

Local Emergency Planning Committee

Suburban Cook County

Meeting September 16, 2015 @10:00 am Bedford Park Library

Members in Attendance:

Gary Kulhan	Leah Thwing	Gerald Conoboy
Michael Romano	Alvin Childress	Kristine Wienberg
Robert Welter	Mary Lee	Dora Koop
Katherine Armstrong	Chris Dangles	Jack Rasmussen
Jim Walker	Gary Gaines	

Introductions & Affiliations:

Meeting was called to order at 10:04 am by Chair Gary Kulhan. Introductions and affiliations were made; a quorum was not met.

Regional Catastrophic Plan (RCP): The LEPC Emergency Response Plan (ERP) is tied into the RCP. The ERP is mandated to be reviewed 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.suburbancookelepc.com.

Changes to Sub-Committees: The following position is open; Emergency Response Plan. The committee positions will be reviewed and may be combined. Recommendations will be made at November meeting.

Training Opportunities:

IEMA Training Summit: SIREN is a notification system; looking to expand to the first responders, an improvement for the communication system. A study is being conducted seeking options of designating multi-state channels.

The State is developing a software program that will assist with the Emergency Response Plans. The program uses GPS to located points of interest; i.e., chemical facilities, hospitals, schools, and shipping routes. This program will be made available to all LEPCs.

Break-out Sessions:

- 1.) Building a Social Media Analysis & Response Team

- 2.) Community Emergency Response Team
- 3.) Crude Oil Tanker Derailment: Medical Response
- 4.) National Weather Service HAZMAT Support
- 5.) IEMA SERC Advisory Committee
- 6.) Ready to Respond Initiatives

Minutes for the July 15, 2015: meeting were reviewed and approved with no corrections necessary. 1st; C. Dangles & 2nd by M. Romano.

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 and kept at the Tinley Park office. Kristine Wienberg is the new chair for this position.

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

Public Education & Information: Bob Welter; presented to area seniors, The LEPC is working with the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the American Red Cross concerning issues with people had have disabilities.

Emergency Response & Resources: After reviewing Executive Order number 13650, action steps are being developed to improve the chemical safety and security at the facilities through the country. Communications is the first priority for the need to be improved, both between responders and the public.

Training Seminars:

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

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

Argonne Laboratory: has conducted cyber-security by providing protection methods for critical infrastructures and power stations; this is still a high priority for DHS.

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? Test evacuation routes and muster locations for security issues. Plan for alternates exit routes and mustering points. Attention to how 'social media' plays into any incident at schools.

American Red Cross –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. They are our resource for identifying shelters located within suburban Cook County.

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:

The LEPC is asking chemical facilities, schools, and hospitals and inform them of any exercises/drills that members may be conducting.

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 – Review of sub-committee positions

TIER II Update: IEMA is modifying the Tier II program and is seeking chemical facilities to test the software. CICI will be contacting members and asking them for assistance with testing the program.

Member Comments: A question was asked if schools took advantage any meetings and/or presentation regarding school security. Some have, but not many. The State is revising the K-12 program and it may be ready by the first quarter, 2016.

Public Comments: None at this time.

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

Next Meeting: Wednesday November 18, 2015 at 10:00; Bedford Park Public Library

Adjournment: at 11:01 am.