

City of Corpus Christi / Nueces County
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
March 5, 2024
3rd Floor Training Room, 2406 Leopard, Corpus Christi, Texas 78408

Alfonso Trevino	Joseph Cantu	Briana Stevenson
RJ Alvarado	Bill Ross	Charles Harris
Daniel Garza	Divina Ortiz	John Miller
Nora Perry	Randy Brock	Jace Johnson
Alfonso Trevino Jr.	Amanda Wolf	Zachary Pickett
Noni Motten	Philip Woods	Henry Walther
Jesse Torres	Marianne McGee	John Juarez
James Duenes	Vincent Harris	Sharon Bailey Murphy
Brandon Wade	Allen Hatcher	Joe Miller
John Hale	Jason Burnell	John Perez
Tony Perez	Stephanie Wood	Colleen Johnson
Robert Reina	David Dean	Chrisopher Brandt
Joanne Salge		

- I. Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions: Fire Chief Brandon Wade, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m. Joseph Cantu provided a facility safety briefing for the attendees.
- II. Acceptance of Minutes: The January 2, 2024, minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Billy Delgado and second by John Miller, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed.
- III. New Business/Old Business: Jace Johnson, the new Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator introduced himself to the group.
- 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. Valero Refinery will be conducting a Worst-Case Scenario Discharge Drill, March 27-28, 2024. Dee Hawkins stated the annual Coastal Bend Hurricane Conference will be held on May 1-2, 2024, at the Richard M. Borchard Regional Fairgrounds. The Union Pacific railcar training has been rescheduled to May 21-23 with a full-scale drill at ONSWTP on Friday, May 24, 2024.
- V. Coordinator's Report: Joanne Salge reviewed the activities of the LEPC since the January Committee meeting. Tier II report are due to the LEPC March 1. The nominations for subcommittee Chair/Vice Chair positions will be in May. Two-year terms begin in July. Please see your packets for the 2024 meeting schedule and review goals for 2024, suggestions are welcome. KLUX is hosting a spring fundraiser from March 4th to March 8th. Joanne will continue to contact facilities for site visits.
- VI. Subcommittee Reports:
 1. Finance Subcommittee: Amanda Wolf provided the financial report. The 2023-2024 revised budget for 21700 is \$141,589.46 and the YTD expenditures are \$43,097.86 at 31.64%. The posting of expenditures continues to run a bit behind. Industry donations are currently \$89,600 with a few large donations outstanding. We are finally able to accept credit card payments. Joanne sent out reminders to everyone with open invoices, along with the flyer that is included in your packet to help generate more donations. The LEPC received \$5,000.00 from Howard Energy and it has been placed in the industry education fund (21900) for now. Reverse Alert account (21901) was paid in late 2023 and it is fully expended at \$78,400.00. The TCEQ grant has been fully expended and materials have been delivered to CCFD Hazmat group - \$8,843.58. The Howard Energy donation of \$4,608.23 was also

utilized for those materials. The Helping Heroes grant from Flint Hills Resources in the amount of \$3,500 is being used for shelter in place kit items. We have spent \$2,604.67 and will spend the balance (\$895.33) on remaining items for the kits. We do not have any pending requests for kits. The TDEM-HMEP commodity flow study grant for rail will be done at no cost to the LEPC. There are no current updates on this activity. Motion to approve the financial reports was made by Phillip Woods, second by Dee Hawkins. Financial report approved as presented.

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 27,911 and 2,451 have signed up to receive text messages for a grand total of 30,362. We did have 6 industry alerts in February mostly due to flaring associated with pipeline maintenance and turnaround work at facilities. At the recent Risk awareness meeting it was suggested that we pay to boost our Facebook page. Victoria has set up a boost on our utility insert for a month. 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. In 2023 the LEPC distributed 616 shelter in place kits to area schools. 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. CCISD has a health and wellness event coming up and Kristi Warnke suggested that the LEPC participate. The LEPC will be participating in the annual science spectacular at Mireles Elementary on Thursday, March 7, 2024. It was suggested that the LEPC partner with the Red Cross and United Way on events. Victoria Harrison is doing a great job supporting our Facebook page. Joanne will continue to set up a meeting with Crosswinds Media to discuss a community survey. The next Risk Awareness meeting will be held on Thursday, April 25, 2024, at 11:30am at CCFD Administration.
3. Pipeline Damage Prevention Subcommittee: Randy Brock presented the update for the Pipeline Damage Prevention Committee. The committee held the Safe Digging Workshop on January 18, 2024, at the Del Mar College FEMA Dome. We had 140 attendees: Presentations by Marianne McGee (OSHA), Jesse Torres (TX 811), Corpus Christi Development Services, Brian Field (National Weather Service), Chuck Holloway (United Rentals). 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. Randy Brock plans to hold a tailgate on March 13th. The committee will place a safety message in the April utility bills for the city and county. The city will be sending 109,500 copies and the county will send 2,500 copies with a total cost of \$2,575.00. The proclamation for City Council is scheduled for March 26, 2024, and the Nueces County Commissioner's Court is scheduled for April 10, 2024. The next meeting for the Pipeline Damage Prevention Committee is May 7, 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 Union Pacific railcar training has been rescheduled for May 21-23 with a full-scale frill at ONSWTP on Friday, May 24, 2024. The LEPC will participate in the FY 2024 TDEM Commodity Flow Study, rail. The study will take about a year and there will be no cost to the LEPC. Site visits at Valley Solvents and American Chrome-Chemicals are currently being rescheduled. Valero will be partnering with the Texas State Aquarium to do a worst-case drill scenario on March 27, and 28. The next Emergency Response and Communication meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at 11:30 at CCFD Administrative Office.

VII. Presentation: Jesse Torres, Texas 811 Damage Prevention Manager for Lower Southeast Texas. Mr. Torres provided important information regarding excavation, damage prevention rules and regulations. Call before you dig – it's the law.

VIII. Public Comment/Announcements: None

IX. Motion to Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Randy Brock and seconded by Marianne McGee. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:41 a.m. The next meeting date is May 7, 2024, at 10:30 a.m., third floor training room, 2406 Leopard Street, Corpus Christi, 78408.



LEPC Chairperson, Chief Brandon Wade