



**Memphis / Shelby County
Local Emergency Planning Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2008
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Call to Order: Karen Birkenstock – 2:45 PM

Roundtable Introductions: 23 Attendees

Reading of Previous Minutes: The July minutes were accepted and passed.

Financial Report:

Savings \$3,959.71 Checking \$587.14

Incident Discussions:

The worst of hurricane season is over. If you would like more information on hurricanes and preparing for them, please attend the Partners in Preparedness Conference.

Karen Birkenstock announced that the drill held at PMC was a success. The week after the drill, PMC had a fire. There was no representative from PMC available at the meeting.

Task Team Reports:

Drill – Karen Birkenstock

The drill was held at PMC as the August meeting.

The drill scenario consisted of: an affair between co-workers in the lab at PMC Biogenics becomes known to the spouse of one party. The spouse works at Penn Specialty Chemicals and in a rage, endeavors to cause as much harm as possible at both locations. A company celebration at PMC Biogenics brings all the employees from two shifts through the employee break room to partake of food and beverages served throughout the day. A phone call from the angry spouse alerts her husband that deliberate poisoning of the “whole company” has taken place. She further informs him that “he will miss her” and she intends to “go out with a bang”. She is at work at Penn Specialty Chemicals.

Representative of LEPC, EMA, and TEMA were there to observe. The fire department and hospitals participated. The drill went well and the participants gained some valuable information. Among many lessons, PMC learned to work with the fire department to combine d-con efforts. This activity has made evident the need for workshops to be held between private industry and the fire department in d-con and response.

Prior to the drill representatives met with community members and the neighborhood high school. During the drill an LEPC representative provided information to citizens at the community center. Currently we are waiting for permission from PMC to post the drill information on the website.

Conference – Tamera Hickox

The conference is set for October 27 – 29 in Tunica, MS at Harrah’s Convention Center. Everyone is encouraged to register and participate. Do to low attendance numbers, the golf tournament has been cancelled. Information about the conference can be found at LEPC’s website, or you can contact Tamera.

New Business

Hurricane Response – Sammy Crews

Response to Hurricane Gustav was well coordinated and handled. All the evacuees were returned safely home, with only some minor incidents. The EOC ran for 24 hours a day for eight days straight. Memphis housed approximately 2000 evacuees.

WTN Regional Forum – James Baker

The Urban Land Institute and Sierra Club will be hosting a two day event, this Friday and Saturday (September 19 and 20) at the University of Memphis. Everyone is invited to attend. Cost is \$95 for Friday (8-5) and \$45 Saturday (8-12). If you are interested, please contact James Baker or you can pay at the door.

Nominations – Tamera Hickox

Nomination forms for next year's Executive Committee were distributed. Members are asked to return completed forms by October 16th. A motion was made to hold elections at the November meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

Program:

Rob Hooper – CIPS, Credentialing for Industry

Rob presented a draft of a program that he has been working on for credentialing private industry. The credentialing would allow industry training and access to their property, or area, during disasters.

Meeting adjourned: 3:58 PM