

Local Emergency Planning Committee

Suburban Cook County

Meeting July 15, 2015 @10:00 am Bedford Park Library

Members in Attendance:

Gary Kulhan	Tom Ballard	Gerald Conoboy
Martin Vilimek	Michael Romano	Dave Hayward
Dora Koop	Robert Welter	Alice Driscoll
John Kiser	Mary Lee	Yvette Maxie
Paul Frohnapple	Katherine Armstrong	Jim Organ
Jim Walker	Margaret Juergensmeyer	Tony Roeback
Greg Jones		

Introductions & Affiliations:

Meeting was called to order at 10:05 am by Chair Gary Kulhan. Introductions and affiliations were made. We had 5 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 is mandated to be exercised at least once a year, our plan has been exercised 3 times this year. It will be exercised again at the IEMA Training Summit.

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. This is a one-time requirement at this time. The link to the training program is on our website. It takes 30 - 45 minutes to complete. The website is www.suburbancooklepc.com.

Rail and Bakken Crude Oil: Responding to Bakken crude oil Table exercise; was conducted and some improvements are needed with regards to communication and the lack of foam to respond to the incident.

Changes to Sub-Committees: The following positions are open; Emergency Response Plan and Chemical Facilities Liaison. The following committees will be reviewed and may be combined. Recommendations will be made at the September meeting.

Training Opportunities: The State will be conducting an IED demonstration

Minutes for the May 13, 2015: meeting were reviewed and approved with no corrections necessary. 1st; M. Vilimek & 2nd by J. Walker.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Emergency Response Plan: Open chair position. The ERP is exercised whenever possible to emphasize 'impaired population'.

Chemical Facilities Liaison: Tier II reports being reviewed for any issues. Open chair position.

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

Public Education & Information: Bob Welter; presented to area seniors, How to Beat the Heat.

Emergency Response & Resources: No report.

Training Seminars:

ICS 300/400: Being offered and is available. Sign-up on line.

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

Ammonia Safety & Training Institute: courses available on-line training

Argonne Laboratory: has conducted cyber-security by providing protection methods for personnel accounts and credit cards

ITTF- focusing 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.). Current issues are weather to evacuate or shelter-in-place ? Attention to how 'social media' plays into any incident at schools.

American Red Cross – Yvette Maxie, new area representative, covering 21 counties in northern Illinois They are busy with tornados, train incidents, and cyber-security. The Red Cross will be conducting a higher education consortium focusing on emergency preparedness and conducting a Table-Top-Exercise. The forum will discuss training, exercises, and mutual aid. In April (2016) there are plans for a full scale exercise involving multiple schools.

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

ADA Webinar Series - The webinar monthly schedule can be accessed at www.adaconferences.org.

Exercise/Drills:

Shake-Out Exercise: our involvement is normally a telephone call for participation and awareness.

Municipalities need to review and exercise their emergency response plans and inform the LEPC.

All Emergency Plans need to include evacuation and/or shelter-in-place.

Presentation – Margaret Juergensmeyer; PHD, Institute for Food Safety & Health, She works with bio weapons, exotic diseases, and bio-hazards. The Institute focuses on the importance of recognizing bio-safety levels when responding to a laboratory incident. Bio-hazards occur in nature; i.e., outbreaks through-out the United States, such as plague, anthrax, tularemia, and botulism.

There are 8 to 27 bio labs within the Chicago area.

There is a bio-terrorism division in the Department of Homeland Security.

TIER II Update:

Member Comments: None at this meeting.

Public Comments: None at this time.

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

Next Meeting: Wednesday September 16, 2015 at 10:00; Bedford Park Public Library

Adjournment: at 11:10 am.