



MID-AMERICA LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

June 10, 2010

MEETING SUMMARY

MEMBERS PRESENT

H. David Williams, North Kansas City Fire Department, *Chair*
 Paul Dolak, Brenntag Mid-South, *Vice Chair*
 Steve Bean, KCMO Emergency Management
 Bill Fiser, Alternate for Richard Carrizzo, Southern Platte Fire Protection District
 Michael Curry, Jackson County Emergency Management
 Mike Corwin, Kansas City Police Department
 Donna Maize, Alternate for Richard (Smokey) Dyer, KCMO Fire Department
 Kevin Fightmaster, Missouri Gas Energy
 John Greene, Independence Fire Department
 Clyde Hicks, Honeywell Corporation
 Betty Knight, Platte County Commissioner
 Greg Moerer, Bayer CropScience
 Mike O'Neal, Platte County Sheriff's Department
 Mark Owen, Platte County Sheriff's Department
 John Spencer, Lee's Summit Fire Department
 Mike Shelton, City of Riverside
 Stan Swaggart, Cass County Emergency Management
 Chuck Thacker, Grandview Fire Department
 Frank Tittone, Kansas City Fire Department
 Mike Van Aken, South Metro Fire Protection District
 Doug Ferguson for David Williams, US EPA Region 7
 Carolyn Wells, Liberty Hospital

GUESTS PRESENT

Jason Brown, Wal-Mart Distribution – Harrisonville, Mo
 Don Callahan, Commercial Distribution Center, Inc.
 Paulette DeMatteo, VHA Emergency Management
 Bob Evans, Unified Government of Wyandotte County Emergency Management
 Christine Hill, Roberts Dairy Co.
 Christine Hoard, EPA
 Marcia Hobbs, KCPL - Iatan
 Rita Hoffman, Olathe Emergency Management
 Roarke Holzschuh, MO DNR EER
 Mike Klender, KCMO Water
 Phil Klein, Wal-Mart Logistics – Harrisonville, Mo
 Annette Lanfranca, Choctaw Kaul Distribution
 Matt May, Johnson County Emergency Management
 Pat May, KCPL - Corporate Environmental Department
 Tom Mayfield, Excelsior Springs School District
 Michael McMenus, KCPL – Hawthorn
 Amanda Oliver, Clay County Emergency Management
 Dayle Reynolds, Roberts Dairy Co.
 Ken Roggenkamp, US Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration
 John Ruddy, Fort Osage School District
 Mark Sherwood, Sni Valley Fire Protection District
 Bill Stewart, Kansas City Terrorism Early Warning
 Bob Sholar, Eompass Environmental, Inc.

Ken Smith, Lake Winnebago Emergency Management
Pete Sturner, Platte County Sheriff's Emergency Management
Rob Thiemann, KCMO Water
Mike Williamson, VHA Emergency Management

MARC STAFF

Barbara Hensley, Public Affairs, MARC
Chris Allen, Emergency Services, MARC
Lisa Elsas, Emergency Services, MARC
Erin Lynch, Emergency Services, MARC
Justin Sorg, Emergency Services, MARC

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Dave Williams welcomed everyone and self-introductions were made.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MEETING SUMMARY – Chief Fiser made a motion that the minutes be approved, it was seconded by Deputy O'Neal and the motion was passed.**3. FINANCIAL REPORT & CEPF APPLICATION STATUS** – Ms. Lynch reported the financial report was in the packet. In May, \$3,314.00 was expended, there is \$30,763.00 remaining in the CEPF account and \$9,752.00 in HMEP. In addition there is \$50,000 in HMEP training funds. Staff is preparing the CEPF application for the coming year. She explained that each year, information is sent out to the five county commissioners for signature. Information includes an MOU with the county, the budget, a summary of activities and a work plan for the year. She thanked those jurisdictions that had already returned their information. The deadline for returning the information is June 15th. The application needs to be submitted by July 1st.**4. LEPC PRESENTATION: CSB EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS – Co-Chair Paul Dolak** – A brief video was shown On Emergency Preparedness from the Chemical Safety Board. It provided examples of chemical incidents that occurred and the roles and responsibilities of the LEPC. If anyone is interested in borrowing the video please contact Erin Lynch. Vice Chair Dolak noted these videos were good resources for facility in service training.**5. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS****a. Public Outreach – Captain Owen**

- He reported that the regional Citizen Education Committee had just met and were working on programming '08 UASI funding. Their committee has allocated around \$50,000 for public outreach media campaigns and discussed meeting with the LEPC committee leadership to discuss a shelter-in-place media campaign. It is believed that there was enough footage shot when this year's commercials for storm siren, weather radio and some shelter-in-place that they can finish a shelter-in-place for around \$4,000. Then, possibly there could be further discussion about using \$25,000 towards a three week media TV campaign. The question is how to lay the video out so that is it more specific to shelter-in-place. Chair Williams shared that they would be glad to set up a meeting.
- PCA is continuing but the radios are really not selling fast. They believe the sales are slow due to not having a real active storm season. Also, they will meet later to have a discussion about the radios not working during the recent storm.

b. Training Committee Report – Chief Maize

The committee met this morning to continue programming and address question on scheduling the HMEP funds. The deadline to expend the training funds is September 30, 2010.

