

SERC Minutes

June 7, 2010

10:00 a.m.

ATTENDEES:

Jeff Stevens, DOH

Steve Preston, LEPC-1

Michael Dillon, LEPC-2, Chairman, SERC Planning Committee

David DiMao, LEPC-3

Kevin Quinn, LEPC-4

Richard James, SFMO

Paul D'Abbraccio, RIEMA

Ed Johnson, Deputy Director, RIEMA

Bill Giannini, Chairman, SERC Training Committee

Jim Gaffey, EPA

Mike Brazel, FEMA

Denise Fernandes, RIEMA

Gina Friedman, RIDEM

Jim Ball, RIDEM

J. David Smith, Director, RIEMA

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**Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Paul D'Abbraccio, State Radiological Safety Officer.**

- No old business discussed.**
- Planning Committee Report presented by Chief Dillon;**

- o Meeting took place on May 21, 2010 at the Providence Public Safety Headquarters.**
- o Present Chairman Dillon, Chief DiMao, LEPC 3 Chief Quinn, LEPC 4 Steve Preston and LEPC 1 Jim Gaffey EPA.**
- o HMEP grant is in language to be added from the Maine HMEP grant to provide for use of funds for public education and notification.**
- o Motion made and seconded to approve \$12,000.00 for conference room rental at the Massachusetts Hazmat conference in September Committee voted to approve without dissension.**
- o Motion made and seconded to send 8 members from each team to the Massachusetts Hazmat conference in September at a cost of \$22,624.00. Motion passed without dissension.**
- o Motion made and seconded for LEPC test banks for database \$2,401.00. Motion passed without dissension.**
- o Discussion on future tri-state exercise involving an ethanol incident.**
- o Discussion on SERC website.**
- o Two improvements needed;**
  - &#61607; Public able to view posted information.**
  - &#61607; Passwords and permissions for all LEPC chairmen.**
- o Discussion on new DHS rule.**
- o Next meeting June 18, 2010 at PEMA 591 Charles Street, Providence, RI.**
  - \$42,000.00 remaining, but we are projected to spend all by the end of the fiscal year.**
- o \$13,000.00 on Firefighter I.**

- o **\$22,000.00 on highway tank specialist.**

- o **\$3,400.00 Cumberland Hill.**

- o **\$500.00 for CAMEO.**

- o **\$7,000.00 for two 1041.**

- **Dir. Smith: Soon to be celebrating the announcement of the Fire Academy on the 17th, and we enthusiastically support this.**

- **Discussion of May Exercises:**

- o **Chief Dillon: There were no problems everything went as planned. Everyone had a great experience from doing the exercise. It was hot, long and tiring, but everyone got a lot out of the exercise.**

- o **There was a consensus that it was a great idea to keep the exercise going.**

- **HazMat related issues regarding recent floods:**

- o **Chief Dillon: We took in 133,000 rounds of .223 ammunition that belongs to ICE. We are looking into whether we can use FEMA funds to dispose of the ammunition.**

- o **Dir. Smith: Whenever a federal agency has ownership, FEMA will not pay for the disposal. They expect the other agency to pay.**

- o **Gina Friedman: We have a request from our GIS office to start mapping all the Tier II and EHAS(SP?) facilities that are in the flood plain. I understand Stephan may have better maps.**

- o **Dir. Smith: I think the flood is actually a good thing because it has brought people together that historically had not had the ability to**

come together and identify funding, technologies as well as resources. AAR is June 16, 2010 at CCRI Lincoln and already 50 people have signed up.

o Chief Dillon: We need to develop an SOP in regard to strike teams and recon teams. What there area or region of response will be. We need to develop how they are going to be the eyes and ears for DEM. We also need to develop a water side approach to hazardous materials.

o Dir. Smith: The Coast Guard Task Force wanted compensation and it has been taken care of.

o Dir. Smith: A meeting tomorrow with the mayor's office to try and move the issue forward regarding Army petition for prompt assistance.

