



Ocean City Department of Emergency Services

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Minutes

Thursday 23 April 2015 – PSB 2nd Floor Training Room

1300 hours: Meeting opened at 1:03 pm by Bob Rhode. Welcome and Introductions.

Meeting Minutes:

- Review and approval of the meeting minutes from 23 October 2014 meeting due to lack of a quorum at the January 2015 meeting.
 - Review and approval of the meeting minutes from the 22 January 2015 meeting.
- Minutes move to accept by Director Theobald with a second and approved.

Old Business:

- Lower Eastern Shore Counties conducted a 3-day ICS-300 level training class 2015 and a 2-day ICS-400 level training class this week. This was a joint venture with Ocean City, MEMA, and Worcester County. More people need these classes so they will be offered again in the fall.
- Update on the current Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant Operational Cycle.
 - Phase I of Fuel Storage facilities for Marine Operations.
 - Training and Conferences:
 - National Association of SARA Title III Program Officials 18-22 May 2015 in Portland, Maine.
 - The federal Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act became law in 1986. Title III of these (SARA) provisions is also known as the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA). SARA Title III requires states to:
 - Promote outreach for developing local emergency preparedness programs to respond to chemical releases.
 - Receive reports from the regulated community.
 - Organize, analyze and disseminate the resulting information on hazardous chemicals to local governments and the public.
 - Part time Emergency Management Planner to work on Hazardous Materials Reports and Tier III information – tentatively with a September start date.
 - Equipment Purchases – laptop for Fire Marshal's office.
 - On target with grant 2nd Quarter report. Applications will be made in the next cycle.

New Business:

- The next meeting of the Worcester County LEPC is scheduled for Thursday 23 July 2015.

- Next meeting scheduled for the Ocean City LEPC will be on Thursday 23 July 2015 at 1300 hours in the 2nd floor Training Room of the Public Safety Building.
- Ocean City LEPC meeting schedule for 2015:
 - Thursday 23 July 2015 at 1300 hours
 - Thursday 22 October 2015 at 1300 hours
 - Thursday 28 January 2016 at 1300 hours
- Any proposed By-law changes for the Ocean City LEPC shall be submitted prior to 1 July 2015 to Emergency Management for consideration and review at the July 2015 meeting.
- Hazard Mitigation Plan project for the Town of Ocean City updates on grant funding and project schedule. This Plan is due for resubmission and acceptance by FEMA. Grant money has been secured for a paid consultant; the MOU has been completed. Project estimated to be completed by early 2016.
- The same consultant worked with Worcester County with their plan; completion within approximately 1 year.
- The Plan is needed in case a Presidential Declaration is in effect; this would determine percentage of reimbursement for costs.
- In conjunction with the Hazard Mitigation Plan, meetings have been held and projects have been completed (tidal gates/storm drains; VMS signs; FM radio station). Water treatment facilities and pumping station have been raised.
- Ocean City Public Works and Emergency Management will be working on the submission of the five year required updates to the Risk Management Plan (RMP) for the three Water facilities and one Wastewater facility. These updates are required by the end of May 2015. The Town of Ocean City has been completing all the requirements in-house at an annual cost savings of \$20,000.00 per year.
- The use of chlorine and sulfur dioxide at the Town Wastewater Facility will be replaced by hypochlorite and Sodium Meta-Bisulfite
- State table top exercise is scheduled for April 29 to simulate post hurricane events. The Town is not participating as an entity. Bob Rhode will be attending at Worcester County EOC. USCG is welcome to participate.

Reports:

- There were 5 reportable spill responses (ground based) in the last quarter to Maryland MDE, with two reported to the National Response Center (NRC).
- Any spill of one quart or more is to be reported to the State within 2 hours.
- The Town is very diligent about a quick response and reporting spills.
- Mapping of storm drains was completed by Karen Zera (GIS).

Open Forum:

- Assateague Coastkeeper: Spills complaint – company (carpet cleaners) discharging liquids into storm drains. Persons encouraged to report any occurrences.
- Health Department: still dealing with outreach/education of EBOLA outbreaks. HIV incidents in Indiana. Ramping up for summer.
- Red Cross: Staffing for Friday – Sunday for the Air Show plus MSFA parade with cooling stations.

Presentation:

United States Coast Guard

- USCG 100 year celebration June 19 – 20 with presentations, reenactments, etc.
- Persons are welcomed at any time for a tour of the station.
- Trooper 4 will be on-site this summer.
- USCG Ocean City assigned now under Baltimore Sector – no longer under Hampton Roads.
- Further discussion on handling reported spills. Procedures are in place.

Closing: The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 pm.