

City of Corpus Christi / Nueces County
Local Emergency Planning Committee - LEPC
Sept. 6, 2016
Corpus Christi Fire Department Training Facility

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Joshua Carrillo
Chris Garcia
Jaime Medina
Marty Wind
Manuel Rios
Chris Nelson
Joseph Cantu
Kelly L. White
Jessica Thomas
Joanne Salge

I. Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions: Chief Robert Rocha called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. Chief Rocha asked everyone to introduce themselves and affiliation.

II. Acceptance of Minutes: The July 5, 2016 minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Danielle Hale, with second by David Cave, to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

III. New Business/Old Business: Chief Rocha announced that the LEPC submitted a proposal for nearly \$2M in grant funds to the TCEQ. The proposal is for 15 programs/projects which he outlined. The programs/projects are inclusive of county and city. Chief Rocha said announcement of grant approvals will be made in mid-September.

IV. Upcoming Training in the Community/Conferences: The Full Scale Drill will be held at CITGO on September 14. The Safe Digging Seminar will be held in Robstown on Oct. 13, 2016. Hazardous Materials Awareness class will be held on Oct. 14 in Kleberg Co. A Tank Car Class with Union Pacific Railroad will be held on Oct. 14, 2016 in Fort Worth. For more offerings go to www.preparingtexas.org or www.coastalbendcan.org.

V. Coordinator's Report: Joanne Salge reported on the following: The LEPC participated in distributing information at Neighbors on Watch, Nueces County Hurricane Preparedness Event, Operation Safe Return, Lead First, as well as The Palms apartments and a Health Department event. The LEPC submitted an application for the Flint Hills Resources Helping Heroes grant and is awaiting word on the outcome. The LEPC provided shelter in place kits for Calallen ISD, Tuloso Midway ISD, Bishop ISD, and CCISD schools including Coles, Evans, and Miller. Additional requests have been received from Gibson Elementary, Driscoll Middle School, and Oak Park Elementary School. The LEPC prepared invoices for 441 Tier II reporting facilities from 2015. The number of facilities is up from 431 for 2014. The HEMP 2016 Commodity Flow Study, is being finalized and should be completed at the end of September.

VI. Subcommittee Reports:

1. Finance Subcommittee: Rick Ramos presented the appropriation expenditure report for the 11 months ending August 31, 2016. To date, 75.92% of the budget is expended. Motion to accept the financial report was made by Billy Delgado with a second by Roger Smith. Motion passed.
2. Risk Awareness Subcommittee: Joanne Salge made the report for the subcommittee. Joanne announced that Reverse Alert subscriptions are at 9,276 and are showing a steady increase. She announced that the Industry Education Awareness Communication Committee (IEACC) has approved funding for three projects: additional shelter in place kits, updating of the shelter in place video, and promotional items. The three items funded earlier in the year by IEACC were 500 shelter in place kits, revamping of the LEPC activity book, and funding for traditional media.
3. Pipeline Damage Prevention Subcommittee: Chairman Roger Smith reported that 250 are expected for the Safe Digging Seminar Oct. 13, 2016 at the RMB Regional Fairgrounds in Robstown. The seminar is geared to excavators and this year will include a live line strike demonstration. Sponsors for the event were announced by Mr. Smith. A special planning committee meeting will be held on Oct. 4 to finalize details of the seminar.
4. Emergency Response and Communications Subcommittee: Chairman Chris Garcia reported that industry site visits continue and anyone who would like to participate should contact Joanne Salge at the LEPC. The full scale drill will be held on September 14, 2016 at the CITGO East Plant. The drill will involve the HF unit and will utilize the Reverse Alert system.

VII. Presentation: Joshua Carrillo, Manager of Hazardous Materials, San Antonio Service Unit, Union Pacific Railroad (UP), presented an informational program on Union Pacific's four prong mission regarding accidents. The elements are Prevention, Preparedness, Response and Recovery. He said UP had 191 releases last year. Of these, three were known to be Union Pacific's fault. The response network that UP has in place includes hazardous materials managers, site remediation managers, and special agents. There is a 24 hour / 7 day emergency phone number, 1-888-877-7267, which can be used to report any type of unusual activity, including accidents to criminal activity. He also noted that every Department of Transportation (DOT) crossing is assigned a number and the number is posted on a sign at the crossing. This number can be used when reporting a problem so that the site can immediately be located by responders. In addition, there is a Union Pacific website that has all crossings listed. Anyone can type in the number of a railroad car and find out the location of the car, the cargo and other information.

VIII. Public Comment/Announcements: Dr. Kost noted that he is excited about the Emergency Response Guidebook being distributed and hopes that efforts will be made to get the books out to the public.

IX. Motion to Adjourn: David Cave made the motion to adjourn with a second by Chris Garcia. Meeting was adjourned at 11:2 a.m. the next LEPC General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 1, 2016.



Robert Rocha
Robert Rocha, LEPC Chairperson