

**WASHTENAW COUNTY  
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Minutes

Thursday December 8, 2016  
Washtenaw County Emergency Operations Center

**Present:** Samantha Brandfon, Marc Breckenridge, Victor Chevrette, Donald Dettling, Stephen Field, Pierre Gonyon, Cindra James, Joseph Jurasek, Kenneth Kelly, Tony Lee, Rick Norman, Ben Pinette, Scott Robinson, Jeff Rohrer, Mark Wesley, Denise Wirtz

**Absent:** Kent Martinez-Kratz,

**Excused:** Stephanie Hale

**Call to Order**

Scott Robinson called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

**Introductions**

**Review and Approval of Agenda**

**A motion to approve the agenda was made by Victor Chevrette, second by Samantha Brandfon. Approved unanimously.**

**Review and Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes of September 8, 2016 will be corrected to show "Golf" outing.

**A motion to approve the corrected minutes of September 8, 2016 was made by Donald Dettling, seconded by Pierre Gonyon. Approved unanimously.**

**Public Comment** - None

**Announcements**

Scott Robinson noted that his appointment to this committee needs to be adjusted due to his change of occupation and the vacant slot for the Transportation member filled. Marc Breckenridge advised that YCUA is planning to make that appointment.

Samantha Brandfon ask if appointments are still being accepted even though the November 16, 2016 date has passed. Marc Breckenridge advised that yes, appointments are still being accepted.

## Old Business

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

As of December 7, 47 EHS sites have been identified

We have begun using portions of a new Plan Template that was provided by the State. Some new additions to the plans will be Lat/Long coordinates and an excerpt of the Washtenaw County Environmental Response Procedures. I am in the process of transitioning all of our existing plans over to the new format. I just completed all 5 of the EHS sites in the Dexter Area Fire Department's jurisdiction.

No new plans have been created since our last meeting.

I have received the paperwork from Lansing for the Fiscal Year 2017 Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning Grant and will begin the process of submitting that paperwork soon. It must be completed by mid-January.

I have already discovered several errors in the State's database in regard to our list of EHS sites. Some were jurisdictional errors and other errors include, sites that are no longer active being listed as active, some sites that have plans and are listed as not having plans and other discrepancies. I will be working on making sure our list matches the State's.

We found out recently that the amount of our grant award will be decreasing. In the near future the State will no longer pay us for plan updates. Currently we receive \$30 per update so we will be losing approximately \$1500 in the coming years. Which is about half of what we usually get.

- B. Emergency Coordinator's Report** – Marc Breckenridge reported that no releases meeting the planning threshold occurred. He also reported that the HazMat Team authorizing agreement is being renewed and has been sent to the Governor's office for review. We are requesting that the authorization be renewed for a 15 year period, extended from the 10 years as previously requested. The document will be sent to the Attorney General's office for approval before the Governor signs it. Marc announced that as of March 17, 2017 he will be retiring

**C. HazMat Team Director's Report**

Victor Chevrette reported that there were multiple incidents that occurred. In October, Ann Arbor Township on M-14 Bridge at Barton Drive, an incident involving a semi box truck released approximately 150 gallons of diesel fuel, some of which ran towards the river. Booms were still in place along the roadway from the recent construction and those helped to contain the spill. The booms were reinforced and helped to keep the fuel out of the water.

On November 20, 2016 in Salem Township, there was a major fire at a recycling warehouse involving a large amount of compressed plastic "cubes" and cardboard. This location does not have a municipal water source and 150 gallons of firefighting foam was used to extinguish the fire. The Washtenaw County Road Commission deployed the portable light trailers to assist with nighttime operations. Runoff was contained in on-site retention ponds. MDEQ responded and MSP is investigating a possible cause, although it may not be able to be determined.

On November 22, 2016 a citizen driving from the Chelsea area with a commercially produced bag of ice which was found to have a white substance on it that was suspected of causing illness. She exited the highway at Zeeb Road and pulled into the Washtenaw County Road Commission yard. W.C. Environmental Health, and the HazMat Director were contacted as well as FBI. It is suspected that the substance was cleaner used in the ice machines, but a final report has not been received at this time.

On December 7, 2016 a meeting was held by DTE/NEXUS to update first responders in jurisdictions where the new 36 inch pipeline will be installed. The new pipeline will be transporting natural gas.

**New Business**

**A. 2017 Meeting Schedule**

**A motion to accept the 2017 Meeting Schedule for the Local Emergency Planning Committee as presented was made by Samantha Brandfon, seconded by Stephen Field. Approved unanimously.**

The question was asked if the City of Ann Arbor's LEPC is active. Rick Norman confirmed that it is not active at this time.

**Adjournment**

**A motion to adjourn was made by Joseph Jurasek, seconded by Victor Chevrette at 3:45 p.m. Approved unanimously.**

The next meeting of the LEPC will be held on **Thursday March 9, 2017 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