



## LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, October 13, 2011, 10:00 am

MARC Boardroom

600 Broadway, Suite 200

Kansas City, MO 64105

### MEMBERS PRESENT

H. David Williams, North Kansas City Fire Department, *Interim Chair*  
Donna Maize, KCMO Fire Department, *Vice Chair*  
Paul Dolak, Brenntag MidSouth  
Les Boatright, KCP & L  
Micheal Boos, Raymore Emergency Management  
Jon Brady, North Kansas City School District  
Mike O'Neal, Alternate for Jason Brown, Platte County Commission  
Michael Curry, Jackson County Emergency Management  
Hank Dupont, Overland Park Fire Department  
Mike Baughman, Alternate for Bob Evans, Wyandotte County Emergency Management  
John Greene, Independence Fire Department  
Clyde Hicks, Honeywell Corporation  
Bob Hull, Kansas Center for Safe & Prepared Schools  
Gael Rasa, National Starch  
Mike Klender, KCMO Water  
Amanda Oliver, Alternate for Commissioner Pam Mason  
Matt May, Johnson County Emergency Management  
Michael McMenus, Hawthorn Power Plant  
Greg Moerer, Bayer CropScience  
Mark Owen, Platte County Sheriff's Department  
Gene Shepherd, KCMO Emergency Management  
Mark Sherwood, Oak Grove Fire Protection District  
John Spencer, Lee's Summit Fire Department  
Ken Smith, Lake Winnebago Emergency Management  
Stan Swaggart, Cass County Emergency Management  
Chuck Thacker, Grandview Fire Department  
Mike VanAken, South Metro Fire Protection District  
Carolyn Wells, Liberty Hospital  
Doug Ferguson, Alternate for David Williams, EPA Region VII  
Michael Williamson, Emergency Management Strategic Health Care Group

### GUESTS PRESENT

Brian Bridgeman, Brenntag MidSouth  
Sybil Chandler, Metropolitan Community College  
Cameron Reynolds, National Starch  
Mark Falder, Kansas City Fire Department  
Mike Jenkins, North Kansas City Fire Department  
Joseph King, Brenntag MidSouth  
Bob Miller, Belton Emergency Management  
Annette Lanfanca, Chactaw Kaul  
Ken Roggenkamp, DOE-NNSA

Bill Stewart, Kansas City Terrorism Early Warning  
John Mills, Liberty Fire Department  
Joanne Nielsen, USDA  
Justus Smith, Environmental Health Student

**EXCUSED**

Dawn Hein, KCP & L  
Lane Sekavec, Union Pacific Railroad  
Mike Shelton, City of Riverside  
Frank Tittone, Kansas City Fire Department

**MARC STAFF**

Chris Allen Hunter, Emergency Services, MARC  
Justin Sorg, Emergency Services, MARC  
Lisa Elsas, Emergency Services, MARC

**WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

LEPC Interim Chair Chief Dave Williams opened the meeting and self-introductions were done. Interim Chair Williams presented Chair Dolak with a plaque for his services and shared that Chair Dolak has been transferred to Florida and this would be his last meeting. He noted that Chair Dolak had been instrumental to increasing industry participation in the meetings and in forming the LEPC Industry Subcommittee. He thanked him for his service as chair.

September's meeting summary was reviewed. A motion was made by Chief Thacker and seconded by Mr. McMenus to approve the summary. The motion was passed.

**FINANCIAL REPORT - Mr. Sorg**

- The LEPC has received Missouri CEPF checks which included \$1,560 more than anticipated. These funds will need to be assigned to a budget line item at a future meeting.
- The State of Missouri made available additional HMEP planning funds to offset some of the costs the CEPF budget had to absorb when they disallowed using HMEP funds for the initially approved On Scene Commander Course. We have not received notification on the exact amount of these additional funds but anticipate it to be around \$7,000
- Staff is working to submit the final report and documentation for the FY11 MO HMEP grant
- The final report and documentation for the FY11 Ks HMEP grant has been submitted to the state.
- We have not heard anything yet on the Ks FY 2012 HMEP application award

Mr. Moerer asked about the HMEP funds to be released back to the State of Mo and Mr. Sorg shared these training funds were not utilized.

**PRESENTATION:** Industry Outreach Survey - Mr. Justin Sorg, Planner II, MARC Emergency Services, and Mr. Greg Moerer, HSE Site Services, Bayer CropScience

Mr. Sorg presented an overview of the results of the Industry Outreach Survey that was conducted over the last few months on behalf of the LEPC Plans Subcommittee. This survey was part of a larger effort to update the LEPC Plan and to gain a greater understanding of industry response capabilities. The survey ran from July – September, and was sent to a group of 120 facilities that housed/distributed extremely hazardous substances (EHS) and/or RMP facilities. These facilities were selected from the more than 500 EHS facilities in the region based on either the type or quantity of material they housed, along with recommendations from both the Plans Subcommittee and the full LEPC.

