



Medina County Local Emergency Planning Committee

Meeting Minutes for November 2nd, 2023

LEPC Members

Mark Albrecht – Industry	Bob Mueller – Community Group
Wade Balsler – Environmental	Stephanie Mueller – First Aid
Jim Carter - Fire	Ben Nau – EMA
Anthony Dattilo – Industry	Greg Smith – Hospital
Shandra DeVoe - Industry	Chuck Stiver – EMA
Julio Esis – Industry	Anthony Strazzo – Fire
Christina Fozio – EMA	Matt Sturgeon – EMA
Terry Grice - Law	Colleen Swedyk – Elected Official
Colin Johnson – Health	
Brad Karns – Law	
Matt Martin – County Engineer	

Guests

Bob Zehentbauer – Ohio EMA	
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Anthony Dattilo called the meeting to order at 0830.

Motion to approve September Meeting Minutes made by Julio Esis, second by Mark Albrecht approved by all.

2024 meeting dates were presented as follows: January 4th, March 7th, May 2nd, July 11th, September 5th, November 7th.

Spill Reports

- None

Hinckley Chlorine Incident SERC Exercise Report

- Ben discussed the exercise evaluation report completed by Michelle Sowers of OEMA and sent to the SERC for approval of exercise credit for the chlorine incident at the Hinckley Wastewater Treatment Plant. The report was provided to the meeting attendees.

Tier II Reports

- The following tier II reports were received in 2023 for the 2022 reporting year.
 - 56 facilities with EHS
 - 50 facilities with HS
 - 1 government facility
 - 246 oil & gas well reports

HMEP Grant

- Ben discussed the awarded items on this year's HMEP grant. It includes 9 project applications totaling \$126,410. Medina County received the highest award in the state.

All Hazard Update - Chuck

- Structural Collapse is part of region 5. Portage County applied for grant for training on behalf of the region. We have 3 team members in confined space operations, 3 in rope operations, 1 in trench, & 1 in swift water operations.

- We have successfully trained on the ROV in the pool and once in Killbuck Lake. We added in using the sonar and Nav system at the last training.
- Due to Hinckley Lake being drained. The rope and structural collapse team are collaborating on how to rescue someone stuck in the mud. They have borrowed an air injection gun. The metro parks are also pre-staging an air compressor and plywood.
- We have multiple people attending the hazmat conference this Friday and Saturday
- We also have multiple people attending a rail chlorine transport class.
- FIU has been very active recently. They received a thank you letter from Chief Glauner for their work in Brunswick.
- OEMA is working on rechartering the state TAC's. Most of them have fallen apart. They are going to continue the water, hazmat TACs and add a drone TAC. The water TAC just finished reviewing the dive typing, this year's project is to rewrite the swift water curriculum.

Once Around

- Christina
 - EMA received a Mitigation grant for \$27,000 to reimburse payroll. The mitigation plan update is every 5 years.
 - EMA also received \$40,000 from the Timkin Foundation for this building project.
 - We have gone out to bid 2 times now for the building and the bids came in far higher than the estimate.
 - The EMA board and county commissioners are working with the architect to scale back to just the new building and change it to a prefab building. That should go to bid in a few weeks.
 - We are Working on eclipse planning. A draft plan has already been sent out and we are meeting with stakeholders.
- Colin
 - About 3 weeks ago all the county health departments participated in a statewide exercise. It was an exercise to move medical countermeasures from the state stockpile to the regional drop site, then the regional drop site to the county drop site. The 3rd day we came out to EMA as the county drop site.
- Greg
 - The senior director of EM has retired. They have hired Dan Townsend as his replacement. He has a military background. He is very interested in what is going on at each of the hospitals.
 - CCF has reorganized the hospitals into submarkets. The EM people in the south submarket are working on their numbers of participants on the Hospital Emergency Response Team. We have been training together between the different facilities. We do not have the numbers we used to have on the teams. The fire service is in a difficult situation to get good decontamination done in the field since they do not have tepid water.
- Brad
 - The FBI is Busy in DC with what is going on Israel, not very involved locally.
- Stephania
 - Ohio BWC is hosting the annual Safety Council Expo in Columbus in March. It is the largest free safety Council in the county. There are a variety of tracks. All the info is on BWC's website.
 - If there is anything you need to share with the business community let me know.
- Bob
 - Medina city is installing 2 charging stations, is there any need for first responders to know where the charging stations are?
- Anthony
 - The biggest issue with the charging stations is access to the charging station. There is an effort to prevent them from being inside the garage or under apartment buildings.
- Matt

- We had a CERT meeting last night. Stephane and Bob are 2 of our volunteers. One of the things we do is help with Feeding Medina County. Our volunteers assist because they genuinely want to help the community.
- Sheriff
 - The Sheriff's Office is working on a partnership with the University of Akron to use 2 training rooms at the facility. They will be open to EMA and fire departments to use for training. We want to host classes and use them as often as we can.
- OEPA
 - Discussed some changes to on-scene coordinators covering our area. They will be posting a job soon.

Motion to Adjourn made by Greg Smith, second by Colin Johnson at 0908