

TOWN OF OCEAN CITY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)  
Coordinated through Ocean City Department of Emergency Services  
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LEPC Minutes October 26, 2011

Attendees:

Bob Rhode	OC Emergency Services
Carol Boyles	OC Emergency Services
Katie Shultz	OC Emergency Services Intern
David Hartley	OCFD
Wayne Pryor	OC Grants Manager
Jeff Simpson	OC Public Works/Wastewater
Ed Werkheiser	MEMA
Robyn TyTomi-Dalton	Worcester County Health Dept
Jim Woznicki	Delmarva Power
John Ashman	Comcast
Joshua Marzi	USCG
Barbara Reniak	Montego Bay Association
Tony Kendrick	Montego Bay Association

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. It was noted that Director Theobald is on vacation. Introductions were made by those persons in attendance. The minutes from the April 27, 2011 and July 28, 2011 meetings were approved and will be posted on the Town's website. There was no unfinished business from the prior meeting.

New Business:

- Updates on grant expenditures (HazMat Tech courses and training) including MFRI Refresher Class in Jan, 2012. Funds should be expended by the end of the grant cycle.
- Unable to attend LEPC Conference in Pittsburgh due to scheduling conflict.
- Worcester County LEPC Meeting scheduled for Thursday October 27 at 9am.
- Town Communications Exercise with the State is the same day from 12 noon – 5pm. This Exercise deals with interoperability with various agencies. The after action reports will be combined and the next Exercise will be held April 2012.
- The next meeting of the OC LEPC will be Thursday January 26, 2012. This is designated as the annual meeting and the annual report will be presented at that time.
- Texas Engineering sponsored class (EOC Operations and Planning for All-Hazards) is set for November 29 – December 1. After November 1, enrollment will be open to outside agencies if there are slots available. If response is good, this class will be offered again next year.

Reports:

LEPC requirement to cover spill responses. No HazMat responses in CAD, just minor hydraulic fluid/minor oil spill due to defective equipment. Spills were contained and State notified.

### Open Forum:

- Comcast: calm
- Delmarva Power: Occurrence of sub-station being unlawfully entered – grid down about 10 minutes. Problems at a new Jersey site of an unlawful entry and a fire set. Agency is working with Police Dept for suggestion/ideas to handle/prevent these situations. Bob Rhode suggested the Neighborhood Watch group be utilized.
- USCG – slow in the station. Basin is available for training if needed.
- HazMat Exercise Design Group meets November 3 at 1pm at the PSB.
- MEMA: County requested WEB-EOC training. If there are enough persons interested, a separate class could be held in OC.
- Health Dept: dealing with legionella disease issue.
- Emergency Services Intern attended Homeland Security training in Salisbury.
- No approval from FEMA to designate OC as its own jurisdiction.
- Grant money is drying up but spending wisely puts us on track for corrective action to improve upon policies/procedures.
- Montego Bay: relatively quiet/Neighborhood Watch/Police presence good/minimal vandalism this summer.
- CERT classes continue with Spring/Fall sessions.
- Formation of CERT Team comprised of CERT class graduates. Participants have been beneficial in various events (i.e. Air Show, DEW Tour and Festivals). Quarterly meetings and training sessions are held. Volunteers were enlisted to report to PSB during Hurricane Irene but were dismissed due to the mandatory evacuation proclamation.

### Presentation:

Guest Speaker was David Hartley, newly appointed OC Fire Marshal and Deputy Chief in the OCFD. He gave an overview of the Office of the Fire Marshal and the areas that come under their jurisdiction. These include enforcement of HazMat materials, Bomb Squad and bio-chemical issues, as well as arson investigations.

### Closing:

- The purpose of the LEPC is to act as an “all hazards planning group for the Town”.
- Suggestions are requested as to a Guest Speaker for the January meeting.
- Thanks to all for their attendance.
- As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.

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