

**City of Corpus Christi / Nueces County
Local Emergency Planning Committee - LEPC
May 5, 2015**

Fire Department Training Facility

Chief Robert Rocha	Joanne Salge	Steve O'Neal
John Metz	Nell Jones	Sandy Ramsey
Mary Cole	Chris Garcia	Allen Hatcher
Glen Kost	David Cave	Scott Nelson
Philip Woods	Gilbert Gonzalez	David Henao
R.C. Reyes	Brent Kenny	Marty Ontiveros
Larry R. Elizondo	Bill Chidester	Dan Boyken
Rick Ramos	Travis Matthews	Roger Smith
Joe Miller	Carla Gardiner	Sharon B. Lewis
Joseph Cantu		

I. Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions:

Chief Robert Rocha called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. He recognized Larry Elizondo, representing CITGO corporate in Corpus Christi. Chief Rocha remembered Police Chief Simpson who died in an accident on Sunday, May 3. He recognized the great loss of not just a police chief but a great friend of the City of Corpus Christi and individually. He asked all to remember the Simpson family in their prayers.

II. The March 3, 2015 minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by David Cave to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

III. New Business/Old Business: None

IV. Upcoming Training in the community/conferences:

Information on local training opportunities may be viewed at www.coastalbendcan.com. Billy Delgado announced the announced that registration is still available for the Hurricane Conference to be held in Robstown May 6 & 7. He also noted that he would be sending details of the July ICS 300 and ICS 400 course to Joanne Salge if anyone is interested. Also, that a financial course is being held for city internal staff. Chief Rocha noted that Billy Delgado has information on the NIMS 300/400 courses.

V. Coordinator's Report:

Joanne Salge reported on the following:

Annual Report: The report has been completed and copies were available at the meeting. She said it had been a very successful year with subcommittees meeting their goals and establishing new foals for 2015 and moving forward with plans.

Safe Digging Month: The LEPC was actively involved in having April declared as Safe Digging Month.

Community Tabletop: LEPC participated in the Community Tabletop held at Solomon Coles High School on March 7. She said about 100 people attended. Topics covered included how to shelter-in-place, evacuation, personal safety planning. Assisting with the program spearheaded by the Corpus Christi Community Advisory Council were the RTFC, police department, fire department, and industry.

Community Outreach: Celanese will host a community safety event on March 14, with TX DOT hosting a health fair the same day.

Other projects: The LEPC activities in the past month include the LEPC sponsorship of the Hurricane Conference; meeting with county and municipal planning organization concerning the preliminary phase of hazardous materials transportation route designation; re-vamping of the LEPC website; full scale drill; Cameo training.

VI. Sub Committee Reports:

1. Finance Sub-Committee: Rick Ramos reported the Finance Sub-Committee met on May 4. A total of \$14,977 was paid in April for phase 1 of the risk assessment study. Eighty percent of phase 2 and 3 cost will be paid through a grant. A total of \$113,000 revenue has been collected with all but \$5,000 (sponsorship from Safe Digging Seminar) coming from Tier II contributions.

The audit of the LEPC has been completed. Three findings that LEPC was asked to correct were taken care of to the satisfaction of the auditors and the audit was closed. Roger Smith moved that the report be accepted, motion passed.

2. Risk Awareness Sub-Committee: Joanne Salge reported that Scott Nelson has volunteered to chair the sub-committee.

Billy Delgado, interim chair, reported that 5187 have opted into ReverseAlert . The next sub-committee meeting will be June 26.

3. Pipeline Damage Prevention Sub-committee: Roger Smith reported that Safe Digging Month was proclaimed by the Nueces County Commissioners Court on April 15 and the Corpus Christi City Council did likewise on April 21. Work progresses on the Safe Digging Seminar to be held Oct. 22 in Robstown. The next subcommittee meeting will be July 7.

4. Emergency Response Committee: Chris Garcia, co-chair, reported the annual full scale drill will be held May 13 at Flint Hills Resources with emergency responders and industry participating. He also reported that they are compiling data on response equipment in the area. This will assist in a cooperative effort between facilities. Chief Rocha said that this mutual aid agreement would be signed in the next few months. He said that sometimes an event exceeds the equipment a facility has and with this agreement they can reach out to other facilities for the use of their equipment.

Chris thanked CITGO for sponsoring several responders who will attend fire training at College Station.

Joanne Salge reported that they are working with the Alliance Solution group on the Risk Assessment Phase II and expect to finish in the summer. Compilation of an executive summary, identifying the hazards and concerns is on track.

The next meeting of the subcommittee is July 29. A location/sponsor the meeting is

being sought.

VII. Presentation: John Metz, National Weather Service, presented a program on hurricanes and hurricane preparedness. He noted that it has been 45 years since the last direct hit in Corpus Christi and 55 years for the Port O'Connor area. There has been a lot of development since then, including construction on the island. Although it has been many years since the last hit, John said we should prepare as if this is the year.

All hurricanes are different, John said, but the most destructive part of the hurricane is the eye wall and it is the storm surge that is associated with 80 percent of the deaths.

There are new tools from the National Weather Service to help residents stay informed and plan for a hurricane. These include a Potential Storm Surge Flooding map and Storm Surge Watch & Warning. He stressed the importance of staying informed, noting the various ways of getting information, including the National Hurricane Center website, emails, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and by phone, 361-289-0959 which is available 24/7.

VIII. Public Comment/Announcements: None

IX. Motion to Adjourn: Chris Garcia motioned to adjourn at 11:25. Motion carried. The next meeting will be July 7.



Robert Rocha, LEPC Chairperson