

City of Corpus Christi / Nueces County
Local Emergency Planning Committee
LEPC
January 6, 2015
Fire Department Training Facility

Chief Robert Rocha
Sandy Ramsey
Dr. Glen Kost
Chris Garcia
Danielle Hale
Sandra Falcon
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Carlos Garcia
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George Lerma
Rixio Medina
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Sara Callender
Billy Rollins
Kevin Bennett
Brian Morris
Carolyn Ross
Billy Delgado
Joe Miller
Joanne Salge
CJ Moreno
Bruce Simmons
Callen Hight
Gabriel Lugo
Mari Cuevas
Hilary Watt

Chief Randy Paige
Carla Gardiner
Philip Woods
Marty Wind
Richie Quintero
Paulette Fonteno
John Terry
Sonya Lopez-Sosa
Rick Ramos
Arturo Lopez
Javier Zapata
John Pasch
Debbie Callahan
Kyle Pelichet
Kirby Warnke
Rich Heitzenrata
Dan Boyken

- I. Call to Order:
Chief Robert Rocha called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.
- II. The November 4, 2014 minutes were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes as reported. Motion passed.
- III. New Business/Old Business: The Executive Committee has recommended amendments to the LEPC By-Laws and proposed to the membership.
 - a). Article V, Miscellaneous Provisions, Section 1. Fiscal Year (change from August 1 through July 31 to October 1 to September 30) **Vote taken and passed unanimously.** Motion was made by Danielle Hale to approve.
 - b). Article V, Miscellaneous Provisions, add as Section 5. Employer Provided Vehicle The vehicle provided to the LEPC coordinator will be considered a take home vehicle. **Vote taken and passed unanimously.** Motion was made by Chief Randy Paige to approve.
- IV. Upcoming Training in the Community/Conferences:
Information on local training opportunities can be viewed at www.coastalbendcan.com
Training for ICS 300 and ICS 400 will be offered in February by the City and the USCG. Carolyn Ross with the American Red Cross also has training opportunities. Please contact her for that schedule. Danielle Hale also reported that information for the annual Hurricane Conference will be out soon.

V. Coordinator's Report:

Joanne Salge reported she has participated in events at Miller High School, Evans Elementary, Oak Park Elementary, Corpus Christi IceRays, National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC), Celanese, and Lyondell.

Joanne also participated in the Lyondell Advisory, Corpus Christi Community Advisory Committee, Long Term Health, Coastal Plains LEPC, and the Planning Group. Messages for LEPC and ReverseAlert are complete. Joanne also gave a summary of outreach events for the year. A calendar of committee and subcommittee meetings was provided for 2015.

VI. Subcommittee Reports:

1. Finance Sub-Committee: Mr. Ramos reported the Finance Sub-Committee met on Monday, January 5 to review the monthly report. Mr. Ramos reported that the City of Corpus Christi has instituted a new accounting system as of October 2014. As the conversion is being made, there have been some delays in getting reports. Mr. Ramos reviewed the year-end financial report for FY 2013-2014. Additionally, he reported on status as of December 2014. Approximately 18% of the current budget has been expended. The next meeting will be on March 3, 2015.
2. Risk Awareness Sub-Committee: Billy Delgado reported on the "ReverseAlert" subscription. The total registered as of January 5, 2015 is 4,912 and total community alerts issued are at 27,823. Joanne informed that the Risk Awareness Committee continues to work on the Multi Media Campaign. Jeff Garcia with Time Warner Cable provided information on outreach for the year. The next meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2015 at 11:30 a.m.
3. Pipeline Sub-Committee: Rick Ramos reported the Pipeline Sub-Committee met this morning and the response and participation continues to be good. The committee's goal is to keep everyone informed of ordinances and any new regulations. A utility insert will go out in coming utility bills to 94,000 residences. The committee will form a work group to plan a possible safe digging seminar in the fall. The next meeting will be on March 3, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.
4. Emergency Response and Communications Sub-Committee: Chief Paige stated he continues to work closely with industry on submitting their asset resource list to inform all safety personnel and First Responders what type of hazardous chemicals are being used in case of an emergency. Chief Paige also stated the Committee is discussing plans for this year's Annual Full Scale Drill to be held sometime in April or May. The drill is scheduled to be held at Flint Hills Resources. Rick Ramos informed that an Emergency Response grant was approved for funding which will consist of a three phase study to help develop Emergency Response Plans for high risk facilities in Nueces County. Chief Paige mentioned we are looking for sponsorship for the Emergency Response meeting in July and October and asked if anyone would like sponsor the meeting, please contact him or Joanne Salge. The next meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2015 at Mark West and the April meeting will be hosted by ONSWTP.

VIII. Presentation: Fire Chief Robert Rocha presented a summary of activity by the LEPC for 2014. Chief Rocha noted several changes had been made such as re-writing of by-laws and meeting schedule changes. Meeting attendance has been up and consistent thru the year. Chief Rocha noted goals and accomplishments in each of the sub-committees. Some of the items he mentioned were a successful full scale county-wide drill by emergency responders, renewal of the interlocal agreement between the City of Corpus Christ/Nueces County and the Port Authority of Corpus Christi, new outreach messages, a safe digging conference, and the first ever audit of the LEPC. Business and industry submitted reports for 420 locations by Tier II reports and the LEPC appreciates a good working relationship with our partners and looks forward to more strong support in 2015.

IX. Public Comments: None

X. Motion to Adjourn

The meeting was closed at 11:32 a.m.

The next meeting date is March 3, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.



Robert Rocha, LEPC Chairperson