

Rhode Island
Local Emergency Planning Committee #2
City of Providence

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 591 Charles Street
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Meeting Minutes of 12 March 2014
 (Submitted by Craig H. Kampmier, Secretary)

ATTENDEES: (• = present)

Organization	Representative
Aramark	Robin Guevarez
•Brown University	•Henry Huppert
	Stephen Morin
City of Providence, Planning & Development	Dave Everett
City of Providence, Department of Inspections & Standards	Peter D. Carnevale
Community Group Representative	Vacant
•Contech Medical	•Collin Guibeau
•Dominion Energy	•Chris O'Connell
Enterprise Products	Gary Waldron
Ferguson Perforating	Bob Audette
	Bill Ostigay
•Holcim US	•Barry Nugent
	Scott Smith
Hudson	Joe Murphy
•Johnson & Wales University	Chris Harwood
	•Susan Mayo
	•Richard Moore
Lehigh Cement	Jeffrey Halliday
•Mahr Federal, Inc.	•Thomas Armstrong
	Carol Gaboriault
•Meeting Street School	•Jim Butterworth
Miriam Hospital	Kenneth M ^c Parlin
Narragansett Bay Commission	Dave Aucoin
	Kerry Britt
National Grid	
•Providence & Worcester Railroad	Steve Buckless
	•Andrew Zompa
•Providence Emergency Management Agency	Peter Gaynor
	Peter Marinucci
	•Felicia Porawski-Balbi
•Providence Fire Department	•Jeffrey Varone
Providence Port	Steve Curtis

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•RIBI Security	•Bob Johnson
•RI Committee on Occupational Safety & Health (RICOSH)	•Jim Celenza
RI Department of Environmental Management (DEM)	Jill Eastman
•RI Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) & Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)	•Craig H. Kampmier
RI Emergency Management Agency (RIEMA)	Paul D'Abbraccio
•Lifespan / RI Hospital, The Miriam Hospital	•Peter Ginaitt
•RI Public Transit Authority (RIPTA)	•Jamie Pereira
•RI School of Design	•Alan Cantara
•CharterCARE Health Partners /Roger Williams Medical Center, St. Joseph's	•Scott Atkins
	Gina Gilmore
	Tom Lawrence
•Save the Bay	•Michael Russo
Seebald & Associates	Ray Seebald
•Sims Metal Management	Michael Weiderman
	•Scott Jacobs
Univar USA	Mike Duchesne
	Mitch Stevens
	Brian Strayer
U.S. Coast Guard	Keith T. Hanley
	John T. Kondratowicz
	Erin G. Lambie
	Joanna L. Moran
	Joshua I. Nix
	Peter A. Popko
•U.S. Dept. of Labor, Occupational Safety & Health Administration	•Maryann Medeiros
•U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 1	•Jim Gaffey
Women & Infants Hospital	Matt Griswold
Member(s) of the Public	Michael Dillon

• Meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Chairperson Jeffrey Varone, Battalion Chief, Providence Fire Department, in the first floor auditorium of the Providence Public Safety Complex, 325 Washington Street, Providence, RI 02903.

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• A motion was made, seconded and approved to amend the minutes of 12 June 2013 on page 7, the first paragraph, by deleting 85% participation in consideration of the quantified numbers (54%) submitted in the PEMA report. With the amendment, the minutes from the 12 June and 11 December 2013 meetings, distributed by email, were approved.

Correspondence/Handouts: Aside from some member representatives who communicated their absence from today's meeting there was no correspondence.

Reports

City of Providence:

Communications: No Report
Emergency Management Agency (PEMA): *Felicia Porawski-Balbi*

- The annual Port Evacuation Exercise will be conducted on Thursday 29 May; a week earlier than usual due to schedule considerations.
- Other upcoming exercises include 9 May at Johnson & Wales University; 16 May, Hurricane Barrier; an all day exercise on 13 June; an evacuation drill at 444 Westminster Street on 18 June for which the plan is being vetted at this time; and lastly a RACES Club (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service) exercise 28-29 June 2014.
- There is a new "recovery" staff member at PEMA.

Providence Fire Department: *Battalion Chief Jeffrey Varone (LEPC #2 Chairperson)*

- There are two (2) hazardous material incidents to report. A vehicle struck a gas pump at Hope Street and Blackstone Boulevard, subsequently leaking fuel resulting in fire. There was an underground explosion on Point Street; the incident remains under investigation.
- Tier II reports need to be submitted electronically to (1) Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training [DLT]; (2) Local Emergency Planning Committee #2 [LEPC #2]; (3) Providence Fire Department [PFD]. The chairperson is preparing an email to provide separate addresses for the LEPC and PFD. The EPA is working towards a future single reporting portal from which they distribute the reports.
- Port of Providence 2014 exercise (PORTEX '14). In accomplishing the required annual rehearsal of the emergency operations plan, the evacuation plan for the

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Port of Providence is exercised. The Chair mentioned his desire for interagency collaboration with remote air monitoring, some land based, and with the boat strike team, on water. In seeking an Exercise Planning Committee a sign-up sheet was available. Reverse 911 is no longer used in Providence; PEMA uses an emergency notification system [ENS] similar to the Rhode Island State Police [RISP]. The Chairperson requested information on how long the process takes for RIPTA buses to arrive at a destination if requested for an emergency, and for an ambulance bus. PEMA has that information and will forward it. Also noted was that RIPTA has drivers on duty twenty (20) hours per day; during the four (4) hours without drivers there are mechanics working, who possess commercial driver licenses [CDL] and can drive a bus as necessary. Also shared, is that the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency [RIEMA] director is addressing the Emergency Support Functions [ESF – an effective way to bundle and manage resources used in the National Response Framework and commonly mimicked at state and local levels for continuity].

