

Local Emergency Planning Committee

Suburban Cook County

Meeting November 18, 2015 @10:00 am

Bedford Park Library

Members in Attendance:

Gary Kulhan	Greg Wolff	Steve Lindich
Robert Welter	Leah Thwing	Paul Sambanis
Katherine Armstrong	Alvin Childress	Kristine Wienberg
Jim Walker	Mary Lee	William Miller
John Lillquist	Chris Dangles	Marty Vilimek
Robert Renaud	Gary Gaines	Cynthia Koroma
Mark Banaszak	Alice Driscoll	

Introductions & Affiliations:

Meeting was called to order at 10:10 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's Emergency Response Plan (ERP) is tied into the RCP. The ERP has been exercised 3 times this year. We try to exercise the plan during any local exercise.

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 33 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.suburbancookepc.com.

Minutes for the September 16, 2015 meeting were reviewed and approved with the following corrections: Under the Regional Catastrophic Plan, 'exercised' should be replaced with 'reviewed' and under Member Comments, 'Alice Driscoll' should be replaced with 'A question was asked'. 1st; C. Dangles 2nd by R. Welter.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Emergency Response Plan: Open chair position.

Chemical Facilities Liaison: Kristine Wienberg is the new chair for this position.

Right – To – Know: Katherine Armstrong is the new chair for this position.

Public Education & Information: Bob Welter discussed new rules regarding rail cars such as limitations on total oil cars and other measures to protect the communities through which they pass.

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

Training Seminars:

ICS 300/400 - Classes are being offered. ICS 100/200 can be taken online and must be taken prior to the 300/400 classes. ICS 300/400 must be taken in a classroom setting.

IEMA - The 2015 calendar is available which lists all classes offered. Emphasis is being placed on cyber security which is one of the biggest threats to the economic infrastructure.

ITTF-Training is emphasizing open campuses and student/faculty notification, such as mass-testing and other forms of social media, in the event of an incident.

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

American Red Cross - Can provide information regarding which shelters are available, the locations, facilities and the number of individuals that can be accommodated.

Exercise/Drills:

The LEPC is asking chemical facilities, schools and hospitals to inform us of any drills/exercises that are being conducted. The LEPC's ERP can be exercised and members can be involved.

A Shake Out drill, regarding a potential earthquake in the Midwest, was held in October 2015. The LEPC participation was via telephone regarding available resources that can be provided. Over 3.3 million people in the mid-west were involved with this year's exercise.

Presentation - None

CFATS (Chemical Facility Anti Terrorism Standards) - Companies that are regulated under this standard must notify the local Fusion center, immediately, in the event of the theft or suspected theft of any listed chemical. This does not apply to chemicals during transportation. Chemical facilities that have materials above a threshold found on the "Chemicals of Interest (COI) List"; are regulated under the CFATS requirements. The COI listing is located at: www.dhs.gov/appendix-a-chemicals-interest-list The CFATS program has been in effect since November 2007 and regulates over 4,000 chemical facilities across the United States. Chemical facilities are Tiered according to their risk factor, Tier 1 facilities have the highest risk factor and Tier 4 facilities have a lower risk factor. More information regarding the CFATS program can be found at: www.cfats-help.dhs.gov Greg Wolf, Chemical Security Inspector for DHS, inquired about any exercise templates that may be available for chemical facilities to conduct required drills/exercises.

Tier II Update:

IEMA is modifying the Tier II program and is seeking chemical facilities to test the software. For the next reporting cycle, more information will be required on the facility map.

Member Comments: None at this time.

Public Comments: None at this time.

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

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at 10:00; Bedford Park Public Library

Adjournment at 11:10 am.

Minutes RR 11-18-2015