

**Medina County LEPC Meeting  
May 2, 2013**

Members Present:	Shandra DeVoe - EMA	Jim Bigam – Medina Hosp.
	Alliss Strogin – C.A.R.E	Mark Albrecht-A. Trucking
	Adam Friedrich – Commissioner	Jeff Harraman - EMA
	Sue Watkins - OEPA	Mike Kollert-WRH
	Dennis Miller – EMA	Christina Fozio - EMA
	Tom Miller –MC Sheriff	Mary Eubanks – Lodi Hosp.
	Joe Cavaretta – Red Cross	Ron Fodo – OEPA
	Chris Hardman – Lodi Hospital	Don Stewart – MCHD
	Diane Dobrovic-Summa Lake ED	

The Medina County LEPC Meeting was called to order at 8:32am.

A motion to approve the March 7, 2013 meeting minutes was made by Mike Kollert, seconded by Sheriff Miller, and unanimously approved by all.

Shannon Marquez and Jennifer Pritchett from the Emergency Management Institute (EMI) in Maryland were here at the end of April to acquire information about Medina County in order to create and run an exercise July 9-12, 2013. This exercise will test all of Medina County's plans, procedures, and resources in order for us to know where we need to improve. The activities will be based on response and recovery, and it will be 4 days at the United Methodist Church on Foote Rd in Medina.

Dennis Miller reports there have been three All Hazards incidents, two hazardous materials and one grass fire. There was one hazmat in Lodi near Love's Truck Stop and one in Seville at Hardees, both were diesel spills. The Granger grass fire included 12 departments and was a lengthy event requiring the hazmat gator for equipment hauling. To date, the All Hazards Team has responded to five (5) calls for response.

The Rail Safety Task Force held its 100<sup>th</sup> meeting on May 1<sup>st</sup>, inviting the media and PUCO to celebrate. Jeff from EMA attended and reports the Task Force has updated 72/108 crossings all through Medina County, and the Task Force will continue to address repair issues on the remainder of the tracks by most dangerous as ranked by the PUCO. Angels on Tracks organization started the Task Force years ago and as funding has gone away, the Jurisdictions have contributed to be able to maintain the ongoing repairs.

The Summit and Medina County EMA's continue to work on a combined LEPC conference to be held on Tuesday, August 20, 2013 from 8-4:30. We will have a keynote speaker, possibly Greg Noll from the South Central Task Force in Pennsylvania, and possibly four (4) additional speakers throughout the day. This conference will be held at the Akron General Health and Wellness Center in Fairlawn and lunch will be provided. There will be more details to come.

The MCEMA has been able to purchase, through grants, 2,500 “It’s a Disaster” books and special/functional needs software called Saving Minutes. Saving Minutes will be shared with other agencies such as MRDD and others that deal with the special/functional needs populations to get those individuals or their families to sign them up so as the first responders in Medina County are better able to identify their needs in case of an emergency or disaster.

### ONCE AROUND

Sue and Ron from the EPA would like the group to be aware of an award program made available by the EPA to encourage environmental excellence. Anyone may nominate a business or the business may nominate themselves. They gave a handout with the details to the EMA and the deadline is June 28, 2013. The information is also on the EPA’s website. Jim Bigam asked if EMA could come up with a vendors list to send out this information.

All hospital representatives collectively agreed the April 25<sup>th</sup> NECO Region 5 exercise went well and that all have areas that need improvement. Jim reports there is a pitfall in their 96 hour operations.

Joe from the Red Cross would like to thank Christina for talking to the Disaster Action Volunteers on the topic of EMA.

Alliss from CARE reports they will be participating in the Auditor’s pet adoption on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, on April 13<sup>th</sup> she spoke at the Animal Rescue Seminar held at the Galaxy Restaurant in Wadsworth, and they will be participating in Westfield Insurance’s Safety Day on June 11<sup>th</sup> from 11am-1pm. In regards to a question about setting up shelter for first responders (hospital staff) during disasters, Alliss said that CARE will set up a shelter for any animals for 72 hours and then beyond that, there is a network of foster homes that may be available.

Don from the MCHD would like everyone to know that Justin Bechtel left his position at the MCHD to work for the City of Cleveland EOC as a planner. His last day was April 26<sup>th</sup>. The State Health Dept. has begun an internet exercise today (5/2) dealing with food borne illnesses.

In response to Jim about a fracking update, Adam noted there has not been much of that activity since Devon Energy left Richmond Farms, but there is an interest in researching existing old pipelines in order to transport gas from Southern Ohio to Michigan to Canada.

Christina wants everyone to know there will be training on May 8<sup>th</sup> at the Fire Chief’s meeting about pipelines put on by Sunoco.

A motion to adjourn was made by Sheriff Miller, seconded by Mark Albrecht and approved by the remaining members at 9:15 am.

### 2013 Meeting Schedule:

<b>January 3<sup>rd</sup>- Complete</b>	<b>March 7<sup>th</sup> - Complete</b>
<b>May 2<sup>nd</sup> - Complete</b>	<b>July 18<sup>th</sup> -</b>
<b>September 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>November 7<sup>th</sup> –</b>