

Champaign County

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Minutes

Location: ILEAS Board Room

1701 E. Main St.

Urbana, IL 61802

Tuesday, April 29th, 2014 – 10:30am

Welcome and Introductions

(List of attendees are attached)

Chairperson John Dwyer called the meeting to order at 10:30am.

Approval of minutes from the January 28th and March 18th Meetings

Minutes from the meetings were approved.

Discussion on Commodity Flow Study

Champaign County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) received grant through IDOT and Commodity Flow Study approved. They are currently interviewing interns to conduct road surveys this summer. Traffic and Public Works camera are not suitable for data collection. Railroad data from the three railroads that service the county has been received. No surprises in the reports, main hazards are flammable liquids, gases and corrosives. Urbana and Champaign do not have designated HazMat routes. We have been able to plot various hazmat spills since 1990 and this will be incorporated in the study.

Discussion on Midwest Emergency Preparedness & Response Conference

Bill James attended the conference, mainly industry was theme. There were discussions on Tier II Forms and reporting requirements for local businesses. A presentation on use of Social Media during local disasters, stressed use of Twitter/Facebook/YouTube as make or break during emergency: Example:

Oceanic airline crash. Single person took pic and tweeted and became the expert on the crash for 8 hours. Utilize a Flow Chart to get information out, interactive method. Validate or Correct current info immediately. Single Twitter accounts can handle 1000 tweets/day. Do not retweet same thing over and over, people start to ignore. Other topics covered Placards and Compressed gas issues. CCRPC advised that Champaign County RPC does not allow access to those social media outlets.

Officer Positions

Bill James is the new Vice Chair for LEPC. Jamie Davis retains Secretary duties. John Dwyer retains Chairmanship of Committee

Wrap up and Open Discussion

Brad Ingram from Canadian Nation posed a reminder that this is Rail Safety week. He reviewed school contest winner poster for PR and to put in office. He talked about pamphlet available for distribution for rail safety. CN Police - Rail information pocket guide was provided by L. Jamieson to be used by first responders to aid in response to rail accidents. CN would like to participate and assist in a Table Top exercise, possibly prior to an actual functional or full scale exercise. Keith Erickson from the University suggested an exercise scenario in their area due to population and situation.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 am

Next Meeting: Scheduled for July 29, 2014

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Attendance List:

Bill James, CC EMA

John Dwyer, CC EMA

Peter Ashbrook, University of Illinois

Keith Erickson, University of Illinois

Symantha Aydt, U of I

Jackie Christensen, UCSD

Steve Peters, Carle Foundation Hospital

Carol Vorel, WDWS – WHMS – WKIO

Todd Hitt, Champaign Fire/ EMA

M Sharif Ullah, CCRPC

Brad Ingram, CN Railroad

L. Jamieson, CN Railroad

Rusty Chism, UFD

Sherry Wooten, UIPD/ EMA

Danny Russell, Rantoul ESDA

Jane Li, CUPHD

Mike Shroeder, CUPHD

Iris Ducey, IEMA

Adam Shanks, CU MTD