

Warren County LEPC Meeting Minutes 06/22/2023

LEPC Members in Attendance: Melissa Bour, Sydney Renner, Alyssa Hardin, Frances Ficke, Kay Vonderschmidt, Michael Hannigan, Larry Sims, Lisa Hicks (Alternate), John Franks, Dennis Waldbillig, Bill Romaine, Matt Bear, Gary Langdon, Gail Rose, Candice Miller, Josh Jones

Others in Attendance: Keith Wise, Katie Wang

<p>Welcome and Introductions</p>	<p>DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION: Sydney Renner introduced herself and went around the room to introduce those in attendance. Because there were more members than non-members present a quorum was reached.</p>	<p>RECOMMENDATION/ACTION: - None</p>
<p>Review of Previous Meeting Minutes</p>	<p>DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION: Sydney Renner reported that the previous meeting minutes were sent out to the LEPC members for review via email. The motion to approve previous meeting minutes as written was made by Chief Hannigan and seconded by Bill Romaine. Motion passed.</p>	<p>RECOMMENDATION/ACTION: - None</p>
<p>Reports:</p>	<p>DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION:</p> <p><u>LEPC Coordinator Update:</u> Sydney Renner discussed the LEPC functional exercise that happened in April. The exercise went well and worked much like a workshop.</p> <p>Resulting from the March meeting, a ShareFile has been created for all LEPC documents, this had been sent out via email. The LEPC ShareFile is available with all LEPC documents such as meeting minutes, agendas, the Hamilton County Commodity Study, the 2023 Functional Exercise SERC report, etc. Ms. Renner asked for feedback on the ShareFile and no problems were reported in accessing the ShareFile.</p> <p>Frances Ficke introduced herself as the new Warren County LEPC/Grants Coordinator. She has a background in EMS/paramedic, critical care, and dispatching, and is working on her bachelor's degree in emergency management.</p> <p>Ms. Ficke reported that updates to the Hazmat Plan have been underway. Some major changes include a new EOC section, but mostly adjusting outdated information. The drafted plan will be sent out for review and a virtual meeting will be scheduled to discuss updates. The Hazmat Plan update will be voted on in September and is due in October to the state.</p> <p><u>Warren County EMA Update:</u> Sydney Renner introduced that they have a new summer intern that resulted from the partnership with the Warren County Career Center, where EMA taught the Criminal Justice program exercise development. EMA plans to continue with the internship program to further introduce students to local government and EMA.</p>	<p>RECOMMENDATION/ACTION:</p> <p>- ShareFile link: https://warrencountytelecommunications.ShareFile.com/home/shared/fo95da5c-a3f3-4fcb-8a5c-38cfb8746dc9</p> <p>- Anyone needing assistance accessing the ShareFile should reach out to Sydney Renner (sydney.renner@wcoh.net or 513-695-1313)</p>

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Ms. Renner also shared that EMA has been busy working on a variety of projects, as well as recently attended the Red Cross Disaster Action meeting and met with Warren County CERT.

SERC:
No report.

Ohio EPA:
Keith Wise reported there are currently only two On-Scene Coordinators in the Southwest area for the next 2-3 months until someone else is brought on.

Greater Cincinnati Hazmat:
Dennis Waldbillig reported that they had a call in Warren County from a concern about a greenish-blue substance in a residential lake in the Mason area. It was discovered to be an algae bloom that reacted with Copper Sulfate in fertilizer.

Additionally, Mr. Waldbillig stated that there have been sightings Hydrogen Fluoride traveling through the County via railway. This chemical can turn into Hydrofluoric Acid when in liquid form. It is very reactive to organic materials, some metals, and silicas. This chemical has the potential to burn through the skin and is highly caustic.

Warren County Health District:
Matt Bear reported that they are almost done with the process of getting a mobile clinic. This project will help expand the footprint in the community where medical services are unavailable. It will also be beneficial for quick emergency response if needed.

Additionally, the Health District is in the process of hiring a new Medical Director as the current one is retiring.