The following LEPC Training Opportunities were announced and are open for registration:

Understanding Air Monitoring Devices, The METERS Program

June 16-18, 2010 - Hosted at Southern Platte Fire Protection District. There will be three 8 hour sessions.

Hazardous Materials Incident Response Technician

August 16-20, 2010 - Hosted at Central Jackson County Fire Department's new training facility.

HazMat IQ Training

August 24-26, 2010 - This is a three day 8 hour course that will be hosted at Station #27 Kansas City Fire Department.

Vice Chair Dolak shared that Fort Osage Fire Department had a chlorine drill at Brenntag last month. He reminded everyone that the invitation to do a drill at their facility was open to those that were interested; all you need to do is contact him.

Captain Owen shared that work was being done on a tabletop exercise that will probably have some functional components through the Coast Guard and Water Patrol for the Missouri River. Some of the response capabilities and assets where local teams could have training on the water. More information will be forthcoming. The exercise is tentatively scheduled for September 1st at the Kansas City Power & Light Plant (Hawthorne). It is his understanding that the Coast Guard will do boat and rescue tactics and possibly attach a team; showing how you can intercept on the water.

Mr. Moerer noted that BayerCrop Science is working with Missouri Fire and Rescue Institute in bringing some training at their facility. He has not talked to Co-chair Dolak, but maybe Brenntag might be interested in partnering with this.

- c. **Plan – Chair Williams** noted that the Pipeline Association had been hosting meetings all over the state and he had attended the meeting at Liberty. He thought that they had shared some good information and they have a website that has online trainings. He will get the exact address to Ms. Allen to send out by email in case anyone is interested.
6. **LEPC MERGER VOTE – Chair Williams** noted that for the last 18 months or so, there had been discussions on bringing the Wyandotte, Johnson and Leavenworth County LEPCs into this LEPC making it an eight county LEPC (Kansas & Missouri). A committee was formed that came up with some criteria as to how this should work and the criteria was emailed out prior to this meeting for everyone to review and understand what they would be voting on today. He opened the floor for discussion. Chief Fiser wants to ensure MARC had their earlier questions answered and felt this had been done. He felt the information sent explained the merger well. He outlined the conditions – each county would have one voting member representing the public sector, Industry and other stakeholders would be allowed membership as they applied, There would be a two year transition period in which LEPC plans, by laws, membership and leadership roles would be reviewed, a committee would be appointed by the Chair to facilitate the transition process, either party can withdraw from the merger providing 60 days notice in writing to the chair, the Kansas Counties would apply for funding annually to support planning and training efforts in the region. Chief Fiser made a motion to combine the three Kansas LEPCs with the Mid America LEPC. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Dolak and the motion passed. Mr. Evans shared that they appreciated everything that has been done to bring about this collaboration. In the two years transition period, they realize there is quite a bit of work to do. He shared that he had visited with the Commission of Emergency Preparedness of Kansas, the General's office and other offices and they enthusiastically supported this. He thanked everyone for this opportunity and Chair Williams thanked everyone that had worked on this merger.
7. **HAZARDOUS MATERIALS REPORTING – Ms. Lynch** reported that no new reports had been received since last month. 928 Tier two reports had been received for the five county area. Also, as mentioned last month, the MERC is working on reviewing Risk Management Plans and part of this process has been communicating with facilities about if they are not already, to reach out and coordinate with their LEPCs to share information about their plan. She has been receiving calls and inviting people to attending the LEPC. We are trying to learn what work facilities have been doing at a local level that the LEPC might not be aware of and make sure that is reflected back to the MERC. This work is underway and it is believed that this will result to some additional facility representation at the LEPC. This has been one of the LEPCs goals for the last several years.

