



Memphis / Shelby County
Local Emergency Planning Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2010
Web Page: www.msclpec.org

Call to order: John Bossier called the meeting to order at 2:40 p.m.

Welcome and roundtable introductions: All Attendees. As per the sign-in sheet, there were 41 attendees.

Previous minutes: LEPC meeting minutes for 11/19/2009 are posted on the LEPC website. A motion was made, seconded and carried that we read the minutes at each meeting rather than just assume everyone has read them on the website.

Financial report: Rhonda Henry, Treasurer, reported that transactions taking place included, P.O. Box rental payment and scholarship. Our totals are: Checking totals \$2,793.14 and savings \$990.23 for a total of \$2,793.14.

Incident discussions: Tanya Henderson, with Pennakem, reported a fire involving sodium borohydride which was placed inside a spare pot but ignited. No injuries reported.

Tamera Hickox, Ideal Chemical, reported that when moving a 250 g polytote of peroxide the nozzle shot out. Investigation leans toward a possible incompatibility of the nozzle and tote, or of a change in the container and/or nozzle due to the very cold temperatures.

Buckman Laboratory had a weather related incident on 1-7-2010 when a MLG&W transformer caught fire due to a traffic accident.

Reports:

Final as corrected

Grants - Butch Pennington reported that the grant request has been sent to Jane Waldrop who mentioned in her presentation that there were more availability of funds than requests received, but nothing official at this point.

Drills - Plans for a drill this year, 2010, are to have a table top in conjunction with a lunch meeting.

ER Plan – Joe Lowry, chair of this team, has resigned but gave an update to the Executive Committee. The team will convene a meeting for input from the primary responders, Fire Dept., Police Dept. and EMA. We want to be sure that the plans are useful and not just sitting on a shelf.

501c3 – Karen Birkenstock reported that progress is being made. The only piece of information needed is a mission statement and then the request can be submitted.

Old business:

National Disaster Recovery Stakeholder Forum - The chair asked if anyone had attended the forum and Alisa Uzoaru with the Coast Guard reported that the attendees split into groups with local, state and federal representatives in each and identified objectives, concerns from the local community and drafted a mission statement.

New business:

Meeting Format/Scheduling - Chair reported that the Executive Committee has worked diligently to flesh out a schedule of meetings with interesting topics and speakers. On a quarterly basis luncheon meeting will be held at different locations and even perhaps tour some of the facilities. A letter with this information and urging attendance has been sent to the membership. Events are posted on the website with updates to be made as to place. Will need sponsorship for the meetings so contact Tamera Hickox if interested.

Funding Opportunities - The Executive Committee has drafted a letter to be sent to facilities asking for a voluntary contribution along with the Tier II submission.

Haiti Earthquake update - John Selberg, TNTF1, updated the group on their response to the earthquake in Haiti. Their team went to Homestead AFB to stage and coordinate with other teams. They were loading planes when the team was sent back. The 6 FEMA USAR teams rescued 43 people while all other teams rescued about the same number. 6 members of the team are working with the UN Disaster Assistance and Rescue Team in Haiti.

Science Fair – A questions was asked about the LEPC involvement via prize money, etc. for the Memphis/Shelby County Science Fair this year. It was determined that a former member, Toledo Burton, coordinated that. She is now in Fayette county. Graydon Swisher will check with the School Board and report back next month.

Final as corrected

Presentation: 1. Jane Waldrop, Director, TEMA Western Region gave an update on TEMA activities and a summary of the responses during the past year. The Tier II report is due March 1, with paper still to be accepted for 2010 but encouraging use of the EPlan. Website for EPlan is <https://erplan.net>. Rhonda Paxton is the State Coordinator and can be reached by email at rpaxton@tnema.org and by phone at 615-741-2986.

2. Melissa Kranz, MPH Environmental Epidemiologist, TN Department of Health presented information about a recently received grant from the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) to create a program for tracking and investigating toxic substance incidents throughout Tennessee. The name of the program is the National Toxic Substance Incidents Program (NTSIP). Her presentation is attached:



Next meeting: Thursday, February 18, 2010

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Submitted by: Diane R. Wyatt, Secretary