

City of Corpus Christi / Nueces County  
Local Emergency Planning Committee - LEPC  
January 2, 2024  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Training Room, 2406 Leopard, Corpus Christi, Texas 78408

Joseph Cantu	Victor Cano	Phillip Woods
RJ Alvarado	Kathy Ard-Blatner	Marianne McGee
Will McGlaun	Jason Skoruppa	Richard Stracener
Deacon Cazalas	Billy Delgado	Vincent Harris
Alfonso Trevino Jr.	Briana Stevenson	Robert Reina
Michael Griffen	Dee Hawkins	David Dean
John Bray	Victoria Harrison	Edward Serrata
Danielle Hale	Henry Walther	Allen Hatcher
Sharon Bailey Murphy	Joanne Salge	Brandon Wade

I. Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions: Fire Chief Brandon Wade, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m. Joseph Cantu provided a facility safety briefing for the attendees.

II. Acceptance of Minutes: The November 7, 2023, minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Billy Delgado and second by Kathy Ard-Blatner, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

III. New Business/Old Business:

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). Additional information for upcoming ICS classes will be posted soon. Billy Delgado noted ICS 300 and ICS 400 will be held in February in the City's EOC. Marianne McGee made an announcement that OSHA will be publishing a proposal in January 2024 to update an existing standard and expand safety and health protections for emergency responders, including firefighters, emergency medical service providers, and technical search and rescue workers. Dee Hawkins stated the annual Coastal Bend Hurricane Conference will be held on May 1-2, 2024, at the Richard M. Borchard Regional Fairgrounds.

V. Coordinator's Report: Joanne Salge reviewed the activities of the LEPC since the November Committee meeting. The LEPC recently worked with Bee County LEPC, Coastal Plains LEPC, Corpus Christi Community Advisory Committee, site visits, and training events. Joanne continues to work with the International Association of Fire Chiefs. Tier II reports are due to the LEPC beginning January 1 to March 1. Please provide the reports as XML and PDF files. Please see your packets for the 2024 meeting schedule and review goals for 2024. LyondellBasell will begin a turnaround on January 15 that is expected to be complete in early April.

VI. Subcommittee Reports:

1. Finance Subcommittee: Danielle Hale provided the financial report. As of December 28, 2023, 95.26% of the budget for FY 2022-2023 was expended. Payment to Everbridge for the Reverse Alert system was made in December 2023, (\$78,400). Donation and Reverse Alert invoices were sent out in October and November. We are hoping to be able to accept credit card payments soon. As of December 28, 2023, the year-to-date expenditures for FY 2023-2024 are \$24,199.30 or 17.9% of the budget of \$141,589.46. Industry donations currently total \$69,350.00. Motion to approve the financial reports was made by Phillip Woods, second by Dee Hawkins. Financial report approved as presented.

The LEPC was awarded \$8,863 for a TCEQ-LEPC Grant. We are currently waiting for the delivery of materials covered in the grant. The LEPC applied for a TDEM-HMEP commodity flow study and was selected for 2024 rail study at no cost to the LEPC. Howard Energy Partners have committed an

additional \$5,000.00 for the LEPC. The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on March 4, 2024, 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 27,896 and 2,379 have signed up to receive text messages. Since January 2023, we have increased our totals by 1,725 new subscribers. We have not had any recent requests for shelter in place kits from our local schools. Currently the cost of each kit is \$35.03. The LEPC received a Helping Heroes Grant for \$3,500.00 from Flint Hills Resources to purchase 100 kits. The LEPC has been working with several LEPCs to provide helpful information to their communities. The committee is also hoping to find a volunteer to fill the committee's vacant vice-chairman position. Victoria Harrison is doing a great job supporting our Facebook page. The next Risk Awareness meeting will be held on Thursday, February 22, 2024, at 11:30am at CCFD Administration.
3. Pipeline Damage Prevention Subcommittee: Vincent Harris presented the update for the Pipeline Damage Prevention Committee. The committee is planning to hold a workshop on January 18, 2024, at the Del Mar College FEMA Dome. The committee continues efforts to decrease the number of hits or line strikes to pipelines. To date, the number of strikes in Corpus Christi has decreased from the previous year. The committee will place a safety message in the April utility bills for the city and county. Letters for the City's Pipeline Ordinance will go out in January from Amanda Wolf. Fees are \$125.00 per line within the city. We will be scheduling proclamations for the City Council and County Commissions for late March or early April. The next meeting for the Pipeline Damage Prevention Committee is March 5, 2024, at 9:30am in the City EOC.
4. Emergency Response and Communications Subcommittee: Joanne Salge reviewed several recent training events and drills. More are scheduled for coming months. The LEPC is working with Union Pacific to set a date for Rail Car Training tentative for early March. The LEPC will participate in the FY 2024 TDEM Commodity Flow Study, rail, beginning in January. The study will take about a year and there will be no cost to the LEPC. We have site visits scheduled at Valley Solvents on January 30-31 and February 1, 2024. Valero will be partnering with the Texas State Aquarium to do a worst-case drill scenario on March 20, and 21. The next Emergency Response and Communication meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 11:30 - Port of Corpus Christi.

VII. Presentation: John M. Bray, CPP, Port Security Specialist, USCG Sector Corpus Christi

VIII. Public Comment/Announcements: None

IX. Motion to Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Danielle Hale and seconded by Joseph Cantu. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m. The next meeting date is March 5, 2024, at 10:30 a.m., 3rd Floor Training Room, 2406 Leopard, Corpus Christi, 78408.

  
LEPC Chairperson, Chief Brandon Wade