## Medina County LEPC Meeting November 7, 2013

Members Present: Shandra DeVoe - EMA

Alliss Strogin - C.A.R.E

Adam Friedrick – Commissioner

Greg Smith – Medina Hospital

Christina Fozio - EMA

Kenneth Werstak – F.B.I.-Cleve Diane Dobrovic-Summa Lake ED

Olivia Houck – MCHD Joe Cavaretta – Red Cross

Chief Bob Painter-Medina FD

Anthony Dattilo-EnviroMatrix Mark Albrecht-A. Trucking Buck Adams – Wads. City Mike Kollert-WRH Tom Miller –MC Sheriff

Tom Miller –MC Sheriff Greg Loftus – Westfield Co. Mike Salamone-MCPT

Chris Hardman – Lodi Hospital

Joe Haller – OEMA

The Medina County LEPC Meeting was called to order at 8:30am.

A motion to approve the September 5, 2013 meeting minutes was made by Buck Adams, seconded by Chief Painter, and unanimously approved by all.

Christina ran the meeting due to Jim Bigam's absence and we have not replaced the Vice Chair as of yet. The group decided to vote on a Vice Chair in January 2014.

The LEPC did a once around for introductions as we have a few new faces in Anthony Datillo and Kenneth Werstak. Anthony has an extensive background in chemicals running a company called Enviro Matrix, Inc. that trains fire departments and companies dealing with hazardous materials. Anthony is also a member of the County DWART owning a Serval. Ken is from the Cleveland F.B.I. branch and is our WMD representative for the County.

Jacqui Russel from Medina Hospital is retiring December 31, 2013 and has formally asked to be removed from our LEPC.

A motion to approve Resolution 2013-020, approval of the submittal of the Hazardous Materials Plan to the State, was made by Mike Kollert, seconded by Mike Salamone and approved by the remaining members.

EMA attended the first Medina/Summit County LEPC Conference at the Akron General Health and Wellness Center on October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8 am – 4 pm. It included over 80 participants from first responders to local SERC reporting businesses with presenters from the Ohio EPA, FAA, Red Cross and Akron Air Quality. The conference went well and will continue on an annual basis.

The FMA grant for the buyout of (2) houses on River Styx Rd is on hold for now as the State could not process it without information about a local match. We will visit this on the next go round needing approximately \$125,000 for the match.

Christina, Greg Smith, and Mike Kollert updated the group on the scenario and results of the October 30<sup>th</sup> exercise held at Medina Hospital and Summa Wadsworth-Rittman Hospital. (Slide show) The players included the hospitals, Medina County HazMat Team and LEPC, members of our CERT, and the Medina City PD and FD. We would like to thank our LEPC evaluators, Joe Cavaretta, Kristin Hildreth and Sheriff Miller for their time as well as all the players and the liaisons from the Ohio EMA, Joe Haller and

Rick Warren. Overall, the exercise went well pinpointing both strengths and weaknesses on all parts. Mike Kollert commented that as a result of the exercise, Summa WRH will try to drill twice a year with their decon team from both Wadsworth and Barberton hospitals.

## **Once Around**

Alliss from C.A.R.E. would like to collaborate more with the Red Cross as their is a disconnect on how, if or when to contact them. Alliss informed the group that C.A.R.E. has to be invited to an incident. They have the necessary equipment to assist and are more than happy to help. Stark County did not use them in the last HazMat incident and Alliss received a call from a "fluffy" owner that was turned away by the Red Cross. Joe Cavaretta has agreed to work with Alliss on this issue as he does not believe they have protocols for animals in their plan.

Shandra from EMA reported there have been (8) hazmat incidents this year, (6) of which are eligible for cost recovery that reimburses the first responders and the hazmat team. Incidents have occurred in Montville, Seville, Sharon Twp, Wadsworth, Lodi and Medina. In addition, the new Tier II filing requirements have been released adding more mandatory information such as latitude and longitude, and maximum number of individuals in the business at any given time. I have copies if anyone wants one.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 am.

## **2014 Meeting Schedule:**

January 9th March 6th May 1st

July 10<sup>th</sup> September 4<sup>th</sup> November 6<sup>th</sup>