial Report 2025-2026
 - Questions
 - Login – Each LEPC is allotted to have 2 logins (needs to be a chair position), fire departments have unlimited login access
 - Can OEM have additional login for LEPC?
- **If you are receiving notice that your 2025 payment has not been received – Do NOT pay again, contact the MERC directly**

3. HAZMAT Update – Darren White / Chief Roush

- January Events:
 - 1/3: CRC LOGISTIC SERVICES LLC – Highway 60 westbound near South Highland Springs Boulevard, Springfield Diesel – Fuel < 50.00 Gallon(s) Road/Highway/ROW, Soil
 - 1/5: COLD ZONE – 1200 North Haseltine Road, Springfield – Anhydrous Ammonia ~ 1845.00 Pound(s) Air, People Injured/Contam., People Threatened/Affected
 - 1/6: City Utilities of Springfield – Intersection of West Sunshine Street and North Scenic Avenue Bridge, Springfield, 37.186811, -93.331370, bridge is located north of the intersection Drilling mud – ~ 3.00 Cubic Feet River/Creek
 - 1/14: SPRINGFIELD REMANUFACTURING CORP. – 650 Broadview Plaza, Springfield, Spill occurred near a storage tank around the facility. Unknown Caustic liquid Unknown Gallon(s) – Facility Property - Outdoors, Parking Lot, Road/Highway/ROW
 - 1/17: Solar Transport Company – 3445 East Kearney Street, Springfield Diesel Fuel – ~ 4.00 Gallon(s) Parking Lot
- Utilized Lithium fire blanket that was provided by MERC grant, blanket is not scaled for care size but perfect for smaller size
 - Essentially a welding blanket
 - Great collaboration
- Received magnet seals also provided by MERC grant
- Ammonia Release at Cold Zone – Hazmat team (all 3 teams) were present one week before making response preparations – this real-world incident was small but the pre-planning was very beneficial
 - When they call to work with org. to review Tier 2 response – is helpful to ALL parties



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4. Planning Update –
 - *None was brought forward.*
5. Training Update – Josh Backhouse
 - Course available –
 - DHS side working on budget
 - Double check to ensure class you've sign up
 - HME courses
 - Training courses sent out every month, send Josh Bakehouse email to be added to recipient list
6. CEPF Update –
 - Check has been received – \$17, 245.16
7. Call for Other Old Business – Chair, Ralph Siccama
 - 2025 Attendance Awards

New Business:

1. Presentation –
 - Public Engagement / Education on Hazardous Materials in local area
 - Community outreach is something we are needing to work on – we need to work on getting the public involved
 - We do have funding
 - Any interest in helping please reach out.
 - Reviewed LEPC Community Education Ideas (handout provided)
 - Hazard Awareness Booths
 - Host an annual or semi-annual “know your hazards”
 - Shor demos, maps, and a simple “what to do” card
 - Embed LEPC Outreach
 - Potential Engagement tools
 - Business & industry outreach
 - Small Business Chemical Safety Workshops (i.e. Auto Shops, Ag Suppliers, Warehouses, Pool/spa companies)
 - High School Emergency Preparedness Modules
 - Digital & Media-Based Education
 - Ready-to-Use materials
2. February 2026 Nominations (2 yr Term) – elections will be held next GM meeting – email nominations to Tiffany Kick
 - Chair – *currently Ralph Siccama* Nominations:
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 - Members at Large (position 2) – *currently Lisa Cardone* Nominations:
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 - Members at Large (position 3) – *currently Chris Roush* Nominations:
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3. Call for Other New Business – Chair, Ralph Siccama
 - **Remember - Tier 2 filing is due, Deadline = March 1st**
4. Next Meeting
 - The next open General Committee Meeting is scheduled for 04/16/26 – catered Lunch to be provided!!





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5. Adjournment

- Motion: Lisa Cardone
- Second: Kathy Thompson
- Outcome: Motion carried
- Meeting adjourned at 12:52





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Follow-Up Tasks:

- Tiffany to send out meeting notes, copies of handouts and new MERC Director's contact information

Attendance:

Reference 2/19/26 Attendance Sheets

Upcoming Local Training Opportunities:

*Note: training opportunities listed here are time and capacity-sensitive, so they 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

