

# Local Emergency Planning Committee

## Suburban Cook County

Meeting March 18, 2015 @10:00 am Bedford Park Library

### Members in Attendance:

Gary Kulhan  
Robert Renaud  
Mary Lee  
Jim Walker  
Leah Thwing  
Robert Welter

Chris Dangles  
Joan Ellis  
Jack Rasmussen  
Dave Haywood  
James Conn

Nicholas Rossberg  
Katherine Armstrong  
Tom Ballard  
Paul Frohnapple  
Alice Driscoll

### Introductions & Affiliations:

Meeting was called to order at 10:03 am by Chair Gary Kulhan. Introductions and affiliations were made. We had 6 functional groups present; therefore, a quorum was met.

**Regional Catastrophic Plan (RCP):** The LEPC Emergency Response Plan (ERP) is tied into the RCP. The ERP has been exercised 3 times this year. It will be exercised again at the Winnebago Conference in April 2015.

**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 Gary. There have been 30 certificates submitted so far. The link to the training program is on our website. It takes 30 - 45 minutes to complete. The website is [www.suburbancooklepc.com](http://www.suburbancooklepc.com).

**Minutes for the January 14, 2015** meeting were reviewed and approved with a correction for the adjournment time (it was 11:56 am and should be 10:56 am) 1<sup>st</sup>; C. Dangles 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Walker.

### Sub-Committee Reports:

**Emergency Response Plan:** Chair Dave Murphy was not present. No report.

**Chemical Facilities Liaison:** Chair John Lillquist was not present. No report.

**Right – To – Know:** Chair Jim Walker had nothing to report.

**Public Education & Information:** Bob Welter had nothing to report.

**Emergency Response & Resources:** David Cozzi was not present. No report.

**Training Seminars:**

**IEMA** - The 2015 calendar is available which lists all classes offered.

**ITTF**- The May 2015 meeting will focus on open campus security and how to conduct training and drills. Schools are mandated to have drills beyond fire evacuation (i.e. active shooter, etc.).

**American Red Cross** – No new information was discussed.

**ILEAS** - A threat assessment at military, workplace and schools is being conducted.

**ADA Webinar Series** - The webinar schedule can be accessed at [www.adaconferences.org](http://www.adaconferences.org).

**Exercise/Drills:**

**DHS** - A crude oil exercise, regarding bulk oil shipments, was held on 2/27/15 at the Bedford Park rail yard. Many organizations were represented - 96 people were present. The exercise focused on initial responses to bulk oil spills, via train. East to west bound traffic has more flammable blends; whereas, west-east traffic carries more heavy crude oil. The train accident and subsequent spill and fire in Galena, IL was also discussed.

An exercise in evacuation and sheltering will be held in May 2015. More information to follow. Future exercises will concentrate on soft targets such as the Mall of America in light of the ISIS threats.

**Presentation** - None

**Tier II Update:**

The electronic submittals system still had bugs - they were resolved by the end of February 2015. No extension was granted. Electronic submittals must be sent to the State with hard copies to the LEPC and Fire Departments.

In our covered area, approximately 2300 companies submit Tier II reports each year. Of these, 728 are considered to have Extremely Hazardous Substances (EHS). These are reviewed and prioritized by risk factor.

**Member Comments:**

Katherine Armstrong requested a copy of an ERP for her meeting with the Park Forest Fire Department. Gary Kulhan will provide examples. She was also provided with the link to the LEPC website which has a link to our ERP. [www.suburbancookelepc.com](http://www.suburbancookelepc.com).

**Public Comments:** None at this time.

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

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at 10:00; Bedford Park Public Library

**Adjournment** at 11:02 am.

Minutes RR 1-14-2015