The questions posed in this survey were derived from the National Response Team's Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning Guide (NRT-1 updated in 2001) with input from the LEPC Plans Subcommittee and LEPC. Of the 120 facilities contacted to participate in the survey, 45 completed the survey, with five of these only partially completing it. The overall survey response rate was nearly 42%.

Key findings of the survey centered on Community Alert and Protection and Community Outreach and Education with three-fourths of respondents indicating they have procedures in place to alert the community, but 77% of these saying the community was not aware of what those warning mechanisms were. This indicated an area for improvement, for coordinating emergency notifications plans with first responders and facility owners/operators and conducting community outreach to the raise the public's awareness and education.

Next, Mr. Sorg and Mr. Moerer discussed implications of the survey for future LEPC Planning efforts, which included:

- Confirming emergency planning coordination occurring between public safety agencies and hazmat facilities
- Revising the LEPC Plan with greater clarity around roles, responsibilities and authorities regarding evacuation and enhance community outreach and education efforts and emergency warnings
- Enhance Community Outreach and Education efforts – Captain Owen asked Mr. Moerer what Industry does for public outreach and noted that the LEPC is committed to public outreach but it just does not seem to be able to find a way to get this done. Mr. Moerer said that Bayer:
  - Has a Community Advisory Panel (CAP) which consist of others in the community around their plant, that they met with monthly and share details about their plant.
  - Bayer's staff participates on committees such as he does with the LEPC
  - Have in the past gone from door-to-door and introduced themselves to facility managers.
  - Created a call list for facilities in their area.

Captain Owen shared the LEPC has discussed public outreach for years and he asked how the LEPC gets to the community. Chair Dolak noted that Brenntag had also established a relationship with the community around their facility by going door-to-door and handing out Shelter-In-Place (SIP) brochures. Also, the LEPC had discussed getting SIP to the schools and their students; teaching staff and students these procedures. Now, the schools are represented in the LEPC. Mr. Moerer said that maybe there was a need to do a targeted approach.

Mr. Sorg had available a few copies of the final survey report and will email out the final report and raw data to Emergency Managers and anyone else interested in a copy. He explained the raw data contained an Excel spreadsheet broken down by county and question so readers can correlate facilities with their corresponding responses.

Chair Dolak asked if emails were sent to those responding facilities thanking them for participating and inviting them to LEPC meetings. A thank you had not been sent but Mr. Sorg shared this could be done, but an invitation had been extended as part of the survey. Chair Dolak also asked if a list of those that did not respond could be provided to the fire chiefs in their area so that the chiefs could follow up with them and Mr. Sorg agreed to provide this information.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **a. Public Outreach – Captain Mark Owen**

The PCA videos are finishing up. Mr. Sorg reported that the MARC Board had approved the transfer of ownership of the LEPC trailer and work is being done to complete this transfer.

### **b. Training – Chief Donna Maize**

Chief Maize reviewed the closeout of the 2011 Missouri HMEP training funds. A total of \$10,102.80 will be released to the MERC. A total of \$39,897.20 was programmed to support 12 activities and trained 376 participants.

- In preparation of the Missouri 2012 HMEP training funds, the committee will program the request for \$35,000 - \$40,000. A request for course fees and approved training vendors was submitted to the MERC October 12. The training committee will complete the application November 10 for consideration at the full LEPC meeting.
- Have not received an update on the 2012 Kansas HMEP application submitted around \$40,000. Mr. May noted that it would be at least another month before there would be any word since they are still closing out last year.
- Mike Jenkins, North Kansas City Fire Department and Gary Wilson, Overland Park Fire Department accepted the invitation to Co-Chair the Training Committee as Chief Maize was selected as Vice Chair of the Mid-America LEPC.

- Chair Dolak reminded the Mid-America LEPC the Brenntag Mid-South Office is willing to host training space for future scheduled courses.

**c. Plans – Mr. Justin Sorg**

The Plans Subcommittee is in the process of updating the LEPC Plan and incorporating the elements from the recently completed KS commodity flow survey that will help to form the hazard analysis section. Once this is complete, it will be brought back to this committee for approval.

**d. Transition – Interim Chair Dave Williams**

The committee has not met recently but will be meeting in the coming months to work on bylaw changes needed with the addition of the three Kansas counties. Mr. Moerer asked if the LEPC committee leadership was going to continue to operate with rotating chairs between Fire and Industry with this merger, or if this would be modified to include Kansas side representation or some other iteration. Interim Chair Williams shared that there were several methods being reviewed. Recommendations will be presented to the LEPC for review and approval to modify the bylaws as needed.

**e. Schools – Mr. Jon Brady**

Schools have continued to share/facilitate training for participating school districts. Many of the schools are starting CERT training and last week his school district started working with their different secondary schools. There is quite a bit of potential here to increase not only the safety of the community but their schools.

Before this meeting today, representatives from the School subcommittee met with Mike Wilson of the regional TEW looking at putting together training for schools on the APRS system. It is hoped that this training will occur by mid-January.

