

TOWN OF OCEAN CITY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)  
Coordinated through Ocean City Department of Emergency Services  
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LEPC Annual Meeting Minutes - January 26, 2012

Attendees:

Joe Theobald	OC Emergency Services
Bob Rhode	OC Emergency Services
Carol Boyles	OC Emergency Services
Katie Shultz	OC Emergency Services Intern
David Hartley	OCFD
Bob Nelson	OC Planning & Development
Sylvester Dale	OC Public Works/Water
Jeff Simpson	OC Public Works/Wastewater
Bryan Chandler	OC Public Works/Wastewater
Linda Herzberg	Montego Bay Association
David Dingwall	Episcopal Church
Joe Fisher	Episcopal Church
Tom Kane	Worcester County Emergency Services
John Brennan	American Red Cross

The meeting was held at the Public Safety Building 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Training Room and opened by Bob Rhode at 1:10 pm. Introductions were made by those persons in attendance. Director Theobald welcomed everyone to the meeting. The minutes from the October 26, 2011 meetings were approved (motion by Sylvester Dale and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bryan Chandler) and will be posted on the Town's website. There was no unfinished business from the prior meeting.

New Business:

- Grant expenditures – last \$100 needs to be spent by 02/14/12. Funds were used for EAS/EmNet screens and satellite equipment.
- List of classes was provided detailing funds expended.

- The Worcester County LEPC meeting was held earlier today. Presentation was given on the new natural gas line being installed. The next Worcester County LEPC meeting is scheduled for April 26 – 9 am at the County Courthouse. The next Ocean City LEPC meeting will be on that date at 1pm at the PSB. Guest Speaker to be announced; Worcester County Health Department will be given at one of the future meetings.
- Welcome to Tom Kane, Worcester County Emergency Management Planner.

Training Programs:

- State of Maryland Inter-Operability Communications Exercise was held in Ocean City Thursday 27 October 2011 and Worcester County on Friday 28 October 2011
- Texas Engineering conducted a three day training program for Ocean City in 29 November-2 December 2011. (27 personnel attended)

- Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute conducted a One Day “Hazardous Materials Awareness Training Class” on Tuesday 6 December 2011. (17 personnel attended)
- Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute conducted a one day Hazardous Materials Technician Refresher Training Class” on Tuesday 24 January 2012. ( 26 personnel attended)
- Several Exercises being worked on for the coming year.

Proposed Budget Outline:

1. EPA Region III Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Conference held in the fall 2012 location and date to be announced. Projected cost for two attendees: (\$ 1,600.00)
2. Replacement of existing equipment for NAWAS alert and Emergency Alert System. In the Emergency Operations Center. (\$ 1200.00)
3. Communications Rally/Exercise with Response Agencies April 2012 and All Hazards EOC Training Exercise November 2012.(\$ 800.00)
4. Cost for printing for training materials for facilities training and Incident Command Systems training. (\$1,000.00)
5. Funding towards Hazardous Materials Technician one day refresher training class in the winter/spring of 2012-2013 (\$ 3,000.00)

1.	\$ 1,600.00
2.	\$ 1,200.00
3.	\$ 800.00
4.	\$ 1,000.00
5.	\$ 3,000.00
Total:	\$ 7,600.00

▪Director Theobald reported that there is a proposed bill in the Maryland Senate that would divert funds away from the LEPC groups. Correspondence has been initiated through Mayor Meehan to Senator Mathias expressing that the Town is not in favor of this bill. Funds have been received for this year, but may not be available in the future.

Reports:

▪Several spill responses in the last quarter. Small hydraulic spill – non HazMat incident. Odor complaints investigated. Erroneous report of raw sewage leak initiated National Response Center alert.

Open Forum:

- Josh Bunting, Fire Marshal Office, has been promoted to Captain. He has been assigned to a special unit and will oversee HazMat and Bomb Squad.
- Hazard Mitigation Plan deals with all potential hazards (natural and man-made) is updated every five years. The Plan is submitted to MEMA for approval and then forwarded to FEMA. This is then presented to the Mayor & Council for their approval.
- Mandated COOP Exercise was conducted during time of HazMat training. All events tie in with COOP, COG, HazMat and the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP).
- The EOP is being completely revised and rewritten. This will mirror all emergency response plans. Draft proposals will be reviewed each Department and then presented to the Mayor & Council by May.

Presentation:

Bob Rhode provided a presentation on the Emergency Alert System (EAS) and EMNET; handouts were provided. The State monitors a 24 hour alert system. Worcester County has a reverse 911 system in place. The Town is reviewing new technology alerting systems/instant messaging. Through Comcast we can override (break in) the TV channel in Ocean City. Available also is our AM Radio Station – 1670. There are flashing signs on the highways that can be activated through CHART. It is recommended for the general public that individuals have access to a weather radio.

Closing:

- Thanks to all for their attendance.
- As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:55 pm.

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