

TOWN OF OCEAN CITY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)
Coordinated through Ocean City Department of Emergency Services
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LEPC Meeting Minutes - April 26, 2012
Location: Wastewater Training Room/ 6405 Seabay Drive

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
Robyn TyTomi-Dalton	Worcester Co Health Dept
Katherine Gunby	Worcester Co Health Dept
Sylvester Dale	OC Public Works/Water
Jeff Simpson	OC Public Works/Wastewater
Bryan Chandler	OC Public Works/Wastewater
Linda Herzberg	Montego Bay Association
Barbara Reniak	Montego Bay Association
Ed Werkheiser	MEMA
John Brennan	American Red Cross

The meeting was held at the Wastewater Training Room and opened by Bob Rhode at 1:07 pm. Introductions were made by those persons in attendance. Director Theobald welcomed everyone to the meeting. The minutes from the January 26, 2012 meetings were approved (motion by Linda Herzbert and 2nd by Sylvester Dale) and will be posted on the Town's website.

Old Business:

- There is no new information or updates to the proposed bill in the Maryland Senate to divert funds from Maryland LEPC Groups. Issue believed to have "died" in committee.
- The Town of Ocean City Hazard Mitigation Plan is being signed off by FEMA. Plan will be submitted to the Mayor & Council and adopted upon their approval.
- The Town's new comprehensive Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) is being finalized in draft form and will be presented to the Mayor & Council for review, then final approval to enact.

New Business:

- Worcester County LEPC meeting for Thursday April 26, 2012 was cancelled. Their next meeting is scheduled for Thursday July 26, 2012.
- The next scheduled meeting for the Ocean City LEPC will be on Thursday July 26, 2012 at 1300 hours in the 2nd Floor Training Room of the Public Safety Building. The guest speaker will be announced at a later date.

Training:

- Crossroads Communications Interoperability Exercise at Winter Place Park. Attendance is expected to be around 100 persons and 10-15 pieces of equipment, including several mobile command units.
- Community Preparedness Day scheduled for Saturday May 12 at the Public Safety Building Parking Lot from 1000-1330 hours. Various agencies will be participating and this is part of the current CERT Class training.
- A Town Hall Meeting on Hurricane Preparedness set for Wednesday May 23 beginning at 6:30 pm at City Hall. This is in conjunction with National Hurricane Preparedness Week.

Reports:

No reportable spill responses in the last quarter; no hazmat incidents.

Open Forum:

- TEEX Training held in November 2011 comprised of a 3 day full blown EOC Exercise. Comments by Ed Werkheiser that this class was well done and an extensive exercise. Inter-agency cooperation was fantastic.
- COOP Exercise held in January; 4 hour exercise for OC personnel only.
- Air Show Tabletop Exercise set for May 8. This will be run by an outside Vendor.
- State Exercise – simulating a catastrophic earthquake event was held on April 12.
- Director Theobald noted that each exercise leads to more familiarity and improvement. Participants need to leave their “egos” at the door and work together as a team.
- Training sessions have been held with Water/Wastewater personnel.
- Joint Information Committee (JIC) held their first exercise with MEMA Instructor.
- MEMA Conference scheduled for May 29 – June 1 at the Clarion. There are workshops open to the public.

Presentation:

Worcester County Health Department Representatives RobynTy-Tomi Dalton and Katherine Gunby gave a most informative presentation detailing the aspect of coordination of emergency preparedness as related to the Health Department. The Health Department has approximately 240 employees and their main objective is to support and protect public health. Personnel are trained in various aspects of public safety, with inclusion of ICS guidelines, exercises and working relationships with various other agencies. It was noted that a hazardous incident “knows no geographic boundaries”. Health Department Representatives has attended several of the recent exercises held at the Ocean City EOC.

Closing:

- Thanks to all for their attendance.
- As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:08 pm.

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