



**Memphis / Shelby County
Local Emergency Planning Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2006
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Call to Order: Rob Hooper at 2:35 PM

Roundtable Introductions: All Attendees

Reading of Previous Minutes: Approval of July minutes postponed until September meeting.

Financial Report:

Current Balances- (By email from Larry Hill) Savings: \$6,215.23 Checking: \$11,478.97

Incident Discussions:

- **Brooks Road Fire** - Randall Roby, MSCEMA, reported on the recent plant fires on Brooks Road. The EMA had 3 different missions: 1) Friday, August 4th, 2) Saturday, August 5th, and 3) Wednesday, August 9th. These were at different facilities. The EMA acted in a support role to the fire services. He reported that it was a big challenge. They had to determine the products on site at the plants and then determine the dangers. The information from the Tier II reports was not easily accessible. The new software that is being developed would have been very helpful in this situation. The EMA was almost in full deployment. Extra personnel had to be brought in to handle the in-house demands. This was a significant incident. The 18 wheeler station was sent out and it is significant that this truck was deployed. In fact, the truck went out twice. This incident demanded greater than 100 hours from the EMA.

Later, Ken Reeves, Memphis Fire Department, reported that on Friday, August 4th, the fire department answered a call on Brooks Road for an explosion. Three companies were involved. The second fire on Saturday was at IBC. He stated that if the Tier II report information had been computerized, the job would have been easier because the information to fight the fire would have been readily accessible. Runoff from the fires was a problem and a broken water main added to the problem. Late Saturday the fire was finally out. When the fire restarted Wednesday, sodium chlorate was thought to be the cause. Lack of information was a problem for fighting this fire site.

Task Team Reports:

- **Emergency Response Manual and Tier II Reports** – Rob Hooper reported that he had no update on the progress of the GIS system. The new system would be online. Scott Blankenbeckler, University of Memphis, reported that he was waiting for the contract from the LEPC to begin. In further discussion, it was reported that the contract was being finalized and would be to him soon. Scott stated that he had a deadline of next Friday to hire a graduate assistant to help with the project.
- **Drill** – No report
- **Membership** – No report

- **Funding** - Pat Kitchens, chairperson, reported that he was working on 1) Looking at a base fee for each Tier II reporting companies and 2) Looking at what other LEPC's are doing.
- **Community Outreach** – No report

Old Business:

- **Scholarship**– Rob Hooper read from his notes of the July discussion of the scholarship and reported that a commitment of \$500 per year for the next three years from the LEPC would help establish an enduring scholarship to honor LEPC members. A vote was taken with a first and second motion to approve.

New Business:

- **CHMM** – The Memphis/Shelby County CHMM will hold a one-half day seminar in Memphis. The date and time will be reported later.

Special Presentation: Thomas Rayburn, Project Manager, Ensafe, reported on the SONS (Spill of National Significance) exercise. This will take place in June 2007 with 13 states participating.

Meeting Attendance: 58

Meeting adjourned: 3:55 PM

Next Meeting:

2:30 PM SEPTEMBER 21, 2006