



**Memphis / Shelby County
Local Emergency Planning Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2004
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Call to Order: Butch Pennington - 2:34 PM

Roundtable Introductions: All Attendees

Reading of Previous Minutes: Minutes from the April 2004 meeting were read. Two corrections were necessary: 1) Add "Briann Quinn, St. Louis Catholic, 6th Grade" to Science Fair Winners; 2) Add "Security" after Homeland in first sentence, 2nd paragraph under New Business. With these corrections, minutes were approved as read. The corrections have been made.

Financial Report: Per Larry Hill, as of 5-20-04:

Current Balances- Savings: \$5,952.10

Checking: \$12,139.67

Incident/Security Discussions:

Bill Burke, Dupont, reported that at about 10 AM, Thursday, May 20, 2004, Dupont reported a release of 65% oleum from a fume scrubber in the tank farm area. There were no injuries reported by either plant personnel or off-site areas. Dupont Fire/HAZMAT units responded along with production area personnel to stop the escaping vapors. Shelby County Fire and law enforcement also responded at the request of Dupont for traffic control and mutual aid assistance. Shelby County EMA also provided response assistance to the site. The investigation is continuing to determine the cause (s) of the release.

Task Team Reports: None

Old Business:

- **Drill** – Nick Ridge reported that there would be a meeting of the Hazardous Materials Drill Committee after the LEPC meeting today. Butch Pennington reminded everyone that there

was money in the Drill grant that could be used for the Community Outreach program, BUT in order to receive this money, a major drill had to take place.

- **Conference** – Butch Pennington reported that the Conference Committee would meet in this room, Friday, May 21st, at 1 PM. He asked everyone to be a part of this group and for ideas for speakers and seminars.
- **EMA Director Status** – No new information.

New Business:

- **Homeland Security - Update** – John Selberg gave an update on the UASI grant. The FY04 grant is due 6-11-04. The amount should be for approximately \$8.2 million and will be divided among the safety disciplines (ex. Fire, Police, Health/EMS/Other, etc.). Various programs will be included under this grant. Public and Private Preparedness is one area that could be funded by this grant. The chemical and HazMat companies could be involved with this area. Some ideas are training for has-mat personnel in WMD and vulnerability assessments for chemical companies. John asked for ideas in the areas of training and how to make the public aware of what is being done. At this time there is no seat on this council specifically for the LEPC, although John will keep the LEPC informed. The next meeting is Wednesday, May 26th at 10:30 AM at the Germantown City Hall. All meetings are open to the public.

Special Presentation:

“Severe Weather Emergencies”

Mr. Scott Cordero
Warning Coordinator, Meteorologist
National Weather Service

Meeting Attendance: 32

Meeting Adjourned: 3:50 PM

Next Meeting:

2:30 PM June 17, 2004