

**WASHTENAW COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Minutes

March 14, 2019

Washtenaw County Emergency Operations Center

Present: Samantha Brandfon, Marc Breckenridge, Donald Dettling, Armando Falcon, Stephen Field, Russ Girbach, David Halteman, Heather Hoffman, Joseph Jurasek, Kenneth Kelly, Rick Norman, Ben Pinette, Carrie Rheingans, Scott Robinson, Denise Wirtz

Excused: Pierre Gonyon, Cindra James, Darrell Kirby, Katie Scott, Mark Wesley

Call to Order

Scott Robinson called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Review and Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Marc Breckenridge, second by Joseph Jurasek. Approved unanimously.

Review and Approval of the September 13, 2018 Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of December 13, 2018 was made by Ben Pinette, seconded by Don Dettling. Approved unanimously.

Public Comment – None

Announcements

Marc Breckenridge distributed the current HVA Newsletter for those present.

Armando Falcon distributed flyers for ARC's Sound the Alarms Save a Life Smoke alarm campaign, and the Ready Rating, Is Your Organization prepared for Disaster's.

Old Business

A. Information Coordinator's Report

Ken Kelly distributed and reviewed his report as follows:

- As of March 13, 47 EHS sites have updated plans
- No new plans have been created since our last meeting.

The deadline to submit 2018 Tier II reports has now passed. It was March 1. Ken has noticed an increase in submissions over previous years and had to contact several facilities and have them amend their reports to show the actual fire departments in their jurisdictions. Many companies are now hiring outside consultants to do their reporting and they simply enter the fire departments that is for that city. For example several facilities have Ann Arbor or Ypsilanti addresses but Pittsfield Township is their fire department. Ken instructed them to amend their report.

Also many facilities are not sending copies of the Tier IIs to the local fire departments because they feel that submitting electronically is sufficient. Because of that Ken reminded several fire departments that we have set up a specific Fire Chiefs Tier II Manager user account so they can go in and view all of the reports in Washtenaw County. Ken also instructed facilities to send hard copies to their local fire departments unless told otherwise.

Ken has been reviewing the Tier II reports and will be contacting facilities that may require response plans due to EHS chemicals on site.

- B. **Emergency Coordinator's report** – David Halteman advised that incidents occurred in January on the 8th, eastbound M-14 and Barton fuel spill, 16th, an oil spill at Dixboro and Plymouth, 21st, there was a firegate valve failure at the Freedom pumping station. Procedures were not followed, and notifications were not made appropriately. David met with the township and the pipeline management to clarify procedures. 25th I-94 and US-23 a roll over semi hauling liquid acid, 29th in Ann Arbor Township on Ford Road, 400-gal fuel tank failed on private property, and on February 27th on South Congress, YCUA reported a sewage release.
- C. **HazMat Team Director's report** – Russ Girbach reported that the team was called to I-94 and US-23 for a roll over semi hauling 4400 pounds of batteries that were contained inside the trailer. SuperPro conducted clean up with soda ash used to neutralize the acid.
- D. Letter from MDOT regarding M-14 – Ken Kelly and Scott Robinson reviewed the response received from MDOT which was included in the meeting packet. A PowerPoint presentation provided views of the January 8th roll over accident on M-14 at Barton showing the need for changes in the way the on and off ramps for Barton Drive create the problem. Those present accepted the remediation actions that MDOT plan to take to correct the flow of traffic in that area.

New Business

Marc Breckenridge advised that DEQ have started discussions to improve funding for HazMat tiering plan submittals which would require a nominal fee that would be used to fund planners. It is expected to be implemented within the next year.

Adjournment

**A motion to adjourn was made by David Halteman,
seconded by Samantha Brandfon at 3:30 p.m. Approved
unanimously.**

The next meeting of the LEPC will be held on **Thursday June 13, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.** in the Washtenaw County Emergency Operations Center, 2201 Hogback Rd., Ann Arbor MI 48105.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise A. Wirtz, PEM
Secretary