Mr. Bear also reported that Federal and State agencies are pushing Naloxone distribution and training. If there is interest in getting Naloxone supplies or training, contact the Health District.

Lastly, the Health District is getting started with the "Stop the Bleed" program to educate in first aid for severe injuries. This program teaches methods on how to apply tourniquets and gauze. It only takes 3-5 minutes to bleed out if a major artery is severed. This program is being offered to schools, churches businesses, all free of charge. Anyone interested in the program should contact Matt Bear.

- Contact Matt Bear
(mbear@wcchd.com) If there is any interest in the "Stop the Bleed" program.

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New Business:		
Hazardous Materials Spills and Events in Warren County	<p>DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION: 2023 1st Qtr. & 2nd (partial) Qtr. Hazmat Spills & Events Reports.</p> <p>Calls of Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1st quarter had a few indoor odors of gas leaks potentially from keeping gas stoves on and the light going out. - 2nd quarter had a couple of gas leaks both inside and outside. Gas line strikes are becoming more common as warmer weather approaches. These are a combination of not calling 811 and incidents from construction mishaps. A few schools have evacuated due to a gas smell. - Algae bloom incident that was reported earlier. 	<p>RECOMMENDATION/ACTION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - With warmer weather, social media campaigning and spreading awareness about the importance of calling before you dig, 811.
Roundtable Discussion: Partner Updates	<p>DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION:</p> <p>Business: Bill Romaine reported they are moving offices because the building is being renovated.</p> <p>Josh Jones of Enterprise Products reported that they work on 6 pipelines off Rt. 122 & Hart Rd. Eight other pipeline companies reside in that area. A 6-inch line that has been idle since the 80s has been recommissioned. Additionally, there is a 20-inch ethane line on Rt. 122 and Springboro Rd. Any questions should be directed to jdjones1@eprod.com</p> <p>Commissioner's Office: Candice Miller reported that the Commissioner's Office has been working with Telecom regarding cybersecurity threats and mitigation. Ms. Miller also shared that They are glad to be notified about hazmat events happening in the county because they do receive calls from the public despite not being the correct office to contact.</p> <p>Fire Department: No updates.</p> <p>Hospitals: Kay Vonderschmidt reported that COVID-19 is no longer a national emergency and is now working on an After-Action Report that is currently 50 pages. If you have any statistics regarding vaccines, those would be helpful to include in the report.</p> <p>Additionally, the summer exercises have shifted focus to mass casualties and not as hazmat focused. For decontamination, they may need a subject matter expert from GCHM.</p>	<p>RECOMMENDATION/ACTION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Questions regarding Enterprise Products should be directed to jdjones1@eprod.com - Contact Kay Vonderschmidt (kay_vonderschmidt@trihealth.com) if you have any vaccination statistics from COVID-19 to aid in the After-Action Report.

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Kay Vonderschmidt shared that decontamination should primarily happen before getting to the emergency department, even though they receive a wash. They want to prevent a shutdown of the entire department because they only have level C decontamination capabilities. They do not have the ability to decontaminate in the event of hydrofluoric acid exposure.

Red Cross:

Gail Rose reported she has been busy. She's the new Butler and Warren County government liaison for the Red Cross. Ms. Rose shared that Sydney Renner attended the Red Cross Disaster Action Team meeting and gave a presentation about things "you may not know" about Warren County, including the fact that there are 165 dams in the county.

If you need Red Cross assistance, she requested that you call as early as possible, as this gives them more time to prepare.

Lastly, Gail Rose reported that she will be gone all of September due to her new grandchild.

Sheriff's Office:

Sheriff Larry Sims reported the prison currently has 200 empty beds. It will be 2 years this October since they've been in the new facility. They have a capacity of 499 beds and stay about the same population as the jail.

This will be Sheriff Larry Sims' last term in office. Chief Deputy Barry Riley will be running in his place for the 2024 March primary election.

Solid Waste:

Not present.

Telecom:

No updates.

Transportation:

No updates.

