

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Location: ILEAS Board Room

1701 E. Main St.

Urbana, IL 61802

Tuesday, April 30th, 2013 - 10:30am

Welcome and Introductions

(List of attendees are attached)

Chairperson John Dwyer called the meeting to order at 10:35 am.

Approval of minutes from the February 26, 2013 meeting

Minutes were approved by the group with the addition of Pat Titus, Illini FS, to the February meeting attendance

Discussion of 2012-2013 Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning (HMEP) Grant- training and exercise opportunities

In April 2013, a full-scale exercise with the National Guard in Rantoul with a hazmat scenario was discussed, the exercise went well. At the next LEPC meeting, Steve Trame from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Public Safety, will discuss the 2013 Midwest Hazardous Materials Response Conference, May 3, 4 2013 in Northbrook, IL. Safety videos from the US Chemical Safety Board were handed out, more are available on request. These videos discuss lessons learned from prior incidents.

Presentation of the Illinois National Guard CBRNE Enhanced Response Force Package (CERFP)

Captain Chris Pedersen from the Illinois National Guard Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and High Yield Explosive (CBRNE) Enhanced Response Force Package (CERFP), did a presentation on the package and how it is organized, its operations, and how it fits into emergency response at the local, state, and federal levels. Captain Pedersen also discussed its role in the Rantoul exercise earlier in the month.

Open Discussion

Chairman John Dwyer checked on chemicals from the Texas incident to see if there were similarities in our area. He hopes to do a commodity flow study of hazardous materials for Champaign County. County Board Chair, Alan Kurtz, mentioned his participation the Rantoul exercise that was his portion was conducted by Todd Short for the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Public Safety Department.

It was three hours in length with other policy makers in the area. He said it was excellent work. Challenges and Confusion issues for the Rantoul exercise were mention by John Dwyer, Todd Hitt, and Rusty Chism, but overall it was a good exercise. Mike McCormick from Conair Corporation mentioned their real-world power outage for 2.5 days with 38 power-poles down due to severe weather earlier in the month. Damage took out three walls in the waste water plant for the town.

Members were reminded of the Open Meetings Act requirement.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am

Next Meeting: Scheduled for July 30th, 2013, at 10:30, location to be determined.

Attendance list

Mike McCormick, Conair Corp.

Al Kurtz, County Board Chair

John Dwyer, Champaign Co EMA

Shane Cook, Champaign County Sheriff's Office

Jamie Davis, Red Cross

Steve Peters, Carle Foundation Hospital

Dean Morgan, Supervalu

Jimmy Gonzales, Supervalu

Jim Roberts, Champaign-Urbana Public Health District

Jennifer Hagen, Ameren Illinois

Keith Erickson, University of Illinois

Carol Vorel, WDWS Radio

Jackie Christensen, UCSD

Pat Titus, Illini FS

Peter Ashbrook, University of Illinois-DRS

Dale Grimm, Arrow Ambulance

Greg Abbott, METCAD

Sherry Wooten, University of Illinois Department of Public Safety

Mark Elbon, Kraft Foods

Todd Hitt, Champaign Fire Department

Russell Chism, Urbana Fire Department

Heidi Morris, Champaign County EMA

Captain Chris Pedersen, IL Army National Guard

Bruce Stickers, Champaign County Soil and Water Conservation District

Rick Atterberry, Champaign County EMA

Iris Ducey, IEMA

Dan Smith, IEMA

Tom Puracchio, Peoples Gas