Mr. Moerer asked about the RMPs and if anyone had ever risk ranked them according to regions. Ms. Lynch shared that this has not been done through the LEPC and she did not know if the EPA did anything like this. Mr. Ferguson shared that this was not a bad idea, but that he did not know if this was being done. He knows that they were dealing with the Iowa floods, they did try to identify facilities that would be impacted by chemicals that they had. He did not know if a common way to evaluate this is set up right now. Captain Corwin added that with the Area Maritime Security Committee & the Coast Guard MSRAM Risk Analysis Tool is ranked and puts different attack scenarios on assets that are along the port. Also, the Protective Service agents are going out and doing risk analysis on different things. The plan to compare like facilities and give a risk profile; comparing your facility to what other like facilities are doing and where you set in that frame.. This is not just chemical facilities; it is for any Tier I & 2 facilities. He suggested that Mr. Moerer contact Rick Goins.

Chair Williams shared that 4 or 5 years ago this committee had a LEPC Plans Subcommittee and this committee will be reconstituted so that they can review information received from facilities and determine how it may inform the next Plan update. If you are interested in serving on the LEPC Plans subcommittee please contact Erin.

8. HOMELAND SECURITY ACTIVITIES

- ESF #10 is continuing to meet to develop the hazmat component of the Regional Coordination Guide (RCG). She thanked those that had worked on this.
- Work is beginning to be done on the release of the Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN) as a secure data for sharing plans and such. Hopefully, the tool will be available in the next three months to the appropriate emergency responders.
- She thanked Chiefs Maize and DuPont for representing the enhanced hazmat component at the Governor's Roundtable recently. This was a unique opportunity to showcase some of the capabilities that has been developed in the region.
- Captain Corwin thanked those that had contributed toward the Area Maritime committee's Investment Justifications and the submissions. In the last 2 – 3 months, there had been about \$4.5 million investments submitted for the region.
- For situational awareness, Capt. Corwin shared that the NAACP conference will be here July 10-15.
- Chair Williams shared that the Regional Homeland Security Committee had adopted a new governance structure and the LEPC receives a seat on this committee. He serves in this seat as the LEPC chair now but when Co-chair Dolak assumes the chair position, it has been agreed that the LEPC Chair will appoint a representative.
- Mr. Moerer reported there is discussion on CFAT regulation which regulates chemical facilities. The discussion is on trying to incorporate an inherent safe technology into that regulation which is very controversy. What an inherent safe technology would have Industries do is design the chemical process so that it was just inherently safe; making the pressure vessel robust enough to contain any pressure that might be in the vessel. They are trying to incorporate some stringent requirements in the CFAT regulations. Chief Williams shared that in the Mo Hazmat Symposium there will be a breakout session on CFAC.

9. LEGISLATION

- Ms. May shared that the heavy duty diesel engine idol law goes into effect in Kansas on the 25th of this month.
- Commissioner Knight believes that the spill bill did not pass but just went away for now. Chair Williams shared that the Missouri Fire Chiefs Association is going to try to work with the Senator to come up with some better language.

10. KANSAS LEPC COMMENTS – Mr. May – Thanked everyone for their work on this merger.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Mo Hazmat Symposium, August 25-28 at Tan-Tar-A Resort. Chair Williams noted that this committee has always sent representatives. Those interested in attending should contact Ms. Lynch. Also, Ms. Lynch, Co-chair Dolak and Chair Williams have been asked to do a presentation on Friday that they had done at the Region 7 meeting several weeks ago about LEPCs. Ms. Warren was at the meeting and asked them if they would do the same presentation at the symposium. Co-chair Dolak asked those in private Industry that wanted to attend to let Ms. Lynch know. Even if they only could get away for a day, it is a great way to interact with everyone else.

Chief Williams will be attending the Safe Schools Conference (July 22-23, Tan-Tar-A Resort) with the LEPC's initiative of getting shelter-in-place out to the schools. He feels this will be a good way to see what they have to say on this issue and what the LEPC needs to do to get the word out to public and private schools in this area.

Mr. Moerer noted that earlier in the year there had been some discussion on putting together training for Industry on incident command and how to interface with their Fire and Police Departments. The University of Reno Fire School and Texas A&M has some noted instructors Bayer sends individuals to and he is anticipating getting one of them to Kansas City possibly for a 1-day event at the Business Technology sometime this fall. This would be something for Industry to attend. Chair Williams asked him to provide this information to Chief Maize so that this could be put on the Training and Exercise calendar.

Chair Williams noted that this committee will have to start looking updating its membership and with Kansas coming in expand it. If anyone is interested in membership, please contact Erin. This timeframe will probably be from July – August.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS – No comments

13. NEXT MEETING: July 8, 2010

Handouts:

June Agenda

May Summary

Financial Report

Training Handouts: Hazardous Materials Incident Response: Technician, HazMat IQ Training, Understanding Air Monitoring

Devices: The METERS Program

2010 Mo HazMat Symposium Schedule & Registration Form

MEIS Calendar

Training & Exercise Notebook