

Local Emergency Planning Committee

Suburban Cook County

Meeting February 16, 2022

At Summit Public Library

Members in attendance:

John Lillquist

Gary Kulhan

David Silke

David Cozzi

Kristine Wienberg

Jimmy Thompson

Mark Jenkins

Cynthia Koroma

Paul Ruesch

Alvin Childers

Taylor Lawrence

Aaron Thomas

Mat Springer

Steve Baker

Tracy Zylo

Adam Reynolds

Vanessa Hernandez

Introductions & Affiliations:

Introductions and affiliations were made. There were reported 5 functional groups present; therefore, a quorum was met, and the meeting was called to order at 10:02 am by chair John Lillquist. J. Lillquist requested all members who have not taken the Open Meetings Act (OMA) and FOIA training to please do so; members were instructed that completion for the OMA is a requirement for all and that new certificates of completion should be forward to J. Lillquist. J. Lillquist requested all members review and update email addresses as needed stating this information will be used to update the current database.

Minutes:

Minutes from the November 17, 2021 meeting were reviewed; minutes were individually approved by Gary Kulhan, 2nd by David Cozzi.

Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant:

Update on the status of the HMEP Grant was presented by K. Wienberg - all present were informed that the committee had prepared and submitted the scope and deliverables for the Request for Proposal (RFP) to Jeffery Singer, Deputy Director of Finance with the Cook County Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security. K. Wienberg further stated that J. Singer was preparing the RFP in accordance with his agency's requirements.

K. Wienberg reiterated that the grant proposal allowed for the development of a Commodity Flow Study (CFS) collimating with a tabletop exercise. K. Wienberg concluded that the Grant monies are required to be utilized by fall of 2022, further stating that the Suburban Cook LEPC would be resubmitting a new request for grant funds later this year were the request deemed compulsory.

Sub-Committee Reports:

- **Emergency Response Plan** -John Karouzos – not present - no report
- **Right-To-Know** – Dave Silke – present – informed committee of the Attorney General’s new website for FOIA and OMA information (handout provide)
- **Public Education & Information** - B. Welter – not present – no report
- **Emergency Response & Resources**-David Cozzi – present – offered to committee to request topics for upcoming meeting
- **Chemical Facility Liaison**- Kristine Wienberg -reported Tier II forms are being submitted and reviewed for file by G. Kulhan - J. Lillquist reminded all present to not send directly to him, rather submit to the IEMA as instructed

LEPC Chair John Lillquist provided an overview of materials, resources, and training opportunities available on the IEMA website, focus was placed on the following:

IEMA Website:

<https://www2.illinois.gov/iema/training/pages/default.aspx>

Ready Illinois:

<https://www2.illinois.gov/ready/Pages/default.aspx#tabitem2>

<https://www2.illinois.gov/iema/Preparedness>

Mark Jenkins, Chemical Security Inspector (Insp.) with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) provided an overview and update on the:

DHS’s - Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism (CFATS) Program

In addition to the overview Insp. Jenkins briefly discussed current CFATS initiatives and focus chemicals.

More information on the CFATS program can be obtained at:

<https://Cisa.gov/cfats-resources>

Paul Ruesch, On Scene Coordinator (COORD) with the U.S. E.P.A. Region 5 presented:
Case study overviews on the recent fires at: Rockton, Morris, and Marseilles IL

COORD Ruesch included in his presentation in depth synopses on unique challenges faced, mitigation strategies developed, related regulations, environmental impacts, and lessons learned for each of the three events.

COORD Ruesch informed the committee that comprehensive White Papers are available at:

<https://response.epa.gov>

The next meeting was reported scheduled for May 18th, 2022

Member Comments:

K. Wienberg commented to all present that the committee continues to offer an invite to a member, or members, of the local press that may be interested in recording and publishing Suburban Cook LEPC meetings.

G. Kulhan mentioned special gratitude to Mr. Robert Renaud for his ongoing efforts as our committee Web Master

Public Comments: None provided

Adjournment:

At 1208 the meeting was motioned to close by G. Kulhan and 2nd by K. Wienberg

A special thanks to the Summit Public Library for the use of the facility.

Minutes kw/GK/JL 2/26/2022