

**EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH
Local Emergency Planning Committee
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The Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting was held at the Mayor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (MOHSEP) at 10:00 A.M.

INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS/GUESTS

Ms. JoAnne Moreau, CEM, LEM welcomed everyone to the January meeting and asked everyone to introduce themselves and state the agency or organization they were representing. Twenty one (21) members and guests were present.

Jonathan	Adams	EBR MOHSEP
Nicholas	Barber	EBR MOHSEP
Robert	Bayam	LA Department of Health & Hospitals/Public Health
Obie	Cambre	ExxonMobil
Stephen	Dennis	Dow Chemical Co.
Jason	Esslinger	FBI
Kyle	Jones	EBR MOHSEP
Mike	Knaps	Baker Police Department
Daniel	Lambert	LA Department of Environmental Quality
Eldon	Ledoux	St. George Fire Department
Michael	Manning	Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank
Tuesday	Mills	EBR MOHSEP
JoAnne	Moreau	EBR MOHSEP
Larry	Mounce	Baton Rouge Fire Department
Cindy	Munn	Baton Rouge General Hospital
Eiad	Odeh	EBR DPW
Peter	Ricca	LA Department of Environmental Quality
Chris	Rushing	Baton Rouge Police Department
Allen	Spears	City of Baker
Allyn	Whaley-Martin	Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center
William	White	EBR MOHSEP

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the October meeting were accepted by the committee.

MONTHLY HAZMAT INCIDENT REVIEW (Chief Larry Mounce)

Since the last meeting there have been a couple of significant incidents. Rhodia has a

pipeline that runs between it and Exxon which carries sulfuric acid and has leaked between 3 and 5 times. Rhodia has contracted an outside company to monitor it constantly. Their plans are to replace the line. There was an incident on Choctaw that shut down the road for a couple of hours and one business was evacuated. There have been many carbon monoxide calls because of the winter months.

SUBCOMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS

After Action Review Committee (Tuesday Mills)

Letters have been sent to agencies for input on after actions reports. Another notice will be sent out as all agencies did not respond to the first letter. Ms. Mills would like to be co-chair and requested that Eldon LeDoux become chairperson and he stated that he did not have access to the EOC during time of activation. It was stated that appointments may be made. It was asked if anyone would like to join the committee. Barry Mounce will be added to the list for BRFD. A disaster regional coordinator from the hospital system will be added.

Citizen Corps Council (Nicholas Barber)

The State Citizen Corps Council Conference is March 13-15 in Lafayette, LA. A Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Train-the-Trainer is scheduled for April 17-19. The CERT Rodeo will be May 22-24; the final location has not been set yet. Nicholas requested that he remain the chair of this committee. 4-H Club of Baton Rouge wants to join forces with CERT. Nicholas would like to have more people certified as trainers for the CERT program. He requested that some chemical plants, BRFD, EMS, EBRSO, and BRPD join in to help with the Jr. CERT program. Ms. Mills pointed out that CERT members can help out with needs that agencies have. The committee will meet quarterly now. Clint Sanchez with BRFD has helped out with demonstrating the Bull-Ex Fire Training Equipment. Mayor Mouse, a new robot, will be coming in soon to participate in Jr. CERT trainings and other presentations.

Emergency Operations Planning Committee (Tuesday Mills)

Jonathan, Kyle, and Tuesday will start moving forward with this committee. There will be a meeting before the end of the month. A after action report and contractor are needed. People from the after action committee are needed to be on the emergency operations planning committee.

Incident Notification Systems (Darlene Belle)

There was a Connect-CTY report test on January 7, 2009. The result was: 100 successful deliveries (people who answered the phone) and 51 unsuccessful deliveries (includes ones who do not answer the phone/ answer machines). Kyle will be putting this committee together. He will also be pulling information on other possible warning systems/ notification systems to look at current systems for comparison. This comparison will decide if we need to go with another company. There is a three year contract if we need to negotiate price comparison and the establishment if another company is needed. Look at possibilities of cost-sharing and who is using what. The sound system needed to be looked at. There are also problems with the printers, getting it fixed, and how long it would take to get fixed. A report from DEMCO was asked about the sound systems. It should be issued by the next meeting.

Legal Update (Randy Ligh)

No Report.

Metropolitan Medical Response System (Allyn Whaley-Martin)

In the upcoming hospital group they are entering another great year and will be looking and continue participating with grants for 5-6 years now. There is a training and exercise coming up with the American College of Emergency Physicians. Several months ago they came and surveyed the hospitals. This is the second step of this project where they will come with their events of training and have tabletop exercises to test the physicians. The focus will be evacuating two of their hospitals and how to interact with the other hospitals because they can only observe the volume within their region and will use the public for other regions. Many of the hospitals are trying to access mitigation funds. One of the big things is that they have generators and they look fine and they do what they needed them to do, but the lesson learned is they needed larger capacity generators for the right conditions. Most hospitals are working through this. There was a meeting for electrically dependent patients/children where all the problems were thrown on the table, but it is still in progress. There is no good place for people who are electrically dependent and it's needed to figure out a better way to shelter them. The question is how to make that happen.

Public Information Coordinating Council (Tuesday Mills)

The Public Information Coordination Council is in the process of negotiating a contract based on the blueprint under the urban area security outreach projective or investment justifications. One of the projects with the hospitals, which the equipment was just delivered, was the Hospital Ready TV. This is a closed loop program where the hospitals make a recommendation and filled the ER rooms between the Baton Rouge General campus and OLOL, and patients in the waiting rooms watch community information that is valuable to them. Short installation and running is ready to go. There is also the need of wireless connectivity for laptops in hospitals.

Regional Communications (Bobbie Messer)

The COPS Grant is being finished up, but there are some frequency issues for bringing up all of the sites. Brant Mitchell is now chair of the statewide executive committee. At the last meeting they have put together bylaws for a state regional level as well as a local regional level. It states who should be voting and non-voting members. According to the regional bylaws, the regional chair should be our point of contact to the state level. Everyone needs to follow the guidelines so the state regions and local regions will be on the same page.

Drill Planning and Training (William White)

One thing that has been pushed by FEMA is the NIMS and they recently came out with a new document in December 2008, but the training has not changed at all. In order to receive any federal funding or in order for equipment to be purchased through our agency, your agency must be compliant with Federal training standards. There is an ICS-400 course that is a new requirement for 2009. MOHSEP has a breakdown of which personnel need to take which classes. All NIMS courses can be taken online, with the exceptions of ICS-300 and ICS-400 which are classroom based. Quarterly updates are in effect.

Geographic Information System
NO REPORT

CREDENTIALING (Chief Larry Mounce)

There are two major issues: Credentialing that shows qualifications and credentialing access purposes into an evacuation area. The big idea and state rules cover the facilities that are considered to be critical infrastructure. There is a meeting is coming up for this for a solution.

Port Committee
NO REPORT

NEW BUSINESS
NO REPORT

OLD BUSINESS
NO REPORT

ADJOURN

Eric Johnson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made and it was seconded by Mike Knaps.

The next meeting will be held on February 19, 2008.