Medina County LEPC Meeting May 1, 2014

Members Present: Shandra DeVoe - EMA

Adam Friedrick – Commissioner

Mike Kollert-WRH Tom Miller –MC Sheriff

Mark Albrecht-Albrecht Trucking

Steve Hambley-Commissioner Chief Jim Baird-Brunswick City Fire Chief Bob Painter – Medina City Fire

Diane Dobrovic – SLM ER

Anthony Dattilo-EnviroMatrix

Joe Cavaretta-Red Cross Buck Adams-Wadsworth Jim Bigam-Medina Hospital

Ron Fodo-OEPA

Mike Salamone-MCPT Christina Fozio-EMA Olivia Houck – MCHD

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

A motion to approve the March 6, 2014 meeting minutes was made by Mike Kollert, seconded by Sheriff Miller, and unanimously approved by all.

A motion to approve Resolution 2014-007 – Submittal of the Medina County HazMat Plan, as updated for 2014, to the SERC was made by Buck Adams, seconded by Mark Albrecht, and unanimously approved by all members.

The LEPC Guidance and Compliance document has been reviewed and approved by the Medina County Prosecutor and will be implemented later this year. The walk-thru program will include meeting with the hazardous material companies in Medina County to get to know each other and become familiar with what each other does and what could be offered or accomplished on both sides in an emergency incident. The physical walk-thru will include a member of EMA, LEPC and the local Fire Chief.

EMA Director's Report

The Emergency Services Conference (ESC) will be June 13-14th this year and will utilize the new T-Card board hanging on the EOC wall as the means to check students into the conference. This will be the first use of the system.

The first of two ICS 300/400 classes is currently in session at Seville/Guilford Fire Dept with the max amount of students. The other class, to be held in May on two consecutive weekends are not yet full. Call Christina if you would like to sign-up.

On June 16th the Educational Service Center is conducting an in-service training for the County bus drivers at the Medina County Fairgrounds infield. There will be three scenarios to include a hostage situation, hazmat spill, and individual with a gun. The exercise will include the Medina County SWAT, LST and the ESC buses and will go from 0830-noon.

The Medina County EMA will be conducting a COOP workshop for the County's (4) dispatch centers in order for them to create their own COOP (Continuity of Operations Plan).

We are waiting for approval on an Operations Section Chief course through one grant and have been approved to hold a HazMat IQ course through another. The HazMat IQ course will be held in Sept. 2014.

Due to the slow planning process of the full scale exercise with AT&T, it may become a table top exercise instead. The exercise was to take place at their underground facility at Weymouth and Fenn roads, however, the time constraints may limit the size of the exercise. The fire chiefs will be using that facility for mayday and R.I.T. in Sept. 2014.

The EOC has been upgraded to include tables, chairs, whiteboards, carpet, paint, and the EOC cabinet has been revised to give each EOP ERF position their own file of information. You may be contacted for additional information if you have a responsibility in our EPC ERFs.

Wally Sobczyk, full-time Fire Medic at Brunswick City, has been working hard and doing a great job as the Technical Rescue Team Liaison. Just to clarify, Wally is not the HazMat Team Leader, but he has been tasked with finding a new leader with the retirement of Doug Kreuder. Due to the vacant position and transition, Wally has been tasked with various HazMat duties for the time being.

Once Around

Chief Bob Painter reported about the Emergency Services Conference to be held the 13th and 14th of June at the Medina High School. There will be presenters from the State Fire Marshall and the NYPD.

Mike Salamone from MCPT reports the ESC (bus driver in-service) will include a bus with no roof so the audience can view the hostage situation in the bus. In addition, there will be a hazmat spill scenario as well.

Mark Albrecht voiced his concern for making gas shutoffs more visible to companies and first responders if a disaster were to occur. Christina advised that would be an inquiry for the gas companies.

Sheriff Miller reports the MCSO Drone was called out to the brush fire in Chatham Twp to try and find any hot spots that were not visible from the ground. Chief Baird reports the Chief's box was also utilized. The MCSO will be opening a vacant POD in the jail to use as an opiate/heroin treatment area. The Communications Sub-committee has been researching and discussing moving the County to an 800 system and may begin to follow the model of Geauga County. The system will allow for better building penetration and offers more channels that could be used by County/City depts. and schools. The current systems age limits the availability of parts and there will be no Federal funding for purchasing under the old system. At this point, if one controller needs replacement, they all need replacement and in the long run this will cost a lot of money. The 800 system would cost in the million dollar range, but will be supported by Federal funds.

Chief Baird would like to invite all to the open house of the Cleveland Clinic ER in Brunswick on June 19th. There will be a mock drill, tours, and food. The opening of the ER will be on July 9th.

Olivia from the Health Dept. reports the NECO drill went well and the HD is in need of additional training and they need to revisit their COOP.

Summa Lake Medina and Wadsworth Rittman also participated in the NECO Exercise and also agreed that they could use more training. Mike Kollert from WRH has been helping to train the County PD's on the proper use of Narcan as they are now permitted to use it. WRH will be hosting a (4) hour HERT training instructed by CSU on May 13th.

Joe from the Red Cross reports the Medina Red Cross is merging with Summit and Portage Counties on July 11th, as Beth Kilchelman will be retiring from the Director position in Medina. The Red Cross office in Medina will remain and they will be hiring a new Director. The County will not notice a difference as the services will remain the same.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 am was made by Buck Adams, seconded by Mark Albrecht and approved by the remaining members.

2014 Meeting Schedule:

January 9th - Complete March 6th - Complete May 1st - Complete July 10th September 4th November 6th