

City of Corpus Christi / Nueces County  
Local Emergency Planning Committee - LEPC  
Nov. 1, 2016  
Fire Department Training Facility

David Cave	Waylon Collins	Leah Heher
Nell Jones	David Bierling	Ray Chong
Mary Cole	Bill Chidester	Gilbert Gonzales
Darcy Schroeder	Doreen Harrell	Jeff Pollack
Allen Hatcher	Philip Wood	Christopher Boyce
R.J. Thomas	Brianna Lohse	Roger Smith
Josh Rungee	Tony Quinones	Weldon Weber
Joe Miller	Rick Ramos	Robert Rocha
Danielle Hale	Billy Delgado	Rick Heitzenrater
Roger Bennett	Marty Wind	Richie Quintero
Kelly L. White	Michael Clack	Lisa Hinojosa
Sharon Lewis	Kori Ellien	Joanne Salge
Bob Paulison		

I. Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions: Chief Robert Rocha called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m. Chief Rocha asked everyone to introduce themselves. He thanked the leadership of the LEPC Pipeline and Damage Prevention Subcommittee for their work on the Safe Digging Seminar, calling it a great event.

II. Acceptance of Minutes: The September 6, 2016 minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by David Cave and a second by Danielle Hale, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

III. New Business/Old Business: Chief Rocha congratulated Danielle Hale as the new Port of Corpus Christi Emergency Manager and Christopher Boyce as the new Nueces County Emergency Manager.

IV. Upcoming Training in the Community/Conferences: Billy Delgado announced the Hurricane Awareness Conference December 14, 2016 from 8 to 12 and the Natural Disaster Awareness for Community Leaders Conference December 14 from 1 to 5. He said registration is limited to 40. Chief Rocha encouraged attendance at the ICS 300 Nov. 30 – Dec. 2 and ICS 400 on December 8-9. RJ Thomas announced a workshop and tabletop on Multi-Jurisdiction Improvised Explosive Device Security. A planning meeting with federal and state representatives is planned for November 15, 2016.

V. Coordinator's Report: Joanne Salge reported the TCEQ grant application outcome of 15 proposals is still awaited. LEPC participated in the CITGO full scale drill in September, the Plains table top drill, a Risk Management program with the City, the Safe Digging Seminar, the Corpus Christi Community Advisory Council tabletop drill at Magee Elementary and distributed materials to several other programs in the area. Tier II contribution requests were mailed in September to 441 members of industry and business required to submit Tier II reports.

VI. Subcommittee Reports:

1. Finance Subcommittee: Rick Ramos presented the appropriation expenditure report for first month of the fiscal year. At this time about 4% of the budget has been expended. He brought the members' attention to the Fleet Repair Costs Allocation which was added to the report in error and will be removed. The budget for the year 2016-17 is over \$129,000. Of this amount, Rick said \$90,000 has been collected and there is approximately \$35,000 in reserves. Motion to accept the report was made by Marty Wind and a second by Dave Cave. Motion passed. Rick said he will have the end of year information for 2015-16 at the next meeting.
2. Risk Awareness Subcommittee: Billy Delgado reported that as of Oct. 31, 2016, Reverse Alert subscriptions are at 9,384. Concerns about use of Reverse Alert notifications were the topic of a meeting of the committee's leadership. He said concerns have been expressed by subscribers over the timing of notifications, specifically those late at night or very early morning. Also, the underutilization of the Information Line. Mr. Delgado stated that a game plan has been devised. Joanne Salge announced that the second installment of funds from the Industry Education Awareness Communication Committee (IEACC) have been received. The funds will be used for an additional 500 safety kits for schools, safety video, and promotional items. She thanked industry for its support. She noted that 440 safety kits were distributed and existing kits re-supplied in the first round of funding as well as updating and reprinting of the LEPC Activity Book, and local media spots.
3. Pipeline Damage Prevention Subcommittee: Roger Smith reported that the Safe Digging Seminar included a simulated pipe line strike with assistance from the Robstown Fire Department and Robstown Utilities. He said the date has been set for the next seminar, Oct. 12, 2017, and the venue reserved. Mr. Smith noted that he, Rick Ramos, and Joanne Salge would meet later in the day with the city attorney to review the pipeline ordinance revisions which are nearing completion.
4. Emergency Response and Communications Subcommittee: Joanne Salge reported that CITGO held a full scale drill Sept. 14, 2016. CITGO is also planning a drill on Nov. 16 and 17 at the RMB Regional Fairgrounds in Robstown. Valero is planning a facility drill on or about November 15, 2016. A representative from Enertech attended the last subcommittee meeting with a proposal for a first responder drill, possibly in the spring and on a Saturday so more can attend.

VII. Presentation: Dr. David Bierling of the Texas A&M Transportation Institute, made a presentation on the Hazardous Materials/Truck Traffic Study conducted this year. The study compared data collected in the 2010 Commodity Flow Study with current data. The study found most hazmat truck traffic is on I-37 and SH 358 to west of US 181; the majority of hazmat truck traffic is not going through Corpus Christi but originates or has a destination in the south ship channel area; most hazmat placards on the trucks are for materials associated with refinery/terminal operations (petroleum based products); and the population remains well below the threshold for a hazardous material route designation. Discussion followed on obtaining additional origin/destination data as well as funding.

VIII. Public Comment/Announcements: None

IX. Motion to Adjourn: David Cave made the motion and Billy Delgado, a second, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed and the meeting ended at 11:55a.m. The next LEPC General meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2017.



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Robert Rocha, LEPC Chairperson