

**WASHTENAW COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Minutes
September 12, 2019
Washtenaw County Emergency Operations Center

Present: Marc Breckenridge, Donald Dettling, Armando Falcon, Stephen Field, Russ Girbach, Pierre Gonyon, David Halteman, Joseph Jurasek, Kenneth Kelly, Darrell Kirby, Rick Norman, Scott Robinson, Katie Scott, Mark Wesley, Grace Hilborn

Excused: Samantha Brandfon, Ben Pinette,

Absent: Cindra James, Carrie Rheingans

Call to Order/Roll Call

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 Dave Halteman, second by Donald Dettling. Approved unanimously.

Review and Adopt the March 14, 2019 Minutes

Due to a few spelling errors that were found, a request was made to fix and update the minutes. Changing “safe a life” to “save a life”; “Foard Rd.” to “Ford Rd.”; and “YUCA” to “YCUA”.

A motion to approve the minutes of March 14, 2019 with corrections, was made by Donald Dettling, seconded by Stephen Field. Approved unanimously.

Public Comment – None

Announcements

Marc Breckenridge announced his retirement from the Michigan Citizen Community Emergency Response Coordinating Council. Furthermore, he is longer chair of the Michigan Emergency Planning & Community Right-To-Know Committee.

Donald Dettling was both nominated and awarded the title of Fire Inspector of the Year! Thank you for your outstanding service and dedication to the safety and protection of the citizens of Washtenaw County.

Old Business

A. Information Coordinator's Report

Ken Kelly distributed and reviewed his report as follows:

- As of September 11, 47 EHS sites have updated plans
- No new plans have been created since our last meeting.

Ken expressed concerns with the business, Photo Systems Inc, located in Dexter. Photo Systems sold the solvent portion of its business to Bottcher America and relocated to a building next door. Photo Systems is no longer reporting any EHS. Bottcher America did not report any EHS over the threshold planning quantity. Ken plans to continue to monitor both facilities.

Also, because of the fire at the Ann Arbor Welding facility on Carpenter Rd. there has been a renewed interest in facilities that store large quantities of gasses in the county. While the amount of EHS at these facilities is minimal, we still have access to their inventories via Tier II Manager.

- B. Emergency Coordinator's report** – David Halteman reported that due to the last meeting being cancelled, there are several incidences to report. See attached report for detailed descriptions of events.
- C. HazMat Team Director's report** – Russ Girbach recapped the event that took place on April 11 at Ann Arbor Welding Supply. He stated that the heat from the exhaust of a nearby high-lo vehicle interacting with some tanks that were venting, was the most likely cause of the explosion/fire. Another HazMat event occurred on June 3, after a semi rolled over on I-94 at State, leaking diesel and corrosive acid onto the roadway. The corrosives were cleaned up and what hadn't leaked out was hauled away by the company. The HazMat team responded to two different call outs at M14 and Barton on June 24 and again on July 16, due to fuel leakage from accidents involving semi-trucks. Because the fuel had leaked into the river, the team enlisted the help of the Ann Arbor Water Resources and removed the fuel from the river.
- D. MCCERCC Update** – Marc Breckenridge advised that the state has negotiated with the EPA to restore grant funding for EHS site planning. Marc also mentioned that a Tier II Manager will be an allowable grant expense going forward as well.

E. LEPC Memberships – LEPC memberships were reviewed by Chair Scott Robinson. Upon further investigation, he found that several members were in need of renewing their memberships before they expire. Members with expiring appointments to the LEPC will need to submit a letter to the County Clerk's Office in order to be reinstated.

F. LEPC Bylaws – LEPC bylaws indicate that the bylaws are to be reviewed by the committee at the beginning of each calendar year. It was recommended by Chair Scott Robinson that the committee start reviewing the bylaws so that they will be able to make any updates/corrections at the upcoming meeting in December.

New Business

Introduction of new members

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Darrell Kirby, seconded by Joseph Jurasek at 3:50 p.m. Approved unanimously.

The next meeting of the LEPC will be held on **Thursday December 12, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.** in the Washtenaw County Emergency Operations Center, 2201 Hogback Rd., Ann Arbor MI 48105.

Respectfully Submitted,

Grace Hilborn
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