

City of Corpus Christi / Nueces County
Local Emergency Planning Committee - LEPC
Jan. 5, 2016
Fire Department Training Facility

Chief Robert Rocha	Theresa Finch	Mary Cole
Sandy Ramsey	Nell Jones	Chayne Sparagowski
David Cave	Joseph Cantu	Johnny Gonzalez
Henry Gonzales	Marty Wind	Philip Woods
John Pasch	Billy Delgado	Randy Paige
Roy Coons	Tony Alejandro	Allen Hatcher
Callen Hight	Joe Miller	Will Nichols
Roger Bennett	Marty Ontiveros	George Lerma
Bill Chidester	Christopher Boyce	Joanne Salge
Bob Paulison	Chief Richie Quintero	Rick Ramos

I. Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions:

Chief Robert Rocha called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. He wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked them for the work they do. He asked that everyone introduce themselves.

II. Acceptance of the Minutes:

The Nov. 3, 2015 minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Billy Delgado to approve the minutes as presented, second by Rick Ramos. Motion passed.

III. New Business/Old Business:

There was no New Business. In Old Business, Chief Rocha asked everyone to review the 2015 Annual Report included in their packets. He stated the report summarized the activity of 2015 and felt we had accomplished a lot of good things by working together.

IV. Upcoming Training in the Community/Conferences:

Chayne Sparagowski announced there will be ICS-300 and ICS-400 classes on the weekend and upcoming in February. Billy Delgado announced the ICS-300 and ICS-400 classes in February and July in the City's Emergency Operations Center. The FEMA Virtual Table Top Exercise for Industrial Incidents will be held January 26, 2016 at the Department of Public Safety. Those interested in participating should contact Charlie Gaylor or Joanne Salge. Chief Rocha announced the hurricane conference to be held May 4-5, 2016 in Robstown. He invited industry as well as the public to participate.

V. Coordinator's Report:

Joanne Salge reported that the schedule of LEPC and subcommittee meetings is included in the meeting packet and she asked that anyone having a suggestion for a presentation topic for the general meetings contact her. She announced that the period for submitting Tier II reports is January 1 through March 1. For the reporting period in 2015, 431 reports were submitted. She reminded everyone that it is through Tier II submitters that LEPC obtains

financial support. Industry visits by Chief Rocha, Chief Paige and Joanne will continue in 2016, particularly to those industries noted in the risk assessment. However other industry that would like a site visit should contact her to schedule. The new LEPC website has been created, Joanne announced, but work continues on the content. The City is updating its website and at this point the LEPC doesn't know if its website will follow the same format as the City's.

VI. Subcommittee Reports:

1. Finance Subcommittee: Rick Ramos presented the appropriation expenditure report for the 3 months ending Dec. 31, 2015. He noted that the original budget was amended to include expenditures made in fiscal year 2015 but not paid by the end of that year. He also noted that the budget will be amended once more to include \$14,000 matching funds for the HMEP Grant- Commodity Flow Study. To date, 29.77% of the budgeted funds have been utilized. Marty Ontiveros moved that the report be accepted, Joseph Miller second. Motion passed. The subcommittee's next meeting will be Feb. 29, 2016.
2. Risk Awareness Subcommittee: Billy Delgado, interim chair, reported Reverse Alert registrations increased during 2015 and currently stands at 8,336. Joanne Salge noted that membership had increased from about 4000 to over 8,000 during the year with a significant increase due to weather related incidents. Chief Rocha also reported that industry is encouraging employees to register for Reverse Alert. In regards to the Industry Education Awareness Communication Committee (IEACC), Billy reported that the LEPC was awaiting funds that would support shelter in place kits for schools, media spots, and the activity book. Those projects/funds were approved in September. The next meeting of the subcommittee will be February 25, 2016.
3. Pipeline Damage Prevention Subcommittee: Rick Ramos presented for the chairperson, Roger Smith. Rick reported that April is Safe Digging Month and the subcommittee will ask the city and county for proclamations during the month. In addition, the committee will send out a pipeline safety flyer in an upcoming utility insert to customers in Corpus Christi and Nueces County. The subcommittee has decided to conduct its third Safe Digging Seminar in October. Rick reported that the City's Legal Dept. is working on revisions to the City's Pipeline Ordinance.
4. Emergency Response and Communication Subcommittee: Chief Paige reported that the subcommittee's goals for 2016 were included in the meeting packet. He announced that CITGO will host the annual drill and that it will probably be held in the fall when the weather cools down. The next meeting of the subcommittee will be January 27, 2016 at the City-County Health Department.

VII. Presentation:

Chayne Sparagowski of the Coastal Bend Council of Governments presented a program on Apps and Resources for Chemical Emergency Response. The apps, most under 5 or free, included the electronic version of the Emergency Response Guide, apps for identifying chemicals transported by rail or truck, and the EPA's App which shows location of Tier II facilities, and several others. The presentation is available upon request from the LEPC.

VIII. Public Comment/Announcements: None

IX. Motion to Adjourn:

Chief Paige made the motion to adjourn, second by Rick Ramos. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 11:15a.m. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 1, 2016.



Robert Rocha, LEPC Chairperson