



**Memphis / Shelby County  
Local Emergency Planning Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
July 19, 2007  
Web Page: [www.msclpec.org](http://www.msclpec.org)**

**Call to Order:** Nick Ridge – 2:40 PM

**Roundtable Introductions:** All Attendees

**Previous Minutes:** May meeting and June minutes approved. Both posted on MSCLEPC web.

**Financial Report:** Checking \$7560.58; Savings: \$6336.26

**Incident Discussions:** None reported. Rob Hooper reported that there had been 3 attempted break ins to steal copper which has a high value today. No company drills reported.

**Task Team Reports:**

- **TIER II Reporting System** – Nick reported no real change since last month. Training on the system will be included in November Tri State Conference.
- **Drill** – Nick said he would chair the drill committee next year as he will not be the chair. Volunteers needed. Sammy has scenarios in mind for the next drill.
- **Outreach and Funding** –
  - November conference planning well underway. Several organizations are working together to make the conference successful. Karen gave update on location selection – conversation was had concerning Tunica casino's as possible location. Decision will be made my next meeting. Committee to meet to visit sites and make final selection.
  - Nick talked about resurrection the effort to become designated as 501-3 c which will give LEPC the opportunity to seek additional grant funding. He asked for a volunteer to complete the paperwork process.
- **MEMBERSHIP** – No report

- **COMMUNICATIONS** –Tabled

**Old Business:**

- Barry Moore with First Horizon updated the group on Memphis First meeting. The meetings will be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month – the locations will be posted on LEPC web site. The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> from 8 – 10 a.m. at EMA.

**New Business:**

- James Baker talked about VX – product sodium hydroxide – shipments left going to Texas. To obtain more information about VX go to web site below  
<http://stinet.dtic.mil/oai/oai?&verb=getRecord&metadataPrefix=html&identifier=ADA449670>

**Descriptors :** \*ENTHALPY, \*VX AGENT, SOLUTIONS(MIXTURES), HEAT TRANSFER COEFFICIENTS, HEAT OF REACTION, AQUEOUS SOLUTIONS, SODIUM HYDROXIDE, SPECIFIC HEAT, HYDROLYSIS

**Subject Categories :** CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL AND RADIOLOGICAL WARFARE

Sammy said to keep our eyes open with anything written about VX – shipments from Indiana coming through our area. Sammy stated that the paper may be exaggerating the impact – that the material was neutralized.

- Karen reminded everyone that elections will be held in October; nominations in September. Anyone interested in holding an office should contact Karen.

Committee meetings held

Meeting adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

**Next meeting:**

August 16, 2007 at EMA – 2:30 p.m.

Speaker: Peter Henige with CIBA; topic Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards.

- **DRILLS** – Nick turned the floor over to Sammy Crews who was to give a report on the recent drills held in the Mid-south. Sammy asked Chip Sneed, Special Ops with the Fire Department, to give a report on their participation in the drill. Chip stated that they used the drill to test their own systems. Arlington and Bartlett fire department participated in the drill. A decon area was set up. The new triage tags were used and tested. Students participated as “victims”. Accountability was an issue after the initial triage. Chip stated that this drill was done the way it is supposed to be done. The whole system was tested from beginning to end. They were able to set up decon, treatment and transport areas and work the plan as it should be. “Victims” were accounted for at each step of the drill. The hospitals had been notified of what to expect. That went very well. The hospitals system notified the fire department of the bed count as the “victims” were admitted using its Hospital Resources Tracking System said Tyler. Nick said the drill went well because it showed how well communications between hospitals and the people in the field could work. Several mentioned that a confirmation of how well the systems in place could work was the incident on Court during the drill that activated an emergency response. Response to this emergency was quick, efficient and went “right”. Everybody whose input was needed for this incident was in the EOC meeting and was able to act quickly.
- **TN CAT Drill** – Sammy Crews reported that on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup>, a drill was held in Memphis. It began as part of the SONS drill, but Tennessee wanted to do an earthquake drill. Every county in west Tennessee was involved to some degree. The Federal participants were there every day. The State was involved during different time periods. The scenario was a 7.7 earthquake on the southwest arm of the New Madrid fault. The feds participated with companies on the river. It was a marine exercise. The State held a communications exercise and used radios and satellite phones for communications.

On the 19<sup>th</sup>, the drill had started and the Court incident came up and many participants had to drop out. On the 20<sup>th</sup>, the drill consisted of the health department dispensing necessary drugs at the Agricenter. Also, they practiced sending out necessary water by trucks to show how this type of shipment would be made around the city. Chip stated that task forces from all over the state came and participated which was good because they all got to know each other personally before they had to meet in an emergency situation.

On the 20<sup>th</sup>, the feds had spill drills on the river and the EMA had limited participation. Communication systems were still tested and the hospitals got involved. Barry Moore stated that “points of dispensing” were opened and people were able to see how they would work in dispensing the needed drugs in case of an emergency. Tyler reported that the call-down tree notification system was tested. The hospital resource tracking system reported bed availability and disaster resources. The management of the hospital surge seemed to work well. Communications seemed good with EOC.

Sammy stated that the planning process enabled local communities to plan and be successful in the drill. It was stated that the global phones did not work and their status would be re-evaluated. Sammy said that the exercise tested the plan.

**New Business:**

- CHMM REVIEW CLASS – Butch Pennington reminded everyone that there were two weeks left to register for the CHMM review course. More people are needed if the class is to be taught.

**Meeting Attendance:**

**Meeting adjourned: 3:50 PM** by the Chairman, Nick Ridge

**Next Meeting:2:30 PM, July 19., 2007**