

City of Corpus Christi / Nueces County  
Local Emergency Planning Committee - LEPC  
July 11, 2023  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Training Room, 2406 Leopard, Corpus Christi, Texas 78408

Joseph Cantu	Alfonso Trevino, Jr.	Joshua Carrillo
Kirby Warnke	Chief Brandon Wade	John Miller
Kristi Warnke	Deacon Mark Cazalas	Billy Delgado
Javier Zapata	Brianna Bautista	Raul Vasquez
Sharon Bailey Murphy	William Thompson	Rick Lopez
John Perez	Tony Woods	Buck Russel
Ignacia Mojica	Amy Canchola	David Dean
Louie Ray	Philip Woods	Daniel Vargas
Philip Woods	Frank Salinas	Brian McDonald
Kathy Ard-Blattner	Jason Burnell	Gavanda K. Cadena
John Hale	Freddy Sustaita	Joanne Salge
Amanda Wolf	Allen Hatcher	John Hernandez
Michael Lindsey	Amy Karl	Bradley Ragan
Will McGlaun	Bill Ross	Maria Sparks
Luis Lugo	Bayette Reiter	David Saenz
John Ford	David Cave	Danielle Hale
Bella Pugoff		

- I. Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions: Fire Chief Brandon Wade, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m. Joseph Cantu provided a facility safety briefing for the attendees.
- II. Acceptance of Minutes: May 2, 2023, minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Billy Delgado and second by Kirby Warnke, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed.
- III. New Business/Old Business: None noted.
- IV. Upcoming Training in the Community/Conferences Training opportunities for the community and first responders can be found at [www.coastalbendcan.org](http://www.coastalbendcan.org) and [www.preparingtexas.org](http://www.preparingtexas.org).
- V. Coordinator's Report: Joanne Salge reviewed the activities of the LEPC since the April Committee meeting. The LEPC committee goals for 2023 and meeting calendar are included in the packet for review. Olga Carrion, the LEPC part-time management assistant has taken a full-time position with Nueces County. The position will be posted for approximately 16 hours per week. The LEPC continues to provide materials for events and facilities. Joanne continues to work with the International Association of Fire Chiefs.
- VI. Subcommittee Reports:
  1. Finance Subcommittee: Philip Woods, Interim Finance Chairperson, provided the financial report. As of July 6, 2023, 66.24% of the budget for FY 2022-2023 has been expended. Payment to Everbridge for the Reverse Alert system was made in December, (\$78,400). Donation and Reverse Alert invoices were sent out in October and November and \$124,601.82 has been deposited. Invoices will go out again this year in October. We are hoping to be able to accept credit card payments in this next fiscal year. Motion to approve the financial report was made by Daniel Vargas, second by Kathy Ard-Blattner. Financial report approved as presented.

The LEPC is being awarded \$8,863 for a TCEQ-LEPC Grant. This item will go before City Council for approval on July 18 and July 25<sup>th</sup>. The LEPC applied for a TDEM-HMEP commodity flow study and was

selected for 2024 rail study at no cost to the LEPC. The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on August 31, 2023, at 3:00pm on WebEx.

2. Risk Awareness Subcommittee: Sharon Bailey Murphy provided an update for the Risk Awareness Committee. Participation in Reverse Alert continues to be steady. The current number of opt-in subscriptions is 27,575 and 1,658 signed up to receive text messages. Area school districts have been asked to place Reverse Alert information on their web pages. Additionally, the Corpus Christi Apartment Association has been asked to provide Reverse Alert information to their tenants. Shelter in place kits have been requested from area schools for the upcoming school year. The LEPC has been working with several LEPC's to provide helpful information to their communities. Some progress has been made on the community survey. The City's Communication Department will assist with sending out a Survey Monkey to the community. The LEPC was a sponsor for the Coastal Bend Hurricane Conference. The next Risk Awareness meeting will be held on Thursday, August 24, 2023, at 11:30am at CCFD Administration.
3. Pipeline Damage Prevention Subcommittee: Joanne Salge presented the update for the Pipeline Damage Prevention Committee. The committee is planning to hold another workshop in October. The committee continues efforts to decrease the number of hits or line strikes to pipelines. The committee attended the proclamations presented by the City Council and Nueces County Commissioners recognizing Safe Digging Month. Pipeline safety messages were placed in utility bills for the City and County in April. The total number of inserts were 102,000. Joanne stated the Damage Prevention Council of Texas has rejoined the Pipeline Damage Prevention Subcommittee. To date, the number of line strikes in Corpus Christi is decreased from the previous year. Tailgate briefings continue. The next meeting for the Pipeline Damage Prevention Committee is September 5, 2023, at 9:30am in the City EOC.
4. Emergency Response and Communications Subcommittee: John Perez reviewed several recent training events and drills. More are scheduled for coming months. Coastal Bend Hurricane Conference was held May 3-4, 2023. Site visits with Lyondell are conducted on April 18-20. The annual Hotzone Hazmat Conference will be held in Houston on October 19-22. The LEPC will participate in the FY 2024 TDEM Commodity Flow Study, rail, beginning in October/November. The study will take about a year and there will be no cost to the LEPC. The next Emergency Response and Communication meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 26 at the Port of Corpus Christi.

VII. Presentation: Billy Delgado, Emergency Manager for the City of Corpus Christi, gave a presentation to the group on hurricane preparedness. Mr. Delgado reminded everyone that the time to prepare for a hurricane is now. He also provided important information for folks coming back from evacuation. Be ready. Be prepared and have a plan in place.

VIII. Public Comment/Announcements: None

IX. Motion to Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Sharon Bailey Murphy and seconded by Kirby Warnke. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m. The next meeting date is September 5, 2023, at 11:30 a.m., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Training Room, 2406 Leopard, Corpus Christi, 78408.

  
LEPC Chairperson, Chief Brandon Wade