

Local Emergency Planning Committee

Suburban Cook County

Meeting January 18, 2017 @10:00 am at the Bedford Park Public Library

Members in Attendance:

Gary Kulhan

David Silke

Robert Welter

Martin Vilimek

Phil Loughnane

John Kiser

Mary Lee

Tim Roth

Chris Dangles

Steven Lindich

Jim Walker

Kristine Wienberg

John Lillquist

Mark Kiefhaber

Katie Armstrong

Tony Roeback

Dora Koop

Introductions & Affiliations:

Meeting was called to order at 10:05am by Chair Gary Kulhan. Introductions and affiliations were made. We had 6 functional groups present; therefore, a quorum was met.

Hazardous Waste Generators: Any facility producing more than a given amount of hazardous waste must develop a Contingency Plan and submit the report to the LEPC.

Regional Catastrophic Plan (RCP): The Plan is reviewed on an annual basis for availability, capacities, and evacuation plans by the LEPC Chair.

LEPC Emergency Response Plan (ERP): The ERP is updated/reviewed once per year. We attempt to exercise the Plan at all conferences and drills in which LEPC officers attend.

Open Meeting Act (OMA): All members of the LEPC were reminded of the need to take the online class to become certified. Certificates of completion need to be given to John Lillquist. There have been 37 certificates submitted so far. The link to the training program is on our website www.suburbancooplepc.com. It takes 30 - 45 minutes to complete.

ERG 2016 Booklets: Emergency Response Booklets (ERG) were available to members and guests. If you need any ERG, please contact Gary Kulhan at 815-955-9827.

Pipeline – Sensitive Information: Pipeline information will only be given on a ‘need-to-know’ basis to prevent sensitive information and for security.

Membership Data-Base: LEPC membership data-base is being updated as a State (IEMA) requirement. Be sure to provide the chairperson with your correct contact ‘E-Mail’ information.

Minutes for the November 2016 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved with no corrections. Approved - 1st C. Dangles 2nd Martin Vilimek.
The minutes/agendas are posted on the webpage: www.suburbancooklepc.com.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Emergency Response Plan: Anthony Rocback was not in attendance. Chair G. Kulhan reported that the LEPC has contacted the American Red Cross and CHUG, to obtain the most current information regarding shelters and assisted living facilities, located within Cook County.

Chemical Facilities Liaison: Kristine Wienberg reported that all 2015 Tier II information was up-to-date and the facilities that are above the threshold for Extremely Hazardous Substances (EHS) are being reviewed.

Right – To – Know: Katherine Armstrong is working to get someone from the media to attend our LEPC meetings and report on our activities. A reporter was at the November meeting, but the article was too late for the publishing deadline. Katherine will contact the reporter and attempt to obtain a copy of the article.

Public Education & Information: Bob Welter will be talking at area schools about weather safety, cyber-security, and shootings.

Emergency Response & Resources: David Cozzi was not in attendance. Gary Kulhan commented on a drill that took place at Advocate Christ Hospital located in Oak Lawn. The drill was an active shooter and displayed the type of resources available and equipment/techniques used in this event.

Training & Seminars:

IEMA & FEMA sessions; handouts with information and web-sites for IEMA and FEMA training as well as **ITTF, TEEEX**, and the **American Red Cross** were made available to members and to guests are online and in classrooms.

Ethanol Safety & Transportation: Contact Jimmy Thompson or Wendell Brewer for training schedule.

ADA Webinar Series: There are some very informative presentations, covered online at www.adapresentations.org/schedule. The sessions deal with groups of individuals with a variety of disabilities and how best to manage emergency response events.

Exercise/Drills: Suburban Cook County LEPC and the Chicago LEPC will be planning and conducting drills and exercises together. www.chicagolepc.org

Com Ed will be conducting a State-wide series of drills regarding wide spread power outages.

LEPC Chairperson Election: Chair Gary Kulhan has chosen to step down from his position as the chairperson and has opened nominations for a new chairperson. He has nominated John Lillquist for the position. A vote was taken and was unanimous in favor for John Lillquist. Gary Kulhan will become the Assistant Chairperson.

TIER II Update: There are new forms for the 2016 Tier II reports that have GPS capabilities. Facilities are being contacted and/or visited upon request from IEMA to review their submittals

Member Comments: Chris Dangles asked about the drill/exercise with the Chicago LEPC. This will be reviewed at the next Chicago LEPC meeting.

Public Comments: None at this time.

A special thanks to the Bedford Park Public Library for the use of the facility and the tour.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 10:00. The meeting will be at the Bedford Park public library.

Adjournment: at 10:53 am.