

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

LEPC MINUTES

DECEMBER 14, 2011

Nick Tylenda called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

NOTE: The meeting was conducted at the Department of Environmental Protection Office located in Hanover Township, Northampton County.

The following members were present:

Nick Tylenda      Bob Mateff      Ted Veresink      Michael Collins      John Bast

Curt Fauerbach      Dave Malloy      Jennifer Enstrom      Andy Schweiter      John Talijan

Craig Baer

Minutes of the September 7, 2011 meeting were distributed to the membership for review. Motion to accept the minutes introduced by John Bast and second by Ted Veresink. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Curt Fauerbach said there were no changes to the LEPC finance accounts during the past quarter.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bob Mateff said MICRO Fire has been awarded the bid to supply a trailer and equipment for the Foam Task Force project. He said the equipment should arrive within the next several weeks.

Mike Collins asked where the equipment will be located. Bob Mateff replied the equipment will be located in the Emergency Management garages. Mike Collins asked where other trailers and equipment would be staged if the county expanded the project. Bob Mateff replied in the event additional units would be purchased the committee would consider housing them at other locations.

John Bast asked how fire companies can access equipment that is housed at the airport in Forks Township. Bob Mateff said he wasn't sure but would check on it and report back to the committee.

Bob Mateff said LEPC members Angel Gillette, Bill Hillanbrand and Mike Rampulla attended the Emergency Preparedness and Hazmat Conference that was held in Pittsburgh.

NEW BUSINESS:

DEP representative Dave Malloy briefed the committee on the DEP responsibilities. He said their primary efforts are on issues related to water supply. He said there are five people assigned to him and the majority of their time is spent in the field. The regional office is located in Wilkes-Barre, PA.

DEP representative Andy Schweitzer then briefed the committee on his groups responsibilities. He said his primary efforts are issues related to air quality. He said his personnel have basic air monitoring equipment, but are not considered first responders.

Bob Mateff asked Andy Schweitzer if they are available for response twenty-four / seven? He replied that after normal hours, all calls would be routed to the Wilkes-Barre office. Dave Malloy said it is important for callers after hours to be specific as to why their calling and what they are requesting or it may be incorrectly classified as a complaint, not requiring an immediate response.

NOTE: See attachment furnished by DEP concerning their responsibilities.

Bob Mateff said the group will have to recruit several new LEPC members due to position changes. John Bast said he understands Liesel Dreisbach will be resigning due to a change of position. John Bast suggested contacting Ed Seager to see if he would be interested in joining the committee as a media representative. He offered to contact Ed Seager to gauge his interest. Curt Fauerbach suggested contacting PPL to see if they would be interested in having representation on the committee.

John Talijan representing St. Lukes Health Network said he was unsure of his official status on the committee. Bob Mateff said he will check on his status.

The proposed dates for the 2012 LEPC Meetings: March 7, June 6, September 5 and December 5. Curt Fauerbach introduced a motion to accept the proposed dates for 2012. Second by Ted Veresink. Motion carried.

John Talijan offered to host a future LEPC meeting at the new St. Lukes facility in Bethlehem Township. NickTylenda asked if they could host the next LEPC meeting. John Talijan said he will check to see the availability of the facility and let us know.

There being no further business Curt Fauerbach made a motion to adjourn the meeting and second by Bob Mateff. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 A.M.