

City of Corpus Christi / Nueces County
Local Emergency Planning Committee
LEPC
September 1, 2015
Fire Department Training Facility

Chief Robert Rocha
Brianna Lohse
Rosie Rocha
Sandy Ramsey
Carolyn Ross
Nicholas Carter
Randy Paige
Chayne Sparagowski
Roger Smith
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Bill Chidester
Roger Bennett
Henry Gonzales
Mary Cole
Gilbert Gonzalez

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Nell Jones
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Nancy Cisneros
Allen Hatcher
Theresa Finch
Leah Heher
Larry Webb
Joe Miller
Billy Delgado
Christina Rodriguez
George Lerma
Darcy Schroeder

David Cave
Brandi Fisher
Philip Woods
Ashley Vryheid
Jaime Medina
Edward Carrillo
RJ Thomas
Mari Munoz
Carla Gardiner
Callen Hight
Rena DiGuardi
Jaime Medina
Marty Wind
Sharon Bailey Lewis
Joseph Cantu

- I. Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions:
Chief Robert Rocha called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. He asked that everyone introduce themselves as there were quite a few new attendees.
- II. The July 7, 2015 minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by David Cave to approve the minutes as presented and Rick Ramos seconded. Motion passed.
- III. New Business/Old Business: None:
- IV. Upcoming Training in the Community/Conferences:
RJ Thomas stated that there will be ICS 300 and 400, last two weeks of September in Sinton. Classes can be found at preparingtexas.org and www.coastalbendcan.com. Chief Rocha explained the numbers of the NIMS classes as they can be confusing. Danielle Hale announced a Critical Supply Chain Workshop to be held November 4 at the Ortiz Center for senior level oil and gas production personnel. Danielle informed registration links will be online in the next day or so. Roger Smith announced the Safe Digging seminar will be held Oct. 22 at the Richard Borchard Center. It is a free seminar. Registration will be available online at www.coastalbendcan.com or by contacting Rick Ramos.
- V. Coordinator's Report:
Joanne Salge reported on the following: The tabletop drill to be held Oct. 10 at Miller High School in conjunction with the Corpus Christi Community Advisory Council. Outreach

efforts in the past two months have included the Lead 1st program at Miller High School, the Health Dept. Immunization Clinic; and a number of programs of the Corpus Christi Community Advisory Council; and other industry advisory groups. Tier II support reports letters have been mailed out with the exception of those to the larger industry partners. Joanne Salge reported that 431 companies reported under Tier II requirements. This number is up from 417 last year. Joanne mentioned the LEPC relies heavily on the Tier II Industry support for funding.

VI. Subcommittee Reports:

1. **Finance Sub-Committee:** Mr. Ramos reported that the Finance Sub-Committee met on August 31. Mr. Ramos informed there was no quorum, so the budget report was not approved. Mr. Ramos reported that as of August 31, 81% of the budget had been expended and there are two large expenses coming, one is the book covers which amount of \$4,500 and the other matching funds for the Risk Assessment amounting to \$6,900. Billy Delgado made the motion to accept the financial report and seconded by Roger Smith. Motion passed.
2. **Risk Awareness Sub-Committee:** Billy Delgado reported "ReverseAlert" registrations continue to increase. Registrations as of August 31 were 7,617. Mr. Delgado mentioned while the registrations are increasing they are not where they should be for a population the size of Nueces County. Mr. Delgado noted a new item on the report is a section on volunteers. Mr. Delgado said volunteers are now able to register their skills through "ReverseAlert". Tom Brown, volunteer coordinator for the city, is working on assignment of volunteers according to their skills, should they be needed. Joanne Salge reported that sub-committee prioritized several programs/projects to be presented with those from other subcommittees to the Industry Education Awareness Communication Committee (IEACC, formerly Blueprint). The subcommittee's goals by highest priority are: 1) Shelter in place kits for schools and other locations though Corpus Christi and the County; 2) update and report the shelter in place activity book; 3) create an LEPC app and marketing of the app; and 4) traditional media spots in the Fall and Spring. Joanne noted the LEPC General Committee recommended to provide NOAA radios to all area schools. John Metz (National Weather Service) stated in previous years NOAA and FEMA have given schools these radios and a survey will be done to determine who needs the radios. Also among programs/project to be presented to IEACC are classes for firefighters and first responders.
3. **Pipeline Sub-Committee:** Roger Smith (DOW) reported that a special meeting of the sub-committee will be held Oct. 6 in preparation for the Oct. 22, 2015 Safe Digging Seminar. The seminar is free and open to 250 excavators from the area. The event will be held at the Richard Borchard Regional Fairgrounds in Robstown.
4. **Emergency Response and Communications Sub-Committee:** Randy Paige reported that a full scale hazmat drill at Flint Hills Resources was held August 26 after a postponement from the May date. Chief Paige stated participation was not as high

as had been anticipated, but it was a good drill. Those participating were able to test their ability to communicate, make sure equipment was working, and get some practice. Danielle Hale said technology implemented made it possible for them to work together in a unique way. Joanne Salge reported on the risk assessment study. The third phase is the summary and wrap up which will result in an Executive Summary. The study is expected to be completed in September. Chief Rocha said the summary will be available at the next meeting. Joanne also reported that the Commodity Flow Study grant application to the State of Texas was submitted the week of August 24. The LEPC will provide a 20% match. Joanne mentioned this is not a new study, but an update of the 2010 Commodity Flow Study. Joanne also mentioned a great deal of industrial activity has occurred since 2010 with the County including the opening of the Joe Fulton Corridor. The subcommittee's next meeting is Oct. 28. Joanne mentioned a sponsor is needed for that meeting. Please contact Chief Paige or Joanne Salge if interested

- VII. Presentation: The presentation by Kansas City Southern Railway Company will be rescheduled.
- VIII. Public Comments/Announcements
- IX. Motion to Adjourn: Randy Paige made a motion to adjourn at 11:30. Motion carried.

The next meeting date is November 4, 2015.



Robert Rocha, LEPC Chairperson