



**Memphis / Shelby County
Local Emergency Planning Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2005
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Call to Order: Butch Pennington - 2:37 PM

Roundtable Introductions: All Attendees

Reading of Previous Minutes: Minutes from the November 2004 meeting were read and accepted as read with typographical errors corrected.

Financial Report:

Current Balances- Savings: \$6,056.34 Checking: \$9,306.97

Incident Discussions:

- **Lucite International** – Bill Burke, DuPont, reported that on December 21, 2004, the Fite Road Industrial Park experienced a major fire at the Lucite International Corporation warehouse. The fire started in a container storage area and spread to the adjoining structures. Units from DuPont Fire, Shelby County Fire and Memphis Fire responded to the scene. The fire was brought under control in about 13 minutes and extinguished 16 minutes after the initial alarms were sounded. No injuries occurred to site personnel and no community exposures or injuries were reported. Excellent teamwork by DuPont, Shelby County and Memphis Fire units utilizing the principles of Unified Incident Command contributed greatly to quickly taking control of the incident.

- **South Carolina Railcar Tanker Chlorine Release** – Butch Pennington reported that in South Carolina improperly placed switches caused a moving train to go down a spur and derail. One tank car containing chlorine ruptured. DuPont sent personnel although no cars from the company were involved. An area of one mile was evacuated and Shelter In Place was ordered. Nine people died and 200 were treated for inhalation. The root cause was a misalignment in the rail tracks.

Task Team Reports:

- **Community Outreach Subcommittee** – Diane Wyatt reported that Butch and Toleda had held 8 training sessions at Pat Robertson Conference Center. Sessions at Schering Plough have not yet been scheduled. Solae has requested this presentation.

- **By-laws Subcommittee** – Butch Pennington reported that the By-laws would be reviewed this year. There should be 1-2 meetings to look at any changes. Ruth Henry will chair this committee and volunteers are needed.

Old Business:

- **2004 TEMA Grant** – Butch Pennington reported that a check for \$9,046 was mailed to the County Finance Office. EMA Director Claude Talford reported that he has asked Randall Roby to assist the LEPC to get reimbursement from the County as soon as possible.

New Business:

- **Course “Emergency Response to Domestic Biological Incidents”** – Butch Pennington reported that the course would be May 10-12, 2005, at the Fire Training Academy. He discussed the attendance prerequisites for participants. A maximum of thirty people can attend and the roster has to be to LSU by April 15th. If you qualify and would like to attend, send Butch your name, email, phone and fax number.
- **2005 Grant** – Butch Pennington stated that the LEPC has been awarded a \$14,000 grant for 2005. This grant covers a conference, a drill and updating the County’s Hazardous Materials Plan. Butch asked for volunteers to help plan the conference and a drill. The 2004 drill was successful but Nick Ridge suggested that the LEPC work more closely with the Hospital Disaster Council on this next drill. All activities covered under this grant must be completed by September 15, 2005.
- **Letters to Industry** – Butch reported that he would be sending out letters to companies that are not participating in LEPC activities and meetings.
- **February Meeting** – Due to a scheduling conflict, the February LEPC meeting will have to be relocated. Several alternate meeting location recommendations were made. As soon as the meeting location is determined, members will be notified.
- **District 11 Homeland Security Council** – John Selberg reported that James Bolden has been selected as the District 11 Homeland Security Director. John reported that there are several grants coming that are geared toward Interoperability, Response and Training. General Physics has drills planned on April 5, 2005 (tabletop) and August 24, 2005 (full scale). John also reported that funds are available for aerial mapping through a company called Pictometry.

Meeting Attendance: 43

Meeting Adjourned: 3:26 PM

Next Meeting: 2:30 PM, February 17, 2005