Inspections & Standards:	No Report.
Mayor's Press Office:	No Report.
Planning & Development:	No Report.
Police Department:	No Report.
Public Property:	No Report.
Public Schools:	No Report.
Public Works:	No Report.
Solicitor's Office:	No Report.
Tax Assessor:	No Report.

State of Rhode Island:

Department of Environmental Management (DEM):	No Report.
Department of Labor and Training (DLT):	No Report.
Emergency Management Agency (RIEMA):	No Report
RI Public Transit Authority (RIPTA):	No Report

State Emergency Response Commission (SERC): *Jeffrey Varone (LEPC #2 Chairperson)*

•Speaking on behalf of the SERC, the Chairperson reported a contractor is conducting a commodity flow study.

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Federal Government:

U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA): *Maryann Medeiros*

- A news release regarding the East Providence pellet plant explosion and fire has been issued; a citation has been issued.

https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=25695

- As awareness, there are combustible dust hazards within LEPC #2 boundaries.
- The National Fall Prevention Stand-Down is 2 – 6 June, affording a voluntary time of focused effort to raise awareness through workplace discussion on a leading cause of death for construction workers, falls from elevation, due to hazards that are preventable and correctable.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA): *Jim Gaffey*

- Working with SERC on a Tier II initiative.
- Working with all New England states because of recent year incidents and continuing problems with ammonia management and chlorine management, e.g. ice rinks, swimming pools, Community Right-To-Know issues, and a nearby energy plant with a large quantity of unused ammonia that had to be removed.

U.S. Coast Guard - Sector Southeastern New England: No Report

Colleges/Universities:

Brown University:

No Report

Johnson & Wales University (JWU): *Susan Mayo*

- Addressing annual exercises and working with Providence Emergency Management Agency [PEMA], Providence Police Department [PPD], and Providence Fire Department [PFD].
- Customized online emergency management training for staff and students; nearly 600 staff thus far.
- Developed and posted quick reference emergency preparedness charts, e.g. break rooms.

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- Three (3) Tier II's were submitted in February.

Rhode Island School of Design (RISD): *Alan Cantara*

- Reaching out to faculty and staff on emergency activities. For the Academic Building fire drill there was a meeting with 225 faculty and students, and on a different day the drill was conducted.
- From 6 – 10 p.m. tonight the Rhode Island State Fire Marshal's Office will conduct Crowd Management training in the auditorium.

Rhode Island College (RIC): No Report.
Providence College (PC): No Report.

The college and university representatives were asked if they go to each others facilities to observe and learn. Susan Mayo indicated there is a cooperative exchange of information, ideas, visits and observations.

Hospitals:

Butler Hospital: No Report
Hasbro Children's Hospital: +

Providence VA Medical Center: *Battalion Chief Jeffrey Varone (on behalf of)*

- Chief Varone reported Providence Fire had a white powder response to the VAMC.

Rhode Island Hospital: *Peter Ginaitt, Lifespan Director of Emergency Preparedness⁺*

- The annual Hazard Vulnerability Analysis [HVA] was conducted on 12 February with many in attendance for the nearly three (3) hour discussion.
- Lifespan will be doing a change with radiological sources.
- Active shooter drills are ongoing.
- In preparation for the Rhode Island Air Show a Black Hawk helicopter will land today for final approach and take – off [FATO] assessment and awareness.
- In response to a question regarding a landing zone [LZ] for The Miriam, the designated location is the heliport on Canal Street by River Walk and the status is actively inactive.

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- At the State House last night relative to RIEMA and RISCOP, supporting expensive maintenance for the needed RISCOP / 800 MHz radios.
- 19 & 20 May will involve an evacuation exercise at Rhode Island, with the exercise eventually being conducted at other Lifespan hospitals, and reach out to community partners.

Roger Williams Medical Center: *Scott Atkin*

- Tier II Report submitted.
- An evaluation of the Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure [SPCC] Plan is being conducted.

The Miriam Hospital: +
Women & Infants Hospital: No Report.

Non-Governmental Organizations:

Red Cross / Visiting Nurse Association (VNA): No Report.
RI Public Transit Authority (RIPTA): No Report.

Industry:

Facility Representatives / Owners:

- Mahr Federal Inc: *Thomas Armstrong*
 - New procedures and placards are pending the President's review and approval, after which they will do some drills.

Providence Harbor Co-op: No report.

Old Business:

- Bylaws: *Jeffrey Varone (LEPC #2 Chairperson)*. RIEMA approved the draft as submitted; they will be sent out to members.
- Community Group Representative. No change, please notify the Chairperson if anyone knows of someone who is interested in filling this vacancy.

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- Stuxnet virus. As described last month and mentioned again, Stuxnet is reportedly a worm that has been used intentionally in the act of cyberwarfare against an industrial system in another country and is the subject of discussion for its potential threat against U.S. entities.
- Cyber Disruption Team. Through the Rhode Island State Police your system can be assessed / evaluated.

New Business

- Annual Port of Providence Evacuation Drill: See Providence Emergency Management Agency and Providence Fire Department reports above.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

The next LEPC 2 Quarterly Meeting will be held on Wednesday 11 June 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the Providence Public Safety Complex's first floor Main Auditorium.

Please visit the LEPC #2 website at www.rilepc.org to check for previous meeting minutes, upcoming events, training opportunities, and important compliance information.