

City of Corpus Christi / Nueces County
Local Emergency Planning Committee - LEPC
September 5, 2023
3rd Floor Training Room, 2406 Leopard, Corpus Christi, Texas 78408

Joseph Cantu	Randy Brock	Kathy Ard-Blattner
RJ Alvarado	Chief Brandon Wade	Norm Racicot
Henry Gonzalez	Christine Logan	Brian McDonald
Gilbert Valdez	Louie Ray	Raul Vasquez
Amy Karl	Philip Woods	Allen Hatcher
Will McGlaun	Art Munsell	John Miller
Rebecca Ayala	William Thompson	Alfonso Trevino, Jr.
Billy Delgado	Cory Mottice	Juan A. Perez (Tony)
Mike Niles	Joshua Carrillo	Will Straub
John Hernandez	Richard Stracener	Kirsten Snodgrass
Edward Serrata	Jesse Torres	Michael Clack
Cole Wilson	Victoria Harrison	Dee Hawkins
Joshua Pappas	Lynn Allison	Buck Russel
David Dean	Joanne Salge	Bradley Ragan
Victor Cano	Bayette Reiter	Chris Nelson
Chris Boyce	Marianne McGee	John Hale
Chris Gonzalez	Gus Lopez	Brian Grunberg
Amanda Wolf	Stephanie Wood	Doug Matthijetz
Freddy Sustaita, Jr.	Janna Shoe	Russ Martin
Brianna Bautista		

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: July 11, 2023, minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Billy Delgado and second by Kathy Ard-Blattner, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

III. New Business/Old Business: Chris Boyce commented on the success of the full-scale drill held on the bayfront in August. Approximately 50 organizations participated in the drill.

IV. Upcoming Training in the Community/Conferences: Training opportunities for the community and first responders can be found at www.coastalbendcan.org and www.preparingtexas.org. Additional information for upcoming ICS classes will be posted soon. Billy Delgado noted TEEKS Pilot 330 Whole Community Planning will be held on September 27 in the City's EOC.

V. Coordinator's Report: Joanne Salge reviewed the activities of the LEPC since the July Committee meeting. The LEPC recently worked with Bee County LEPC, Bexar County LEPC, Coastal Plains LEPC, Corpus Christi Community Advisory Committee, KLUX Pledge Drive, and will present at the upcoming International Right-of-Way Association meeting on September 21. Joanne continues to work with the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

VI. Subcommittee Reports:

1. Finance Subcommittee: Joanne Salge provided the financial report. As of August 30, 2023, 84.98% 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 Chris Boyce, second by Kathy Ard-Blattner. Financial report approved as presented.

The LEPC was awarded \$8,863 for a TCEQ-LEPC Grant. This item went before City Council for approval in July. The LEPC applied for a TDEM-HMEP commodity flow study and was selected for 2024 rail study at no cost to the LEPC. A donation of \$4,608.23 from Howard Javelina was also approved by Council. The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on November 6, 2023, at 3:00pm on WebEx.

2. Risk Awareness Subcommittee: Louie Ray provided an update for the Risk Awareness Committee. Participation in Reverse Alert continues to be steady. The current number of opt-in subscriptions is 27,838 and 2,267 signed up to receive text messages. Renewal of the system will occur in November. Area school districts have been asked to place Reverse Alert information on their web pages. West Oso ISD has requested 205 shelter in place kits. Currently the cost of each kit is \$35.03. 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 next Risk Awareness meeting will be held on Thursday, October 26, 2023, at 11:30am at CCFD Administration.
3. Pipeline Damage Prevention Subcommittee: Randy Brock presented the update for the Pipeline Damage Prevention Committee. The committee is planning to hold a workshop in the spring. The committee continues efforts to decrease the number of hits or line strikes to pipelines. To date, the number of line strikes in Corpus Christi is decreased from the previous year. Tailgate briefings continue. The committee will place a message in the April utility bills for city and county. The next meeting for the Pipeline Damage Prevention Committee is November 7, 2023, at 9:30am in the City EOC.
4. Emergency Response and Communications Subcommittee: Tony Perez reviewed several recent training events and drills. More are scheduled for coming months. 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, October 25, 2023, at 11:30 – CCFD Administration.

VII. Presentation: Lynn Allison, Public Information Manager, Flatiron/Dragados LLC, Harbor Bridge Replacement Project provided an informative presentation on the construction of the new Harbor Bridge. Many of the essential components of the bridge are complete. Feeder road construction continues with the opening of Leopard Street and other roadways. Completion of the structure is anticipated for 2025.

VIII. Public Comment/Announcements: None

IX. Motion to Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Philip Woods and seconded by Randy Brock. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m. The next meeting date is November 7, 2023, at 10:30 a.m., 3rd Floor Training Room, 2406 Leopard, Corpus Christi, 78408.


LEPC Chairperson, Chief Brandon Wade