

**Suburban Cook County Local Emergency Planning Committee
(SCCLEPC)**

**Meeting January 18, 2012
Bedford Park Library, Bedford Park IL.**

Members /Visitors in Attendance:

Gary Kulhan	Joan Marie Silke	Robert Vaci
Marty Vilimek	Robert Welter	Chris Dangles
Ron Carlson	Jim Walker	Jim Chodora
Cynthia Koroma	Mark Banaszak	James Conn
David Gonyea	Greg Handke	Jesse Tamelng
Jim Grapenthien	Robert Gronko	Bill Schatz
Jim Kiser	Kevin Schnoes	Katie Armstrong

Introductions & Affiliations:

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Chairperson Gary Kulhan. Introduction and affiliations were made and we had seven functional groups present; therefore a quorum was met.

Welcome & Opening Comments were done by Gary Kulhan who thanked everyone for being able to attend the meeting and welcomed the visitors in attendance.

- **Election of Officers** was on the agenda for a vote. During the last meeting the committee was asked to submit nominees for the following seats: Chairperson, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. There were no nominees submitted. Before the vote was called, the chair asked three times for members to step up and to nominate someone for these seats. No one came forward. Names and appointments for the following were voted on.
1. Chairperson Gary Kulhan
 2. Vic Chairperson Dave Murphy
 3. Secretary Joan Marie Silke
 4. Treasurer Nancy Madrigal

The Chairperson Gary Kulhan asked if the committee could vote all seats as a group. A motion to vote for all groups as one vote was made and accepted.

1st by Robert Welter 2nd by Marty Vilimek

A vote was then taken for: Chairperson Gary Kulhan, Vice Chairperson Dave Murphy, Secretary Joan Marie Silke and Treasurer Nancy Madrigal.

A vote was taking by hand count of members. By the count all members were in favor. All yes, no nays so the vote will carry for all officers for another term.

- Minutes from November 16, 2011** meeting were reviewed and approved
1st by Chris Dangles 2nd by Jim Chodora

- 1. Emergency Response Plan (ERP)** – Chairperson Dave Murphy - Dave Murphy was not in attendance so Gary Kulhan gave the report. The group is working with the Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH), on the ability to help those with special needs in the event of an emergency/evacuation. The group is hoping to integrate the CCDPH plan into the LEPC's ERP. Once this is incorporated, we will share the updates with the public.

2. **Chemical Facilities Liaison - John Lillquist** was not in attendance so Gary Kulhan gave the report. Mr. Lillquist has been working with IEMA on the Tier II's which are due by the beginning of March. IEMA is looking at the submissions to see if everyone has filed and to make sure the information is correct. Once this has been done the State will send the LEPC's a disk with the Tier II information. There are about 740 EHS facilities left in our sector.
3. **Right To Know – Jim Walker** - Nothing to report at this time.
4. **Public Education & Information - Robert Welter** - The LEPC will be sitting with the RCP committee. The two groups will be sharing their recourses. This will prevent duplicating the information.
5. **Emergency Response & Resources - Allen Shander** was not in attendance so Gary Kulhan gave the report. This group is looking at the ERPs from other LEPCs to see if there is anything we could use to enhance our plan. If something is found we will integrate the information into the ERP then test it to see if it works. Once again, when this has been completed the LEPC will share this with the public.

Training Seminars

1. **Texas Engineering Extension Service /Cyber Security** is one of any classes offered. CAMEO and EMS training are also offered depending on funding. Some prerequisite classes may be required for the training offered above. Most of this training is paid by DHS. Some of the members already have had the above training. The classes are highly recommended.
2. **The Transportation Simulation Tool for Evacuation Planning** – This program is used by the Transportation Department to help with evacuation. This is a small version of the CAMEO program. If an evacuation is called, the program will help find the streets that could be used and which are not useable. It will also show the street traffic in real time within the regions. The program can show the hot zones and shelter-in-place locations.
3. **FEMA/DHS/IEMA-** They have a lot of great training on their web page and the training is free. Just go to their web sites and click on “Go to training”. After the training is completed you can print out your certificate. Please copy or let the chairperson know.
4. **The Illinois Terrorism Task Force** is still holding drills while school is in session. The drills are for K-12, universities and other schools. The training can cover a wide range, from how to handle an angry parent to an active shooter. You need at least 20 people to have training
5. **Cook County Sheriff's Office** - Offers many classes, some of which are free. This is another good site to find training.

