Medina County LEPC Meeting September 5, 2013

Members Present: Shandra DeVoe - EMA Jim Bigam – Medina Hosp.

Alliss Strogin – C.A.R.E

Mark Albrecht-A. Trucking Adam Friedrick – Commissioner Buck Adams – Wads. City

Mike Kollert-WRH Greg Smith – Medina Hospital Tom Miller – MC Sheriff

Christina Fozio - EMA Don Stewart - MCHD

Greg Loftus – Westfield Co. Diane Dobrovic-Summa Lake ED Heather Campbell – EMA Intern Steve Hambley – Commissioner

Olivia Houck – MCHD Joe Cavaretta – Red Cross

Joe Haller – OEMA Ryan Nicholson – Westfield Co. Chris Hardman – Lodi Hospital

The Medina County LEPC Meeting was called to order at 8:28am.

The LEPC did a once around for introductions as there are some new faces in Ryan Nicholson (Westfield Insurance) and Olivia Houck (Medina Co. Health Dept.).

A motion to approve the July 18, 2013 meeting minutes was made by Mike Kollert, seconded by Buck Adams, and unanimously approved by all.

We will have a new LEPC member, Anthony Dattilo that is also a member of our DWART who has a serval (medium size cat) and several years experience with SERC filing and in the environmental industry.

This will be the last meeting for Don Stewart as he is retiring from the Medina Co. Health Dept. on November 1, 2013. The Committee thanks him for his many years of service to the LEPC and Medina County.

The Medina County EMA will be collaborating with Medina Hospital to conduct and joint LEPC/Hospital exercise on October 30, 2013 at Medina Hospital. It will test (5) of our LEPC exercise objectives and include EMA, Medina Hospital (HERT), Medina LST, local Fire Depts., and Medina County CERT. This exercise will fulfill requirements for FY2013.

The Medina and Summit County LEPC's are collaborating on an All Hazards Conference to be held at the Akron General Health and Wellness Center on Tuesday, October 22, 2013 from 8 am – 4 pm. We would like attendance from our SERC reporting facilities as well as first responders and LEPC members.

There was a Regional LEPC Conference scheduled for September 10, 2013, however, it has been cancelled and tentatively rescheduled for September 24, 2013.

The Medina County HazMat Plan updates have been submitted to the State for review.

The EMA followed up on this year's cost recovery efforts and so far has received money for 2 of the 4 incidents filed. (Wadsworth YMCA and Love's Truck Stop) The EMA adds 10% for administrative purposes to be able to add money to the hazmat team fund. The remainder of the money goes to the responding departments.

The EMA is in the process of buying out (2) homes on River Styx Rd that are on the Federal repetitive loss list. Each home has received \$200,000 or more in insurance claims in the last 10 years. In addition, we are applying for a mobile weather station for hazmat, a weather station for the EOC, and some additional hazmat equipment through the FY2013 SHSP grant. All applications are due in mid-September.

The new Everbridge platform is moving forward with a couple separate trainings scheduled in October. The system should be fully functional and in use by November. When everyone is comfortable using the new platform, the old will be shut down. This system and ones similar to it have been successful in the notification of residents about apprehended criminals and about criminals hiding in their jurisdiction.

DWART is ongoing but not on the forefront of our planning.

Once Around:

Alliss – C.A.R.E. has held a few more fundraisers at Buehlers, but has not been able to match the donations the pool party brought in.

Sheriff Miller is working on a communications project to be funded by the AFG grant, and he will be attending the County Fire Chief's meeting on September 11th to discuss the project and get sponsorship from one of the departments. This project will improve the overall tower communications in the County. In addition, discussions have started on the topic of co-locating Medina City and the Sheriff's dispatch centers in order to save money. These two entities would still be separate; they would just share space and equipment.

Mike Kollert has been promoted to the Summa SW Regional EMS Coordinator to encompass Summa Wadsworth-Rittman and Barberton hospitals.

Joe Cavaretta – The Red Cross is hosting a Power of the Purse fundraiser at Weymouth C.C. on Sept. 19th at 6 pm with proceeds going to the Red Cross.

Mark Albrecht had Nexus Pipeline project questions and Commissioner Friedrick stated there is not a final path as of yet with a project start date of 2017.

Christina mentioned that Sunoco has been very forthcoming about their pipeline carrying ethane and what their safety protocols entail. Several months ago, Sunoco held training for the local fire departments. They are also upgrading and rebuilding compression stations.

Greg Loftus from Westfield would like to introduce Ryan Nicholson, the new Westfield Safety Manger and LEPC representative. Westfield is currently working on changing the tone of the lightning sirens.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mark Albrecht, seconded by Alliss Strogin and approved by the remaining members at 9:11 am.

2014 Meeting Schedule:

January 9th March 6th May 1st

July 10th September 4th November 6th