• Reverse 911 report:

o Chief Dillon: (HMEP Grant) We should get that awarded in September and once we get that we will apply for public education. We will start a public education campaign with the Reverse 911.

o Chief Dillon: Two bad things happened with the Reverse 911:

• People hear the electronics and hang up on it.

• They get the message and hit \*69 to try and get additional information.

o It is a great tool, but right now I am not confident that it is going to work as well as it should. We need to educate the public.

o Steve Preston: By state statue we are limited to how we can use the Reverse 911 data.

- o Dir. Smith: We had some real issues with the Reverse 911 in the choke point.**
- o Chief Dillon: We need an SOP on the Reverse 911 system.**
- o Dir. Smith: We will follow up on Reverse 911.**
- o Jeff Stevens: The special needs registry is now going to have an integrated GIS backing feature to it, which should go live by the end of the week.**
- o We can learn from the nuclear power plants and CSSEPS.**

- LEPC 1 Report - Chief Preston:**

- o Next meeting is July 20, 2010 at 1:30 at the Providence Public Library.**
- o LEPC 1 does not accept paper in any form.**
- o Working with Stephan to find if the state database has any facilities that I do not have.**
- o We found one in Smithfield a distribution facility, which never reported.**

- LEPC 2 Report - Chief Dillon:**

- o Next meeting is June 16, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at the Providence Public Safety Complex.**
- o Exercised port evacuation plan during Vigilant Hope. It was not as successful as planned, but it was still successful and a valid plan.**
- o Discovered a chemical warehouse at 625 Harris Avenue and we are in the process of inspecting that facility right now.**

- **LEPC 3 Report - Chief DiMao:**

- o Meet tomorrow at Kent Hospital at 10:00 a.m. to adopt new bylaws and hopefully have in place a new vice chairperson and a secretary.
- o Also, establish two other subcommittees.

- **LEPC 4 Report - Chief Quinn**

- o June 2010 Quarterly Report.
- o January 28, 2010-LEPC 4 initial meeting-University of Rhode Island
- o Developed 3 subcommittees to organize the LEPC 4's mission and goals.
- o February 4, 2010-Communications Subcommittee meeting.
- o April 7, 2010-Participated in the DEM Hazardous Materials Strike Team.
- o April 17, 2010-By-Law Sub Committee meeting.
- o April 19, 2010- Emergency Response Plan Sub Committee meeting.
- o May 11, 2010-Communications Sub-Committee meeting.
- o May 18-19, 2010-16 Hour CAMEO Suite Training for LEPC 4-Charlestown Police Headquarters.
- o June 8, 2010-10:00 a.m. LEPC 4 Quarterly meeting scheduled-Quonset Development Corp.

- **New Business:**

- o Jim Gaffey: They are considering canceling the New England Conference. There is a meeting Monday to discuss it. Some states have said they cannot travel.
- o Steven Preston: Annual workshop \$6,000.00 has been earmarked

for that conference. He is not able to be the main planner for this conference. Gina is willing to coordinate with someone else, but can't commit to going solo on this project.

- o Stephan is suggested.

- o September 28, 2010 if facility available.

- o TriState drill meeting on June 24, 2010 at Providence/Worcester on Hamman Street at 10:00 a.m. The exercise is in 2011.

- o Change of command, Captain Gilbert is now taking over for our zone.

- o Dir. J. David Smith: Rob (regional administrator) continues to be a great resource for us. We don't have a start date yet for Don.

- o Gina Friedman: June 25, 2010, all invited to attend workshop at DEM room 300 at 9:30 a.m.

- o Gina Friedman: Usually have a refresher course for the teachers regarding chemicals storage requirements regarding what are at the facilities. Need money for CDs, handouts listing chemicals banned and other handouts.

- o Jim Gaffey: Tanner considered unmanned facility and in residential area. This is in response to the REMP.

- o Discussion regarding Providence/Worcester and Amtrak trains going through with hazardous materials. They are only allowed to go through when no people are on the platform. Concern regarding the trains sitting on the rails with hazardous materials in them, as well as moving on the rails during waterfires.

Meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

**Next Meeting July 12, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.**

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