

**Medina County LEPC Meeting  
January 8th, 2015**

Members Present:

Joe Cavaretta – Red Cross	Colin Johnson – MCHD
Susan Netzly – Ohio EPA	Jim Bigam – CCF Medina
Diane Dobrovic – Summa Lake Medina ER	Greg Smith – CCF Medina, MCHMRT
Jim Baird – City of Brunswick FD	Alliss Strogin – C.A.R.E
Tom Miller – Sheriff’s Office	Greg Loftus - Westfield
Bryan Seamour – FBI/WMD	Jack Hall - Westfield
Adam Friedrich – Commissioner	Ben Nau - EMA
Mike Salamone – MCPT	Christina Fozio - EMA

Jim Bigam began the meeting at 0833

Sheriff Miller made a motion to approve the November 6<sup>th</sup> 2014 meeting minutes as written, second Jim Baird and approved by all.

Jim Bigam made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-001, seconded by Greg Smith and approved by all

Christina presented the first time filer grant to Jim Bigam for his signature. This year she has added hazmat training for first responders.

Ben presented the 2014 LEPC exercise report. The facilitator recommends that the SERC concur with all objectives tested in the exercise.

Adam Friedrich reported about the proposed pipeline in Medina County. He stated that the pre filing was completed this past Monday so it is now officially recognized by FERC. There are still quite a few people who are not willing to have the pipeline on their property. Spectra can use eminent domain to take the property. Some township has passed ceremonial resolutions to have the pipeline rerouted. The commissioners will most likely be taking a neutral position and will not pass any resolutions for or against the pipeline. An organized group who opposes the pipeline has proposed an alternate route. Spectra used the original route when they filled with FERC.

Christina Fozio – Christina handed out the presentation from Spectra that was given to the pipeline taskforce committee. She clarified that the initial width of the property they are surveying is 600 ft., then then take that down to 300 ft., and then pick a final 100 ft. section for construction. After construction the pipeline will be on a 50 ft. easement. The purpose of the taskforce is to find out how spectra can support public safety.

Alliss Stroger – No one wants the pipeline on their property but the reality is we need eminent domain and pipelines or no one would have utilities. The best course of action for the homeowners is to try and negotiate the best price they can.

Jack Hall was introduced; he is a new employee in Westfield Twp

Adam Friedrich - Steve Hambley's replacement will be selected on Saturday

Sue Netzly – There were three spills in Medina County in the last reporting period. Grant opportunities were presented, details given to EMA.

Joe Cavaretta – Red Cross has still not been able to find a building to use for their Medina County operations.

Greg Smith – On November 12<sup>th</sup> the new hazmat officers were introduced to the Fire Chiefs at their association meeting. We are trying to take a proactive approach and offer hazmat training to departments around the county. Greg said thank you to the chiefs who support the team with personnel and store equipment.

Greg Smith – January 5<sup>th</sup> was a hazmat callout to a pond in Lafayette for fuel in the pond. Greg said he cut his fingers trying to get the key out of the lock box on the truck, then when they got on scene they were unable to open the locks on the trailer due to the ice buildup. This causes delays in response. We need to keep trying to find an indoor location to store our equipment. 358-2 is 54', we are also looking at the possibility of going to something smaller. We also want to work on reorganizing all the trailers. Keeping the stuff outside hurts efficiency.

Jim Baird – Ask what is going on with the Lighthouse Pools building.

Christina Fozio – Answered that the building sold about 45 days after it was first offered to us. A possible solution from 2 years ago is the Montville twp. Building that is 60x80. It has 3 drive through bays. The construction of the new building that would replace it has been delayed. It is embarrassing that all the equipment is sitting outside. Last year the trailer was also frozen, we need to put some thought into a solution.

Jim Baird – Is there any grant money available?

Christina Fozio – No there is no grant money. One of the problems with the grants is that they may for the equipment but not for a way to store it.

Jim Bigam – We talked about building a building at the fairgrounds. It could be used for the all hazard equipment most of the year. We could then move it out during the fair so they would have an extra building to use.

Christina Fozio – It makes sense to have the county equipment in a county building. There are problems with storing county equipment in a private building.

Jim Baird – We could also talk to Owens Corning and see if they would be willing to pay for a building at the fairgrounds. Benefit to them would be having the hazmat team 5 minutes away.

Christina Fozio – We had a relationship with FBC for a long time, we stored our equipment for free, when they expanded we had to leave.

Greg Smith – We had 2 callouts in the past week. Oil in the pond in Lafayette and the other one was a truck with Freon cylinders on fire in Chatham. Pads and booms were put down in Lafayette and in Chatham we preformed air monitoring.

Greg Smith – Hospital preparedness is important and our grant funding is being cut. Greg discussed the cost of replacing equipment. Greg also talked about the foam system accidental activation at the helipad at CCF Brunswick. Dave Rickon just programmed the Ham radio at the hospital, Greg said they have formed a great relationship and he is a good resource to have. The area hospitals are giving daily briefings on bed availability due to the flu. April 9<sup>th</sup> will be the NECO regional exercise.

Sue Netzly made a motion to adjourn at 0913, second by Aalice Strogin