

**RHODE ISLAND STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION  
JANUARY 9, 2012  
COMMAND READINESS CENTER  
MEETING MINUTES**

**ATTENDEES**

**Paul D'Abbraccio – SERC Coordinator**

**Kevin Quinn - Union Fire LEPC 4**

**Fred Stanley - RI AFC**

**Richard James - RISFMO**

**Jeff Stevens - DOH**

**Jim Gumbley – RIEMA**

**Steve Preston – LEPC 1**

**Robbie Lopez – RIEMA**

**David Di Maio – LEPC 3**

**Jim Ball – RI DEM**

**Eva Zito – RIEMA**

**Gina Friedman – RI**

**Michael Carey – LEPC 5**

**Theresa Murray – RIEMA**

**Ed Johnson – RIEMA**

**Chris Harwood – Johnson & Wales**

**Tyler Sierkiecicz – DOH**

**Meeting was called to order by Chair Paul D'Abbraccio at 2:05pm.**

**Old Business-everybody received a copy of the agenda. Meeting dates for 2012 were sent out. Any conflicts with any upcoming drills or exercises let me know and we will make the appropriate changes. Planning committee report – next meeting January 18 at 1:30 at FEMA – distributing funds –**

**There is a meeting tomorrow at 9 of the Training Committee**

**LEPC 1 – next meeting 1/11/12 at 1:30 at North Providence Public Library – first meeting of the year.**

**LEPC 2 – not here**

**LEPC 3 – Dave DiMaio– last meeting was 12/16/11 at Central Library Cranston – about 25 attendees – topics discussed were school lab, air quality at indoor ice arenas. The next meeting is 3/15/12 at 10:00 at location to be decided.**

**LEPC 4 – last meeting was 12/13/11. Reports to the EPA, Department of Labor, OSHA, presentations from the fusion center flow study, and DHS. Next meeting is 3/21/12 at the Quonset Development Corporation. – LEPC 4 sponsored a hazmat drill yesterday in Hope**

**Valley Fire Department – hazmat team – well attended – met all their objectives – there were a number of requests for training – we are in the process of doing some Design team work – also working on update to the district plan and type resources for individual fire chiefs – should have completed by 3/1/12.**

**Ed Johnson- I apologize for being late. I would like to introduce the new Executive Director Theresa Murray. If you have covered this forgive me. How about the bylaws ?**

**They were new business last time but now are old business.**

**Connecting with DOT – this Thursday a few of us are getting together to discuss – any suggestions or thoughts appreciated**

**On the same note hopefully we will be able to reach out to some of the other agencies that have not been participating. Did they get added to the list? Example Dawn Lewis has not been added to the email. We will add her.**

**Gina Friedman – we have been looking at sending a letter out to schools because one of the things we found over the course of the year is that schools tend to get rid of their chemicals and reaccumulate. We thought about it and since DOT no longer has inspectors to go out we are sending a letter (passed around) with some attachments. There is a list of all banned chemicals. As soon as we have a quorum we will vote on it. And then it can be signed.**

**There is no quorum today or wiggle room. We should still put it on letterhead and the last page will be a signature page. We should poll those present then call rest for their vote.**

**Discussion on quorum – There are not enough voting members. We really need to get all representatives to attend and also have people vote by e-mail. We have done email votes in the past which allows us to have a paper trail.**

**Workshop notices have been sent out by Michelle San Souci with a registration deadline of 1/23/12. It was also sent out to the LEPC chairs and requested they forward to their membership. EPA will be discussing the new regulations and Jim Gaffey discussing the GDC. Stefan is going to be discussing the CAMEO segment. Steve Preston will be doing the Tier 2 revisions and updates will be done by Len Wallace who will be doing the Tier 2 reporting. Date for the class is February 6 at Crowne Plaza from 8 to 5.**

**Tier 2's are due on or before 3/1/12**

**New Business**

**Were bylaws circulated? No they were not.**

**HMEP grant has been signed and issued. There is a meeting at FEMA**

with the Planning committee on 1/18/12 to distribute them. Talking about circulating the bylaws- some people do not have copies of the bylaws. They need to be sent out and talked about next month.

Theresa Murray-I start next Tuesday ! Still learning – thank you all for taking the time to attend and I am happy to see products getting ready to go out. I do plan on sitting in at meetings to learn more. I have a lot on my plate in the months to come but I am looking forward to working with everyone. I welcome any questions you may have.

Post 9/11 non OCA data was to be proposed to be back on web which will be accessible to everybody and that would include the executive summaries. Unfortunately there is no regulation at this point that prevents people from putting their off site data in the executive summaries. They are proposing to un-shelter information that was previously sheltered. The problem with this is do we want to make a statement? – was asked if we want to make a comment on this proposal going to send email that was received to everyone for opinions and preparation of joint response. Agreement – do not want information to be accessible to public – we should voice committee opinion – but note that information is available so many other ways – many are public information – email to be forwarded for all to review and input.

Discussion with Jim Gaffey via conference line – regarding public accessibility's - he did not get letter from Washington - discussion on

**web site info that is available.**

**Discussion on whether to allow use of conferencing to attend meeting – not able to make a motion as there was no quorum.**

**NEXT MEETING IS FEBRUARY 6, 2012 AT 4 PM AT CROWN PLAZA.**

**Meeting Adjourned at 2:40pm.**