

City of Corpus Christi - Nueces County  
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)  
May 3, 2016  
Fire Department Training Facility

Dale Scott	Danielle Hale	Chris Garcia
Brianna Lohse	B. McDavid	T.L. Brown
Sandy Ramsey	Henry Gonzales	Roger Smith
Philip Woods	Nell Jones	Allen Hatcher
Bobby Canaies	Ed Shannon	Mary Cole
Callen Hight	Carla Gardiner	Robert Rocha
Andy Hoei	Blake Bosch	Bill Chidester
Rick Ramos	Roger Bennett	Jeff Pollack
Leah Olivarri	Joseph Cantu	Randy Paige
Marty Wind	Billy Delgado	David Bierling

I. Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions: Chief Robert Rocha called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m. He welcomed everyone and asked that they introduce themselves.

II. Acceptance of the Minutes: The March 1, 2016 minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Rick Ramos, with second by Roger Smith, to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

III. New Business/Old Business: Chief Rocha announced the LEPC Subcommittees are currently nominating and selecting a chairperson and vice-chairperson. As per the bylaws, the slate of officers will be presented at the July 5<sup>th</sup> General Meeting for approval by the membership.

IV. Upcoming Training in the Community/Conferences: Danielle Hale reminded members that the Hurricane Conference begins Wednesday, May 4, 2016. Registration will be available on-site for \$50. A regional exercise will be held on Thursday, May 5 for the 11 county region.

V. Coordinator's Report: Joanne Salge reported the LEPC participated in a Community Table Top exercise at Gibson Elementary. Over 100 attended the exercise with 16 signing up for Reverse Alert. A presentation on the LEPC and emergency communication tools was provided to the Corpus Christi Community Advisory Council. Industry site visits continue with Chief Rocha and Randy Paige. Packets of emergency planning information were delivered to Housing Authority locations, including Alaniz, McKenzie, and Leathers. Information packets and a presentation were given at The Palms on Leopard apartment complex.

Pipeline Safety utility inserts were printed and included in the city and county utility customer statements during March. The LEPC website has been completely revamped and placed back on-line in March. A total of 30,000 hits have been recorded since then. The Region 6 LEPC Workshop will be held June 28 in Victoria.

VI. Subcommittee Reports:

1. Finance Subcommittee: Rick Ramos presented the appropriation expenditure report for the seven months ending April 30, 2016. To date, 46.56% of the budget is expended. The report was accepted with a motion by Billy Delgado with second by Danielle Hale. Rick presented the Proposed LEPC Budget for FY 2016-17. The proposed budget includes \$121,203.61 for operations, \$70,000 from Industry Education Awareness Communication Committee (IEACC) for community outreach and \$78,400 provided by interlocal agreement and industry for the Reverse Alert Notification System. The proposed budget was approved with a motion from Danielle Hale

with second by Billy Delgado. Rick announced that the subcommittee will replace two members who have left. The next meeting is Friday, July 1, 2016 due to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday.

2. Risk Awareness Subcommittee: Billy Delgado reported that 8,505 people are currently registered for Reverse Alert. He reported that the IEACC Projects are well underway - Media: Purchased spots with Time Warner Cable and KIII-TV. They will air over the next three months.

Shelter in Place Kits: Bishop, Calallen TMISD, and CCISD schools in the industrial corridor have requested 363 complete kits and a number of individual items to replenish kits they have on hand.

Activity Book: Time Warner Cable is making final changes to the book and then it will go out for printing quotes.

The revamped LEPC website (ccllepc.org) is live but still under construction. It went live in March with 30,000 hits since that time, 18,000 of them in April. Billy congratulated KLUX Radio on receiving the Gabriel Award, the National Religious Radio Station of the Year award. Marty Wind, station general manager, was on hand and received a round of applause. It was also noted that a Hurricane Special report would be airing on local TV.

3. Pipeline Damage Prevention Subcommittee: Roger Smith thanked the City of Corpus Christi and Nueces County for declaring April Safe Digging Month. The subcommittee met May 3 and approved a budget of \$6,200. This was included in the annual budget presented by the Finance Committee and approved earlier. He announced that the Third Annual Safe Digging Seminar will be held Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> at the Richard Borchard Fairgrounds. The subcommittee's next meeting is scheduled for July 5, 2016.
4. Emergency Response Subcommittee: Chris Garcia reported that industry site visits for Emergency Responders continue. These visits should be schedule for three days so all shifts can participate. A full scale drill is to be held at CITGO, September 14, 2016. Mr. Garcia asked facilities to provide any updates and changes to CCFD and to the LEPC. The committee continues to meet goals by providing information at LEPC meetings and sharing training opportunities. Next meeting is July 27, 2016 at the RTFC.

- VII. Presentation(s): Dr. David Bierling with the Texas A&M Transportation Institute, presented a report on the hazardous materials transportation study. Funding for the study comes from the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) grant and matching funds from LEPC. Dr. Bierling reported that possible data collection locations for the study have been determined. Data collection will take place May through July with outcome briefing in September. The information will be used to identify equipment and resource needs for emergency responders, identify population and environmental risks, designate hazmat routes or restrictions, and be integrated into community and transportation plans, such as the new harbor bridge project.

Danielle Hale, Nueces County Emergency Operations Coordinator, made a presentation regarding the Nueces County Hurricane Reentry Plan. She noted that while the plan was originally created in 2011, it was validated in 2016 without substantial changes after face to face input sessions. The tiers for early reentry prior to retraction of local evacuation order were re-named from 1 through 4 to ER (Emergency Response) 1, 2, and 3. She outlined who is included in each tier and how and when they would be allowed

reentry. She reminded everyone that exempt organizations should get their requests for waiver letters in before June 1. Such letters will only be issued on request. Danielle also covered the documents needed by most people for reentry. These include documents as to who they are – a recognized picture ID; who you work for – company ID; why you are here – letter from your company; and who to call to verify.

VIII. Public Comment/Announcements: Jeff Pollack, Transportation Planning Director of Corpus Christi MPO, announced the progress on a proposed regional parkway involving Corpus Christi, Nueces and San Patricio Counties. Mr. Pollack discussed a Planning and Environmental Linkage Study and how the project will provide a second connection to North Padre Island.

Chief Rocha reminded everyone of the Region 6 EPA-LEPC workshop in Victoria on June 28.

IX. Motion to Adjourn: Roger Smith made a motion to adjourn with a second by Rick Ramos. Motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.m. The next LEPC General meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 5, 2016.



Robert Rocha, LEPC Chairperson