Dr. Hull added that last month they reported that they were going to have the Safety and Preparedness School Conference and due to the economy were told to plan on approximately 125 participants. As of the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the conference, they had roughly 400 participants, showing continued interest from schools regarding safety and preparedness.

Interim Chair Williams shared Mr. Brady always sends out a short summary of this meeting to several school districts and school safety representatives. He thanked Mr. Brady for taking the time to share the information.

**f. Industry – Mr. Greg Moerer**

Mr. Moerer reported that Bayer is bringing a new chemical to their site and described how they deal with notifying the public and emergency responders. They provided information to the hazmat teams thru Chief Falder. They also have discussed the new chemical with their CAP panel. He felt this may be a good example of outreach and ethical/good practices for Industry. The material will be transported in tanker trucks and shipped to their facility. The supplier outlines a specific (designated/known) route and they use "tandem" drivers.

He does want to have an Industry meeting this fall to go over the survey and a few other items.

**HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TIER II REPORTING – Mr. Sorg** reported that no incident reports had been received. The LEPC has received 1,399 tier II reports for the entire region.

**HOMELAND SECURITY ACTIVITIES – Mr. Sorg** shared that the Training and Exercise Planning Workshop (TEPW) for the region would be held on November 1<sup>st</sup>. This is the meeting where the region gets together and sets the training and exercise calendar for the next 2-3 years.

Ms. Wells was invited to report on the recent hospital exercise. She shared that on Tuesday a regional hospital exercise was conducted. The scenario included an explosion in a tanker of Bayer chemicals (Carbaryl). In doing research for the exercise, they discovered treatment for the chemical consisted of atropine, but not 2-Pam Chloride [typically, atropine and 2-Pam Chloride is administered simultaneously for nerve agent treatment]. However, due to pharmaceutical backlogs, there is a shortage of atropine. The region maintains a cache of duo-

dote kits [which contain both atropine and 2-Pam Chloride], but these could not have been administered for this type of chemical because of the presence of 2-Pam Chloride. Therefore, with the projected casualties from the exercise, the region would have had insufficient medication to treat the victims. Other exercise components included on-site full decon. EMResource was used for players to receive injects, which worked well. Also, Patient Tracking was used. Liberty Hospital has agreed that every quarter when they do hazmat training, they will also include setting up the tent and possibly calling the local fire department to come out and give them some training tips.

Mr. Moerer asked how many casualties the event generated. Ms. Wells said that each hospital received a different number but overall they were around 500 simulated patients. He asked if the region still had Mark 1 kits. They region has duo dose kits, which would not have been appropriate with this chemical. Ms. Wells believed that overall it was good exercise from which they received some good action items.

Mr. Sorg added that an urban shield exercise was going on and a regional multi-discipline first responder contingency was attending to observe. Information will be brought back and shared.

Work is in the early stages of developing a Regional Evacuation Plan. There will be some crossover application for the LEPC Plan. There will be more to follow about this.

The region received notice of the 2011 Mo Homeland Security Award in which the region has received approximately \$800,000 in which \$75,000 is for supporting the Mo Enhanced hazmat teams.

On annual homeland security activities in August of this year, we had about \$1.3 million remaining in '08 UASI funds. Since then, we have spent half and have \$629,000 left. A significant amount of work has been accomplished in the last couple of months. This full report was presented at the RHSCC meeting earlier this month and is available upon request.

#### **LEGISLATION - None**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS** – Bayer CAP meeting was held at MARC on October 3. Mr. Moerer said that this meeting is rotated to different facilities. Also, there is an interest in having CAP representative(s) participate in the LEPC. This could possibly connect the LEPC to a variety of CAPs.

The Mo HazMat conference will take place at Tan-Tar-A, March 14-18, 2012 which will include a state hazmat challenge. Vice Chair Maize shared that this is done annually in New Mexico and Ms. Dawn Warren has been very interested in bringing this to Mo. Mo did send a joint team (no one from our region participated) to New Mexico this year. The challenge is to participate in an exercise which is like a competition, where different stations are set up for hazmat teams to work through different issues.

Captain Owen shared that this will be his last meeting since he has been transferred to Patrol. Captain Joseph (Joe) King will be taking his position with Platte County Sheriff's Office. Captain Owen respectfully requested that Captain King take his membership with the LEPC. Captain Owen will attend the November meeting to help with transitioning but that will probably be his last meeting. There will be a discussion at today's MEMC meeting regarding Citizen Ed. That decision will come back to the LEPC at a later meeting and the LEPC will have to decide what they want to do with Public Ed. He also shared that even though he has been transferred, he still remains committed to this and if he can help with anything, please call him.

Per Mr. Roggenkamp, on November 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. there will be a test of the emergency alert system. Mr. May noted that this was an item on today's MEMC agenda.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS - None**

**NEXT MEETING** – November 10, 2011