Exercise/Drills

1. **National Level Exercise - After Action Plan** One of the main things they will be looking at will be communications. In almost every drill, there seems to be a problem with radios and other forms of communication. Region 7 is putting ham operators with radios in all the hospitals. There is a hand out on the table for those who would like more information.

2. **Shake- Out 2012** – On February 7, 2012, the government will be holding an earthquake drill. This will be a tri-state drill that will help plan for an earthquake in the Midwest and try to see what resources will be needed due to the disruption. The LEPC and other agencies up in the Cook County area will probably not be a part of the drill.
3. **Pipe-Bomb – DHS- March 2012** - This year DHS will be hosting a drill on pipe bombs made with materials that are not detectable. We are hoping to attend. As we get closer to the date Gary Kulhan will let the group know.
4. If anyone is hosting a drill please let the SCCLEPC know as we would like to be involved. The LEPC has members with DHS certification to help evaluate drills. Please let Gary Kulhan know.

Presentation by DHS- Region V / CFATS

Inspections By the U.S. Department of Home Land Security Infrastructure Security Compliance Division; Ms. Cynthia Koroma Inspector along with Mr. Handke & Mr. Gonyea

CFATS stands for Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards under Homeland Security, which covers Region 5.

6 CFR Part 27 Section 500 of the DHS Appropriations Act of 2007 grants authorization to regulate chemical facilities that "Present High Levels of Security Risks".

CFATS Interim Final Rule, published April 19th 2007 establishes a risk-based approach to screening and securing chemical facilities determined by DHS to be "HIGH RISK".

The facilities that are required to comply with at least some provisions of CFATS regulation will largely fall into the following categories: chemical manufacturing, storage, distribution, energy and utilities, agriculture, food, paints, coatings, explosives and mining, electronics, plastics, universities, research institutions; health care and pharmaceuticals. CFATS requires the facilities with Chemicals of Interest (COI) to complete a Top-Screen questionnaire. After reviewing the questionnaire, DHS will determine which facilities are high risks. CFATS Regulation requires high risk facilities to submit a Security Vulnerability Assessment(SVR).

Once this has been completed, the next step is for the high risk facilities to provide a final tier and complete a Site Security Plan (SSP) which meets DHS requirements. CFATS does allow some to submit Alternative Security Programs (ASPs) depending on the different types of facilities.

Facilities regulated under the Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA) are exempt under 6 CFR Part 27, Section 550 of the CFATS regulations.

1. Chemicals of Interest

Appendix A – CFATS final rule contains Chemicals of Interest due to security issues, namely release, theft/ diversion, and or sabotage/ contamination are at or above the applicable screening Threshold Quantity (STQ). These facilities must complete and submit a Top-Screen to DHS within 60 days of coming into possession of the COI.

2. Risk – Based Tiering

In this section, the CFATS regulations follow a risk based approach to focus its resources on high risk chemical facilities according to their specific level of risk. After the Top-Screen is

submitted and examined, DHS will assign high risk facilities. The tier is ranked 1 through 4 with 1 being the least and 4 the highest level. The final risk-based tiering assignments are received after DHS reviews their Security Vulnerability Assessments (SVA) .

3. Risk – Based Performance Standards

Risk Based Performance Standards (RBPS) are for the security of high risk chemical facilities. Issues are perimeter, cyber and personnel security and access control. Not all high risk facilities will need to take action for RBPs.

4. Inspection Process

DHS will do inspections of high risk chemical facilities in regular intervals. The higher the tier, the more frequent the inspections. The staff conducting the inspections must complete rigorous training.

5. Compliance and Enforcement

If DHS finds violations of the regulation, they can issue appropriate orders of violation. The facility must correct the noncompliance or face civil penalties of \$25,000. If warranted, DHS can close down the facility. One of the members had asked if any of the facilities have been fined and the answer was that the program is still in the development stage and so far action has not been needed.

There are seventy facilities in our boundaries which fall under CFATS.

For more information visit www.dhs.gov/chemicalsecurity .

TIER II Update

If a Fire or Police Department would like the Tier II information they must send a written request to the chairperson and IEMA to see if they are eligible to be able to have access to the Tier II reports. If they are, they will receive the information requested.

Meeting Schedule

Full Group Meetings are held on Wednesdays, 10 am at the Bedford Park Library in Bedford Park, IL.

NEXT MEETING IS MARCH 21, 2012

Sub – Committee Meetings will occur as necessary

Comments by LEPC members - none at this time

Public Comments - none at this time

A special THANKS to Bedford Park Library and LEPC member Jim Janchenko for the use of the facility.

Adjournment was at 11:15 am