US/Ohio EPA:

Keith Wise advised that some issues may arise around the July 4 holiday. People like to dye bodies of water blue to celebrate, but this should not get into a main water source.

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	<p>Weather Service: John Franks reported that the NWS chat program is moving to the Slack platform.</p> <p>Any questions about dams or air quality reach out to John Franks. Smoke from wildfires affecting air quality can create interesting microsystems that may possess strange qualities.</p>	<p>- Any questions about air quality can direct to John Franks (john.j.franks@noaa.gov)</p>
<p>LEPC Membership for the Term of 2023 - 2025</p>	<p>DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION: Sydney Renner shared that LEPC memberships are due to SERC in August. There are 13 categories that are required to have representation on the LEPC. While it can be difficult to fulfill all categories, at the March meeting Sam Reed challenged the LEPC to fill the remaining unrepresented categories. As such, 5 people have been nominated to be voted in as members and fulfill the remaining categories.</p> <p>Nominees for LEPC members include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Candice Miller, representing Media - Gary Landen, representing Transportation - John Simpson, representing Transportation - Susanne Mason, representing Environmental <p>Motion to approve by Sheriff Larry Sims, seconded by John Franks. All in favor and no opposed. Approved through membership vote and will go to commissioners.</p> <p>As Sydney Renner has moved to EMA Operations Manager, she proposed to nominate France Ficke the new LEPC/Grants Coordinator of Warren County EMA as the new LEPC Chairman.</p> <p>Motion to approve made by Gail Rose, seconded by Kay Vonderschmidt. All in favor and no opposed. Approved through membership vote and will go to commissioners.</p> <p>A full list of all members for the 2023 – 2025 term includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Emergency Coordinator: Melissa Bour - Community Group: Gail Rose - Elected Official: Martin Russell - Emergency Management: Alyssa Hardin, Sydney Renner, Frances Ficke - EMS / First Aid: Dennis Waldbillig - Environmental Agency: Susanne Mason - Facility Subject to ORC 3750 / Section 302 (Tier 2): Dan Silbersack, Joshua Jones, William Romaine - Hazmat: Brook Matzen - Hospital or Healthcare: Crystal Paul, Kay Vonderschmidt - Law Enforcement: Sheriff Larry Sims - Legal: N/A 	<p>RECOMMENDATION/ACTION:</p> <p>- None</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public Health: Matt Bear - Print or Broadcast Media: Candice Miller - Telecommunications: Gary Estes, Paul Kindell - Transportation: John Simpson - Weather Service: John Franks <p>Serving as officers for the 2023 – 2025 term include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Frances Ficke as Chairman - John Franks as Vice Chairman - Alyssa Hardin as Secretary 	
<p>Miscellaneous Topics of Discussion</p>	<p>Josh Jones, in referencing the quarterly Hazmat Spills & Events Reports, asked if any pipeline strikes required an IC activation? Sydney Renner stated not to her knowledge.</p> <p>Matt Bear asked the question: Post-COVID-19, are there plans to continue doing site visits? Sydney Renner shared that Frances Ficke is in the process of getting materials together to restart site visits. Ms. Renner asked if any of the LEPC Business members would be willing to serve as a “tester” for the site visits. Bill Romaine volunteered.</p> <p>Josh Jones offered hands-on training for fire and hazmat as well as tours of the facility to see their onsite capabilities. These trainings can be offered on a need basis - if interested contact Josh Jones.</p> <p>Sheriff Larry Sims stated he will reach out to the Fire Chief’s Association to get the word out about NWS and pipeline training opportunities.</p>	<p>RECOMMENDATION/ACTION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sydney Renner will attach the contact information of everyone to reach out for questions or training opportunities. - Those interested in touring the Enterprise Products facility should reach out to jdjones1@eprod.com
<p>Next LEPC Meeting</p>	<p>September 14th, 2023, at 1:30 pm</p>	
<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>A motion to adjourn was made by Sheriff Larry Sims. Seconded by Chief Hannigan. The meeting Adjourned at 2:18 pm</p>	