

**WASHTENAW COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Minutes

Thursday September 13, 2018
Washtenaw County Emergency Operations Center

Present: Victor Chevrette, Stephen Field, Pierre Gonyon, David Halteman, Joseph Jurasek, Kenneth Kelly, Rick Norman, Scott Robinson, Mark Wesley, Brett Bourne

Excused: Donald Dettling, Stephanie Hale, Cindra James, Samantha Brandfon, Marc Breckenridge, Ben Pinette

Absent: Kent Martinez-Kratz,

Call to Order

Scott Robinson called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Introductions - Brett Bourne, Scio Township Fire

Review and Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Victor Chevrette, second by David Halteman. Approved unanimously.

Review and Approval of the March 8, 2018 Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of March 8, 2017 was made by Pierre Gonyon, seconded by Stephen Field. Approved unanimously.

Public Comment - None

Announcements

David Halteman announced that the recently retired Denise Wirtz would soon be returning to the Emergency Services Division in a part time capacity. Among other duties Denise serves as secretary to the LEPC.

Victor Chevrette announced that, as part of a mutual aid agreement, Washtenaw County will be sending one fire engine and a 4 person strike team to North Carolina to assist due to Hurricane Florence.

Old Business

A. Information Coordinator's Report

Ken Kelly distributed and reviewed his report as follows:

As of September 12, 47 EHS sites have updated plans

No new plans have been created since our last meeting.

Confirmed that 2 sites that previously had EHS over the threshold planning quantity no longer do:

- Air Gas Great Lakes on State Circle no longer stores any Anhydrous Ammonia or Chlorine
- Hatch Stamping on Industrial Drive in Chelsea no longer stores Sulfuric Acid over TPQ. They are down to 152 pounds.

Another EHS site, Malloy, Inc on Jackson Road has ceased operations as of mid-June. They had previously reported over 2000 pounds of Sulfuric Acid in industrial Hi-Lo batteries. Ken has been unable to contact anyone there to see if the batteries are still on site.

After several attempts, contact was finally made with officials at American Soy in Saline. They had not submitted a Tier II report in several years and Ken has been able to convince them to do so. They had previously reported over 2000 pounds of Sulfuric Acid. Ken assisted them in getting set up in the Tier II Manager and as soon as they do Ken will be able to determine if they are still on our EHS site list.

B. Emergency Coordinator's Report

David Halteman recapped some severe weather events since the last meeting including a May 30th storm that caused widespread power outages, an excessive heat event in June and a severe weather event in July which resulted in the loss of power for 20,000 customers.

There were 2 raw sewage release incidents reported by YCUA.

Several diesel spills were reported on area freeways including one on M-14 and Barton Drive. David mentioned that the area of M-14 and Barton Drive has a high rate of vehicle accidents.

David presented at a safety planning seminar in Freedom Township and discussed residents' concerns about the pipelines that are in that area.

C. HazMat Team Director's Report

Victor Chevrette updated those present on recent activities.

Victor reported that the Washtenaw County HazMat team had begun air monitoring for U of M football games.

Victor informed the group about a recent exercise he attended regarding drones and the potential of them to be used as weapons.

The HazMat team was called to St. Joe's E.R. after a patient presented with skin irritations following the discovery of unknown chemicals he found in a drum.

Another HazMat team response was to Karl's Cabin restaurant after employees were overcome by tearing eyes, runny noses and respiratory irritation following a break in at the restaurant. It was determined that weapons' grade tear gas in a safe was activated when the 1920's era safe was broken into.

The HazMat team was called to the Motel 6 in Pittsfield Township for a possible bio-hazard which turned out to not be the case.

The HazMat team responded to a diesel spill on M-14 over the Huron River after a semi overturned. The spill was contained and did not get into the waterway. Victor stressed that this area of freeway experiences a high amount of accidents.

New Business

After much discussion a motion was made to send a letter to MDOT, and others as appropriate, on behalf of the Washtenaw County LEPC in regard to the number of accidents occurring on M-14 between Main and Barton and the potential for hazardous materials entering the Huron River.

A motion to craft the letter was made by Mark Wesley, seconded by Vic Chevrette. Approved unanimously.

Victor Chevrette recounted a recent Fire Inspector's Conference he attended regarding marijuana growing operations and the use of liquid carbon dioxide in commercial grow operations. If marijuana becomes legal in Michigan we can expect to see an increase in

the amount of liquid carbon dioxide, propane and pesticides being stored and used in these warehouses.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Victor Chevrette, seconded by Joe Jurasek at 3:50 p.m. Approved unanimously.

The next meeting of the LEPC will be held on **Thursday December 13, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.** in the Washtenaw County Emergency Operations Center, 2201 Hogback Rd., Ann Arbor MI 48105.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Kelly
Information Coordinator