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Local Emergency
Planning Committee

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LEPC GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: Thursday, December 17, 2009

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Location: Springfield Brewery, 305 S. Market

The December LEPC General Membership meeting was called to order by Chair, Lisa Cardone at 4:25 p.m. Introductions were made around the room.

Chair Lisa Cardone called for any changes to the minutes of the October 22, 2009 general membership meeting. Ryan Nicholls made a motion to approve the minutes as written which was seconded by Shea Lane. A vote was held and passed. The minutes were approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

Ryan Nicholls gave the Financial Statement Report for the LEPC. To date \$17,425.03 had been spent (25.54%), most of this expense was on classes and salary. Complete Treasurer's Reports were available for those that wanted one to review.

Lisa Cardone provided the group with the MERC update. Some MERC grant funding applications have been submitted. There will be approximately \$200,000 for Wally-Wise grants. The MERC symposium in December had a slightly lower attendance than last year. The 2010 Hazmat Symposium may be in September. Lisa felt the conference had an improved content and quality speakers this year. We had three local attendees that the LEPC assisted.

Shea gave the regional HAZMAT and WMD Planning Update. In January the HSRS will become the HSRRS (Homeland Security Regional Resource System.) With the name change will also come some additional changes such as new equipment coming from the RSOC. This year the top three items got funded. Medics will now be part of the Hazmat teams through a partnership with St. John's. The 2010 major goal is to support exercises and training.

Ryan gave a training update. The Greene County training grant request has been turned in but no approval has been forthcoming yet. Training priority was based on LEPC responses turned in to Ty. As classes are set they will be e-mailed to the LEPC membership as well as posted on the LEPC website.

John Elmore provided an update on CERT training and events. Springfield Public Schools' CERT class is complete. Over 150 people completed CERT training in 2009 the goal was 100. The 2010 goal is 200. Coordination efforts of Missouri State University CERT classes are progressing. The next class is set to start Jan 5th on Tuesday and Thursday nights at the OEM running from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. for a total of 24 class hours. Members were encouraged to watch the LEPC website for new class details.

Other Old Business:

Lisa asked for other old business. None was brought forth.

NEW BUSINESS

The airport presentation was postponed until the February meeting.

LEPC members that attended the Hazmat Symposium gave a conference report.

Jami Gay reported that she attended a refresher course taught by a Kansas City Hazmat responder who provided an interesting slant and provided good resources and reference materials and their uses. Jami found it very informative and a good hands-on course.

Jami also talked about the WISER system which is a quick computer reference database on chemicals. The system is not super user-friendly but a good resource where queries can be made to identify unknowns based on physical characteristics or at least narrow the unknown identification possibilities.

Mike Bennett reported that he found the Hazwoper training good but he also found conflicts in the schedule so he had to miss some classes he wanted to attend.

Dennis Clinton attended the Symposium in the Thursday Equip class which provided information on the government stockpile and it's availability to first responders. These materials include options for treatment of Anthrax and other WMD agents. Dennis also found the class on radiological hazards very informative.

Tommy Beiker presented CHMM (Certified Hazardous Material Manager) information to the membership. This certification requires a B.S. degree plus three years field experience. There is also a CHMP (Certified Hazardous Material Practitioner) level that requires an Associate Degree plus five years experience. Some agencies are now requiring CHMM for job promotions and accreditations. There are about 15,000 CHMMs in the US currently. Tommy is leading a class at MSU to help prepare for the certification test. This is a fast-paced class with each session taught by experts in the field and each class session stands alone. If members are interested in is certification they are encouraged to contact Tommy for information.

Lisa informed members that the February meeting will be time for LEPC Executive Committee elections. Positions that need to be filled this year are the Chair and two Member-at-Large positions. Nominations can be sent to Karen. These are two year terms.

The February LEPC General Membership meeting will be the regular lunch meeting at a location to be determined.

Ryan presented the 2009 LEPC member awards which went to Lisa Cardone, Ryan Nicholls, Karen McKinnis, John Elmore, Chuck Kroeger, Ralph Siccama, J. D. Slaughter, Mike Bennett, Shea Lane and David Pennington. These awards were for “Outstanding Commitment” to the LEPC for the year.

Other New Business was called for by Lisa.

John Elmore announced there will be a Hazmat Awareness class coming soon which will be a one day, 8 hour course. Watch the website for class information.

With no additional business brought forth; a motion was made by Ryan and seconded by Mike to adjourn. A vote was held and passed.

Lisa announced the meeting to be adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen McKinnis, LEPC Secretary

Members in Attendance	
Name	Agency Affiliation
Michael Bennett	3M
Lisa Cardone	3M
Jami Gay	O'Reilly Auto
Dennis Clinton	Logan-Rogersville Fire District
Becky Jungmann	911
John Elmore	OEM/CERT
Lynn Hollandworth	Republic Emergency Management
Shea Lane	OEM
Jane Lutz	USPS
Karen McKinnis	SGCHD
Ryan Nicholls	OEM
Bryce Parker	Archimica, Inc.
Ann Ratliff	DHS, IP
David Pennington	SFD
Tommy Bieker	CHMM