

Lincoln County LEPC Meeting Minutes

Sept. 25, 2013

Toledo Fire Department

Attendance: Mark Nicholson, Jeff Bence, Kendra Wiles, Martin Hoekstra, Rob Murphy, Karl Schumacher, Jerry Palmer, Terry Wolfe, Eric Chalameau, Rick Brown, Sharon Kanareff, Neal Hanna

Discussion:

- In addition to what facilities are doing, these materials move through our communities
- Members can, in an emergency, pool resources and contact each other to aid the community
- The LEPC can help first responders figure out what is happening and what they might have to deal with
- Develop common knowledge of where chemicals are
- Establish 2-way dialog
- Protect proprietary information of organizations
- Multiple federal, state, county and local governments might have information or be able to assist
- The same governments could be impacted by an emergency
- These roles can range from traffic control to cleanup, "cradle to grave"
- Need to understand regulatory requirements and comply
- Keep systems up to date and compatible
- Become more transparent to the community and help them understand risk and lack of risks
- Build working relationships, including with agencies that might be appropriate members even if not EHS.
- Strengthen communications, know plans, partnership among those with expertise e.g. fish plants for ammonia emergencies
- All partners should have the right information to work together, respond effectively, and protect the public and the environment
- Emergencies could be local operations or natural disasters- plan to address worst case scenarios on site and also during transportation
- Definitions of threshold planning quantity and reportable quantity
- Fire chiefs may have "eyes on" activities and materials, regardless of whether agencies are required to participate or complying with requirements to participate
- Financial penalties for non-compliance can shut down a business
- State Fire Marshall is changing reportable quantities, in some cases reportable quantities are not an accurate reflection of actual inventories and locations
- Look at risks as well as reportable quantities

- Much of the current approach is derived from HAZMAT response and also WWII.
- Recognition that the previous attempt at LEPC lost momentum

"Meet and Mingle"

Expectations:

- Learn how the group works together and functions
- Build trust among members based on appropriate use of information
- Collect and share information, pre-plan responses, increase public awareness and confidence
- Establish oversight
- Correct cultural drift in agencies
- Establish fast response e.g. incident command, bring in relief for initial responders
- Become "response ready"- what does this mean?
- Agencies would like help learning to navigate EPA/OSHA/SFM/ Local/State requirements

Reference: 42 USC 116.11001-10050 for LEPC mission

Action Items:

All: Forward proposed contacts/ participants to FC Ewing

FC Ewing: Explain what agencies are or aren't required to participate, play HAZX video at next meeting if the group wants to see it, send next meeting agenda in advance of next meeting to all proposed members, notify Fire Defense Board Members, refreshments for next meeting

Searle: Develop Doodle poll for the group to prioritize expectations