

City of Corpus Christi / Nueces County
Local Emergency Planning Committee - LEPC
March 7, 2023
3rd Floor Training Room, 2406 Leopard, Corpus Christi, Texas 78408

Briana Stevenson	Christine Logan	Philip Woods
Annie Huckabee	Melinda Malone	Vincent Harris
Joseph Cantu	Victor Cano	Marianne McGree
Will McGlaun	Joanne Salge	Alfonso Trevinc, Jr.
Roosevelt Shavers, Jr.	Deacon Mark Cazalas	William Thompson
Brian Grunberg	Hector Gonzales	Sharon Bailey Murphy
Stacey Soto	John Perez, Jr.	Alfred Suistita, Jr.
Juan A. Perez	Richie Quintero	Chris Nelson
Brian McDonald	John Sauve	Patty Molina
Kathy Ad-Blattner	Aristeo Valdemar	Robert Reina
Allen Hatcher	Terri Morris-Canales	Gavanda K. Cadena
John Terry	Olga Carrion	

- I. Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions: Interim Fire Chief Richie Quintero, called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m.
- II. Acceptance of Minutes: The January 3, 2023, minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Kathy Ard-Blattner and second by B.J. Thompson to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed.
- III. New Business/Old Business: None.
- IV. Upcoming Training in the Community/Conferences: Upcoming classes announced were OSHA Trenching Awareness April 11, 2023, National Weather Service Sky Warning, March 10, 2023. Training opportunities for the community and first responders can be found at www.coastalbendcan.org and www.preparingtexas.org. Additional opportunities will be discussed by the subcommittees.
- V. Coordinator's Report: Joanne Salge, informed that the Tier II Reports due for March 1, 2023 continue to come in. Joanne mentioned she recently attended LEPC Meetings in Jim Wells County, San Patricio County. These counties have reached out to the City of Corpus Christi/Nueces County LEPC for assistance with their LEPC formation. Hidalgo County has also reach out for help with their LEPC. Joanne stated she is working with these counties and is providing information as requested.
- VI. Subcommittee Reports:
 1. Finance Subcommittee: Phillip Woods, Interim Finance Chairperson, provided the financial report for FY 2022-2023. As of February 28, 2023, 39.61 % of the budget was expended. The 2022 Reverse Alert payment of \$78,400 for Everbridge, year 4 of 5, was paid. A motion was made by Joseph Cantu, second by Kathy Ard-Blattner to approve the report. Motion passed. Tier II donations are at \$106,658.23 towards our budget goal of \$135,949.47. LEPC has received a Grant from TCEQ for \$8,863.48 for Hazmat equipment. LEPC has re-applied for the Texas Department of Emergency Management HMEP Commodity Flow Study to be conducted in 2024. Awards to be announced later in the Fall year. The next meeting will be held on May 1, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. on WebEx.
 2. Risk Awareness Subcommittee: Sharon B. Murphy reported the Reverse Alert Opt-ins are at 27,428 and Nixel Opt-ins are at 1,262. Sharon stated our goal is to increase to 30,000. The LEPC will continue to delivery Shelter in Place Kits. The LEPC webpage is updated. Sharon mentioned


when you get on the website or social media, she added, please continue to follow us by liking it 2 or 4 times. LEPC continues to work with the International Association of Fire Chiefs. LEPC also continues to work with other counties, Jim Wells, Hidalgo and Coastal Plains. LEPC has submitted the LEPC Membership Form 151 to Texas Department of Emergency Management. LEPC continues to discuss options for a new Community- Wide Survey. LEPC will buy media spots with KIII and KRIS promoting Safe Digging. The next meeting will be held on April 27, 2023, at 11:30 a.m., 3rd Floor Training Room, 2406 Leopard, Corpus Christi, Texas, 78408.

3. Pipeline Damage Prevention Subcommittee: Randy Brock, informed tailgates will resume on March 14, 2023, location to be announced. City of Corpus Christi/Nueces County Proclamations will be presented in April for "Safe Digging Month". Nueces County Commissioners, will present a Safe Digging Proclamation on March 22, 2023 @ 8:45 a.m. The City of Corpus Christi City Council will present a Safe Digging Proclamation on March 28, 2023 @ 10:45 a.m. Safe Digging insert messages will also be included in the City Utility bills (99,500) and Nueces County utility bills (2,500) total cost \$2,448.00. The Safe Digging Workshop scheduled for April 20th has been postponed and re-scheduled for October 19, 2023. The next meeting will be held on May 2, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. on the 4th Floor EOC, 2406 Leopard, Corpus Christi, Texas 78408.
4. Emergency Response and Communications Subcommittee: Industry drills continue at Magellan Midstream, La Quinta Terminal, Targa Pipeline, Ergon Asphalt inside Valero, and O.N. Stevens Water Treatment Plant. These drills help increase preparedness. The Union Pacific training at the ON Stevens Water Treatment Plant, was held on February 28, March 1, March 2 followed by a full-scale drill on March 3rd. The training had approximately 200 participants. The Committee thanked O.N. Stevens Water Plant for hosting the training and thanked Skid of Kan for providing free services for the training. LEPC is a sponsor of the Coastal Bend Hurricane Conference to be held on May 3-4, 2023, at the RMB Regional Fairgrounds. The Texas Emergency Management Conference is May 30-June 2, 2023, at Fort Worth Convention Center. The Committee continues to closely follow information on Rail Safety and Lithium-Ion battery concerns. The next meeting will be held on April 26, 2023, 3rd Floor Training Room, 2406 Leopard, Corpus Christi, Texas 78408.

VII. Presentation: Brian Grunberg, Territory Executive for US Ecology/Republic Industrial Environmental Services gave a presentation on hazardous waste and treatment. US Ecology has disposal services, recycling services, industrial services, field service and 24/7 emergency response services of transportation of chemicals, etc.

VIII. Public Comment/Announcements: None.

IX. Motion to Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by B.J. Thompson and seconded by Brian McDonald Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m. Next meeting date – Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 10:30 a.m., 3rd Floor Training Room, 2406 Leopard, Corpus Christi, 78408.



Interim Fire Chief, Richie Quintero