

MINUTES
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
LEPC MINUTES
DECEMBER 2, 2009

Bill Hillanbrand called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M.

The following members were present:

Bill Hillanbrand	Rich Zimmerman	Curt Fauerbach	Nick Tylenda
Ryan Hay	Bob Mateff	John Bast	Jennifer Enstrom
Dave Malloy	Jim Cotter	Liesel Dreisbach	John Conklin

Angel Gillette

Bill Hillanbrand asked for public comment. There being no comments minutes of the September 2,2009 meeting were distributed to the membership for review. Liesel Dreisbach made a motion to accept the minutes. Second by John Bast. Motion carried. Bill Hillanbrand said a copy of the minutes are sent to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, Eastern Area Office, for review.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Bill Hillanbrand said the balance of the haz mat account is \$59,344.53. Curt Fauerbach said a late chemical fee in the amount of \$150 was received from First Student Bus Co. Bill Hillanbrand noted some of the funds have been encumbered for equipment purchases approved by the LEPC .

OLD BUSINESS:

Bill Hillanbrand gave a power point presentation on a Tank Truck Rollover Simulator that was recently purchased. Following are discussion points/comments concerning the Simulator:

Purchase of extra equipment/attachments from the manufacture.

Bill Hillanbrand said it will be marked as an LEPC purchase.

Discussion on where it should be housed.

Bill Hillanbrand credited Bob Mateff for suggesting the Simulator be placed in one of our trailers and add training aids and equipment to increase its educational capabilities.

Jim Cotter inquired what instruction method will be used; Self taught or use of an instructor. Committee agreed an instructor should accompany the unit.

Rich Zimmerman said he thought it was an excellent training tool and a precursor to training on a full size vehicle.

Bill Hillanbrand invited the membership to see it following the meeting.

Bill Hillanbrand said the Commodity Flow Study is 99% complete. He is waiting for a map from Lehigh County which will show the locations of the SARA planning sites. He said the objective of the study was to enhance the original report and make it more comprehensive. He then provided a power point presentation of the study. Bill said upon completion it will be sent to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and added to the county web site.

Jim Cotter asked if the report will be sent simultaneously to the Pennsylvania Emergency Agency and county web site. Bill Hillanbrand replied it would be.

Bill Hillanbrand noted Northampton County had a significantly higher number of petroleum based spills/incidents vs Lehigh County but it may be due to better reporting.

Liesel Dreisbach asked if Northern Southern Railroad had a truck division as they were listed with the truck graph. Rich Zimmerman replied they did.

Bill Hillanbrand said the data suggests rail is the safest way to transport commodities. Also 11% of all hazardous waste disposed in Pennsylvania is burned at Keystone Cement. It is the second largest waste burner of hazardous waste in the state.

Bill Hillanbrand asked the committee for comments. Bob Mateff said it was a good document and thanked him for his efforts.

Bill Hillanbrand distributed copies of a proposed Foam Task Force Plan for review.

John Conklin suggested adding the word "Designated" fire apparatus in 1.A. He also felt the committee needed to discuss sections 4 and 5.

Following are discussion points/comments concerning the Foam Task Force Plan:

Options in turning over equipment/supplies to a fire co; Title resources to a fire company, lease option.

Agreement of committee that this resource is for a large/ out of the ordinary event.

The need for training.

John Conklin said this resource is above and beyond the resources a fire department would typically have. Also it should not be used until an assessment and calculations are performed.

John Bast said qualification standards need to be established to become a team leader.

John Conklin suggested using the commodity flow study to identify emergency response organizations whose coverage areas are prone to encounter petroleum based spills/incidents.

Jim Cotter asked if the Fire Chiefs verbalized that there is a need for this type of asset. Bob Mateff answered that they indicated there is a need for this resource.

Jim Cotter suggested adding the word annually to Section V1 D.

John Conklin asked John Bast (Easton Fire) and Rich Zimmerman (Bethlehem Fire) what actions their Departments would take if they had a large spill. He said following ICS guidelines this type of incident would fall under Haz Mat.

John Bast wondered if we were going afield with this project as the original request was to purchase a cache of foam to replace outdated supplies.

John Conklin and Bob Mateff said a System of Deployment needed to be developed.

Bob Mateff said he would develop a briefing for the County Fire Chiefs Association to initiate a discussion on the Foam Project.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill Hillanbrand said there will be a training session on the SARA related component of Knowledge Center on December 9 at 1:30 in the Operations Center. He extended an invitation to the membership.

Bill Hillanbrand passed out an informational sheet on H.R. 2868: Chemical and Water Security Act of 2009. This is a proposal to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 governing regulations of security practices at chemical facilities. He said the proposals emphasis is on security measures and would add additional duties to officials at the local level.

Dave Malloy said he felt this proposal would require affected facilities to exercise their emergency response plans.

Bill Hillanbrand said the following dates have been scheduled for LEPC meetings during 2010: March 3, June 2, September 1 and December 1. He said the dates will be placed in area newspapers and on the county web site.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Bill Hillanbrand asked if the membership had any discussion items for the Good of the Order.

Rich Zimmerman said he spoke with two individuals who expressed an interest in becoming members of the LEPC: Julie Selina who is employed at Connective Energy located in Bethlehem and Alan Lynch who is employed at St Lukes Hospital in Bethlehem.

The membership felt they would make good candidates for the committee. Bill Hillanbrand said he will contact the candidates and ask them if they are interested in joining the committee.

There being no further business Curt Fauerbach made a motion to adjourn the meeting and second by John Bast. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:05 P.M.