

**WASHTENAW COUNTY  
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Proposed Minutes  
March 10, 2022  
Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office  
Emergency Services Communication Center

**Present:** Marc Breckenridge, Chris Brown, Donald Dettling, Russ Girbach, Pierre Gonyon, Grace Hilborn, Eric Holka, Joseph Jurasek, Kenneth Kelly, Christy Maier, Rochelle Noonan, Sydney Parmenter, Ben Pinette, Scott Robinson, Katie Scott, Kathryn Wilhoff.

**Excused:** Glenn Levine.

**Absent:** Stephen Field, Brian Halloran, Cindra James, Darrell Kirby, Nancy Smith.

**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 Chris Brown, seconded by Donald Dettling. Approved unanimously.**

**Review and Adopt the December 09, 2021 Minutes**

**A motion to approve the minutes of December 09, 2021 was made by Donald Dettling, seconded by Russ Girbach. Approved unanimously.**

**Public Comment – None**

**Announcements – None**

**Old Business**

**A. Information Coordinator's Report** - Ken Kelly reviewed his report as follows:

- As of March 8, 2022, 45 EHS sites have updated plans.
- No new plans have been submitted since our last meeting in December.

Ken stated that due unexpected technology disruptions, the Tier II Manager was unavailable to facility operators for over a week. As a result, Tier II reports have started flooding in.

The US EPA was informed of the disruptions and worked with the State of Michigan to give facility operators additional time to submit their Tier II reports. No penalties will be incurred by operators if they were able to meet the new deadline of March 8, 2022. Any facility operator who has still not reported as of March 8, 2022, is subject to penalties from the US EPA.

Ken continued, stating he recently met with LEPC Chair Scott Robinson and submitted the necessary paperwork for the 2021-2022 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant. Ken stated he is currently waiting for the application for the support grant which could yield an additional \$1,500.00 in grant funding.

- B. Emergency Coordinator's report** – Ben Pinette addressed the activation summary report, stating there were four natural hazards and six technological hazards since the last meeting. Those events are as follows:

**Natural Hazards**

- **December 11, 2021** – Issued a NWS High Wind Warning. Wind gusts of 61 MPH were reported resulting in widespread power outages throughout the county.
- **February 1, 2022** – Issued a NWS Winter Storm Warning. Up to 12" of snow was forecast. Washtenaw County saw a little less than 8". County offices and schools were closed Wednesday through Friday.
- **February 16, 2022** – Issued a NWS Winter Storm Warning. Up to 8" of snow was forecast. Washtenaw County saw a little less than 6". Ypsilanti Township and Superior Township closed their offices. Many schools throughout the county were also closed on Friday.
- **March 05, 2022** – Issued a NWS High Wind Warning. Wind gusts of up to 60 MPH resulted in scattered power outages.

Snow totals as of March 9, 2022: 40.1".

Snow total as of March 9, 2021: 46.4".

**Technological Hazards**

- **December 12, 2021** – Situational awareness and monitoring of Log4j impact on Government operations as a general cyber threat.
- **December 14, 2021** – Coordinated response with Washtenaw County HazMat Team and notifications following reports of a sheen in the Huron River.

- **January 11, 2022** – Coordinated notifications following a fuel spill on NB US-23 near I-94. A saddle tank fell off a semi and wound up in a ditch. Approximately 30 gallons of diesel fuel was spilled.
- **February 7, 2022** – Coordinated notifications following a small oil spill that reached Ford Lake. Less than a gallon of oil was released at the Ford Plant on Textile Rd.
- **February 12, 2022** – Coordinated notifications after a construction vehicle struck an overpass on NB US-23 at Warren Road. A vehicle towing a trailer with a backhoe hit the overpass. Concrete from the impact struck 2 vehicles severely damaging them. One person was taken to the hospital. The overpass had to be removed. The freeway was closed from Friday afternoon until Sunday morning. Warren Road remains closed.
- **February 13, 2022** – Coordinated notifications following a sewer collapse on Snow Road in Ypsilanti Township. An unknown amount of untreated sewage was released into the Huron River. Several Augusta Township residents' basements were flooded with sewage.

- C. **HazMat Team Director's report** – Russ Girbach stated that the HazMat Team hasn't responded to any calls in Washtenaw County since our last meeting but has responded to two calls that occurred in Monroe County.

One incident involved a propane tank that was stolen from a propane yard, dragged down the road, and was left leaking in a ditch. The propane company was contacted, and they were able to stop the leak preventing much of a hazard at all.

The second incident in Monroe County occurred in Dundee, involving homemade "bottle bombs". The HazMat Team responded and provided air monitoring during this incident.

Additionally, Russ shared that a Washtenaw County resident has been having issue with carbon dioxide within her condo. The condo is located on Stone School Road across the street from the old Ann Arbor City dump. Russ contacted the facility, inquiring if they are aware of any carbon dioxide or any other chemicals that may be releasing and spreading throughout the ground in that area. They were very forthcoming with information and the HazMat Team was quickly able to rule out the old city dump as a contributing factor to the carbon dioxide issue.

## **New Business**

- A. **Environmental Health PowerPoint Presentation** – Kristen Schweighoefer, the Environmental Health Director with the Washtenaw County Health Department, stated that Environmental Health is the regulatory branch of Public Health. Generally speaking, if there is a rule or regulation present or something needs

inspecting, Environmental Health handles it. Kristen went on to share an informative PowerPoint presentation about the Pollution Prevention Program with the group.

### **Adjournment**

**A motion to adjourn was made by Donald Dettling, seconded by Joseph Jurasek at 3:52 p.m. Approved unanimously.**

The next meeting of the LEPC will be held on **Thursday, June 09, 2022 at 3:00 pm** via ZOOM with the option to attend in person at the Emergency Services Communications Center located at 705 N. Zeeb Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48103.

Respectfully Submitted,

Grace Hilborn  
Emergency Services Specialist