



**Memphis / Shelby County
Local Emergency Planning Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2010
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Call to Order: John Bossier called the meeting to order at 2:48 pm.

Roundtable Introductions: 24 people in attendance.

Reading of Previous Minutes: Tamera Hickox read the minutes. A motion was taken to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded, and passed.

Financial Report: Rhonda Henry, treasurer, was not present. The financial report was tabled until the next meeting. Butch Pennington reported that contributions totaling \$1250 have been received and will be given to Rhonda to deposit.

Incident Discussions:

Butch Pennington - EPA requested a list of Tier II reporters for Shelby County due to flooding. Butch has sent the Tier II reports. There were 199 submissions by mail and 237 submissions by E-Plan.

John Selberg reported that he worked in the area of the flood to deal with hazmat. Most of the work consisted of mapping propane tanks. EPA retrieved the coordinates and handled the hazmat.

Memphis in May Music Fest handled the evacuation of the storm well. The music stopped and an announcement was made, "For your safety, the park is closed." It was reported that the evacuation was very orderly and cleared quickly. It was suggested that gates be installed along the long area of fencing to help relieve the flow of people.

A Millington nursing home flooded with approximately 3 feet of water. More than 100 people were evacuated.

John Bossier attended a UASI committee meeting which discussed mapping of the flooded area.

Phil Borozewski – There was a fire at the refinery. No material was released in McKellar Lake. One individual was injured, but is expected to recover. The unit that caused the fire is up and running.

Task Team Reports:

GRANT – John Bossier - The grant has been signed by the county mayor. TEMA now has the grant where it will be signed and filed. We are clear to begin spending. See grant hand-out.

DRILL COMMITTEE – John Bossier - The drill committee has chairs and members to serve. The committee must begin its planning. The committee will meet next week and still needs a host for the drill.

501c3 – John Bossier - **The** majority of the paperwork is completed and has now been turned over to John. Karen Birkenstock will not be able to continue work on this project. A volunteer is needed to take this over.

Old Business:

Community Outreach – John Bossier – LEPC would like to offer schools that could be potentially effected by a chemical release, Shelter-In-Place training. We are looking for a volunteer to head this endeavor. James Baker was asked to help contact community groups.

New Business:

Pat Kitchens – EPA is in town checking on PCBs generated from process and electrical.

Phil Borozewski - FY10 Grants – Memphis Fire Department is receiving a \$1.4 million grant for and IED-WMD recovery vessel (fire boat).

- The President’s Island Emergency Action Committee has been working on an emergency notification system. They have been awarded 200 Alert FM receivers for all industry on the island.

John Bossier – The Office of Preparedness has received numerous Alert FM receivers to be distributed, and which have been distributed, throughout the city and county.

Presentation/Discussion:

“What are the FBI’s concerns and current activity? How can we be better prepared?”

Mr. Thomas Hassell, Field Agent

US Federal Bureau of Investigation, Memphis Field Office

Meeting adjourned: 3:45 PM

Next meeting – June 17, 2010