

MINUTES
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
LEPC MEETING
MARCH 4, 2009

Bill Hillanbrand called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

The following members were present:

Bob Mateff Nick Tylenda Bill Hillanbrand Angel Gillette Michael Collins Dave Malloy
Ted Veresink Adam Maisel Jim Cotter Rich Zimmerman

Copies of the December 10, 2008 meeting were distributed to members for review. Ted Veresink noted several minor errors. Minutes were corrected. Ted Veresink Made a motion to accept the minutes. Second by Nick Tylenda. Motion carried.

Finance report was unavailable due to Curt Fauerbach's absence due to his response to an emergency Incident.

Bill Hillanbrand said the \$30,000 2008 retainer fee for haz mat response from Lehigh County has been paid.

Letters to reporting/planning facilities were mailed in January reminding them of reporting requirements and fees for hazardous materials that were at their site during CY 2008. Federal guidance requires facilities submit the reports to appropriate entities by March 1.

Bill Hillanbrand initiated a discussion on a proposal to purchase foam and up to three trailers to support the fire service.

Following are discussion points brought up by the membership:

Members agreed that if the committee approves the plan we would need enough material to extinguish a tanker fire.

Stage a trailer in the N.W./N.E./and South section of the county.

Estimate it would cost approximately \$75,000 to fund the project.

Several members inquired if there was any information on how often this type of resource was needed in the past.

Jim Cotter provided information on foam storage and temperature concerns.

Rich Zimmerman pointed out foam has a shelf life.

Bob Mateff said reviewing past data and conducting an enhanced commodity flow study may provide information as to where incidents have occurred or likely to occur. This information could be a factor in the placing of the trailers.

The membership agreed it would be beneficial to have representatives from the Northampton County Fire Chiefs Association attend a meeting to discuss the proposal.

Bob Mateff said he will be attending a Fire Chiefs meeting and will request they send a Representative(s) to the next LEPC meeting.

Brief discussion on airport's fire response capabilities.

Bob Mateff told the membership that there were haz mat training openings if they were interested.

Bill Hillanbrand said he contacted a consultant and requested an estimate on performing a commodity flow study.

Bill Hillanbrand distributed information on the "Knowledge Center " software program and how it could assist with SARA activities

Ted Veresink asked if the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission was contacted and asked if they were interested in joining the LEPC. Nick Tylenda said they were contacted and its under advisement.

Bob Mateff talked about the EOC layout and the functional exercise scheduled for March 19.

Angel Gillette provided a brief overview on the two grant proposals submitted in November requesting funding under the U.S. DOT Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) program for FFY 2009. Ms Gillette noted that Northampton County has received tentative approval for funding in The amount of \$7,120 to conduct training and planning. She indicated the grant agreements are currently at PEMA Headquarters awaiting signatures. A breakdown of the proposals was discussed and listed below.

HMEP Planning Grant

The total amount requested is \$3,000 for the development of a database that captures all available data needed to conduct a comprehensive commodity flow study.

FY 2009 HMEP Planning Grant	\$2,400
Northampton County 20% Soft Match	\$ 600
Total Project Cost	\$3,000

HMEP Training Grant

The total amount requested is \$5,900 to be spent on the purchase of a Tank Truck Rollover Simulator.

FY 2009 HMEP Training Grant	\$4,720
Northampton County 20% Soft Match	\$1,180
Total Project Cost	\$5,900

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 hours.