

MINUTES  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
LEPC MINUTES  
JUNE 3 2009

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

The following members were present:

Bill Hillanbrand	Bob Mateff	Nick Tylenda	Bruce Fretz	Dave Malloy
Michael Collins	John Bast	Angel Gillette	John McDevitt	Bill Gogle
Curt Fauerbach	Dick Teasdale	Nick Lalik	Ed Ferraro	Rick Hildebrand
Ted Veresink	John Conklin	Jim Cotter		

Bill Hillanbrand asked if anyone in attendance wanted to address the committee. There being no comments minutes of the March 4, 2009 meeting were distributed to the membership for review. John Bast made a motion to accept the minutes. Second by Bob Mateff. Motion carried. Finance report was given by Curt Fauerbach. He said \$42,900 chemical fees, \$4,400 planning fees and a state grant in the amount of \$6,189 for a total of \$53,489 have been received and deposited into the hazardous material account during CY 2009.

Bill Hillanbrand provided information on a Tank Truck Rollover Simulator the County is purchasing to train area emergency responders. (see attachment) Bob Mateff said it may be housed at the Northampton County Fire School.

Bill Hillanbrand distributed a letter dated April 27,2009 from Mr. John Rozman of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency.

The letter was sent to all counties and provided guidance on performing commodity flow studies. (see attachment) Mr Hillanbrand said the letter conflicted with Federal guidance. Mr. Hillanbrand said he spoke with several PEMA representatives concerning this issue and was advised to send correspondence to Mr. Flynn . (see attachment) As of this date we have not received a reply to the May 26,2009 correspondence however Mr. Tamanini said our's and PEMA's strategy for this project were the same. Bob Mateff said policy changes from PEMA are usually published in circulars and directives. He anticipates Lehigh County will again be a partner when the next commodity flow study is performed. Bill Hillanbrand said he has had preliminary discussion with a consultant on developing a proposal to perform a commodity flow study.

Bill Hillanbrand reminded members the two remaining meetings for 2009 will be September 12 and December 2.

John Bast asked if it was possible to set LEPC meeting dates for 2010. Membership supported the

suggestion and proposed the following dates for LEPC meetings in 2010: March 3, June 2, September

1 and December 1 at 10:00 A.M. in the 911 Operations Center. John Bast made a motion to accept the dates. Second by Bruce Fretz. Motion carried.

Rich Hildebrand, Fire Chief of Lehigh Township and representing the Northampton County Fire Chiefs Association presented a proposal seeking County/LEPC support to purchase foam and equipment to replace 25+ year old product. (see attachment)

John Conklin voiced his support for the project and mentioned how this product had been used at past incidents in Northampton and Lehigh County.

John Bast inquired why the Fire Chiefs did not apply for AFG grants. Rich Hildebrand said they lost sight of the AFG grant and instead focused on the LEPC for support. Bob Mateff said depending on the funding source there could be ownership issues. He said LEPC funding appears to be the cleanest approach. John Bast said we may want to look at making it an ongoing project and consider a goal to stage a unit in every sector. John Conklin reminded members that this resource would be for the "Big Event".

John Conklin made a motion to direct Emergency Management to develop a full implementation plan and present it at the next LEPC meeting. Second by Curt Fauerbach.

Bob Mateff proposed modifying the motion and allow Emergency Management to spend up to \$25,000 for supplies and equipment. Curt Fauerbach made a motion to modify the original motion to give authority to Emergency Management to spend up to \$25,000 for supplies and equipment. Second by Bob Mateff. Motion carried.

Bob Mateff said he will be meeting with local health and emergency response personnel to plan for a EXPO outreach event. The committee is looking at conducting the event at the end of September. Possible locations include Bethlehem Ice Ring or Stabler Arena.

Bill Hillanbrand distributed sample pamphlets that are available for sale. He requested authority to spend up to \$1,000 of LEPC funds for operational/training supplies. Ted Veresink made a motion to allow the expenditure of up to \$1,000 for operation/educational supplies. Second by Bruce Fretz. Motion carried.

Bob Mateff said they are developing a strategic plan for Emergency Management/911 and welcomes input from the LEPC membership.

Dave Malloy said DEP will be approving three permits for Bulk Water Haulers who are located in the northern part of the county.

Bill Hillanbrand said it appears we have three new facilities which will require developing an off-site response plan.

There being no further business John Bast made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by

Nick Tylenda. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.