

City of Corpus Christi / Nueces County
Local Emergency Planning Committee - LEPC
July 2, 2024

3rd Floor Training Room, 2406 Leopard, Corpus Christi, Texas 78408

Javier Zapata	Ron Parks	Nina Starkey
Victor Cano	Deacon Cazalas	Randy Brock
David Dean	John Terry	Kathy Ard-Blattner
Amy Canchola	Gavanda Cadena	Vincent Harris
Jose Garza	Allen Hatcher	Joseph Skoruppa
Raul Vasquez	Brenda Elizondo	Jace Johnson
John Bray	Cory Mottice	Mike Griffin
Sharon Bailey Murphy	Brandon Wade	John Juarez
Randy Conda	Nora Perry	Christopher Brandt
Amy Karl	Kayla Niedzielski	Richard Stracener
Jeff Hawkins	William Thompson	Freddy Sustaita
Dee Hawkins	Amanda Wolf	Divina Ortiz
John Hale	Rob Reina	Victoria Harrison
Juan Perez	Joanne Salge	Myriam Orozco
Joseph Mendez		

- I. Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions: Fire Chief Brandon Wade, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:36 a.m. Tony Perez provided a facility safety briefing for the attendees.
- II. Acceptance of Minutes: The May 7, 2024, minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Raul Vasquez and second by Kathy Ard-Blattner, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed.
- III. New Business/Old Business: Cory Mottice gave a brief update on Hurricane Beryl. The group was informed that it is still too early to know an exact path for the storm. The National Weather Service will continue to make updates as information becomes available.
- 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.
- V. Coordinator's Report: Joanne Salge reviewed the activities of the LEPC since the May Committee meeting. Current chairpersons have agreed to stay on for another two-year term, 2024-2026. Sharon Murphy nominated Phillip Woods as the Risk Awareness vice-chair. Joanne will continue to contact facilities for site visits.
- VI. Subcommittee Reports:
 1. Finance Subcommittee: Amanda Wolf provided the financial report. 2023-2024 revised budget for 21700- \$141,589.42- Expenditures YTD \$96,776.48- 69.04%. The posting of expenditures continues to run a bit behind. Industry donations are currently \$114,250. A few large donations remain outstanding. We can accept credit card payments. Joanne sent out reminders to everyone with 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. 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. Spending has been minimal to allow funds in the current budget to roll over into Reserves to increase that balance. An error was found in the 21700 Expenditure Report. On account 540030- Interest and Bank Charges, we were charged \$1,021.86. The correct charge is \$16.81. It is being corrected. Motion to approve the financial reports was made by Dee Hawkins, second by John Juarez. Financial report approved as presented. The next Finance meeting will be held on Monday, August 29, 2024, at (3:00pm on Webex).

2. Risk Awareness Subcommittee: Sharon Bailey Murphy provided an update for the Risk Awareness Committee. The scheduled meeting for June 27th was cancelled due to low number of responses from committee members. The June meeting has historically had low attendance due to vacation schedules, etc. We are considering moving to a quarterly schedule as we currently meet 5 times a year to boost attendance. Participation in Reverse Alert continues to be steady. The current number of opt-in subscriptions is 28,017 and 2,739 have signed up to receive text messages for a grand total of 30,756. We have not had any recent requests for shelter in place kits from our local schools. We anticipate more requests when the new school year begins. We have material on hand for 242 kits. Currently the cost of each kit is \$35.03. The committee filled the vacant vice-chairman position. Phillip Woods will be the new Vice-Chairman. The LEPC participated in CCCAC monthly meeting and provided materials. We also attended the City of Corpus Christi Safety Re-Set Fair, Gulf Coast Growth Venture's communication drill, Texas Oil and Gas Association lecture series, and Coastal Plains LEPC meeting. Our LEPC is also working with Goliad County LEPC and the Office of Emergency Management. We have contacted several school districts to send out a brief survey in the back-to-school parent packet (5 questions). We are hoping to get a good response. We are working with the Education Service Center on this. The next Risk Awareness meeting will be held on Thursday, August 22, 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 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. We will assist the Damage Prevention Council of Texas and Texas 811 by hosting a workshop at the Del Mar FEMA Dome on September 11th. Jesse Torres is planning to have some outside activities and demonstrations for the workshop. Tailgate briefings will continue, weather permitting. The next meeting for the Pipeline Damage Prevention Committee is September 3, 2024, 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 Union Pacific railcar training took place on May 21-23 with a full-scale frill at ONSWTP on Friday, May 24, 2024. We had a total of 227 registers for the event. 150 attendees received a TEEX certificate. There were approximately 50 responders for the full-scale exercise. Site visits at American Chrome and Chemicals took place on June 10-12. Valley Solvents and Chemicals site visit is scheduled for July 9-11. The Port of Corpus Christi annual Hurricane Conference was on May 22nd. ICS 300 Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents, July 17-19, Texas State Aquarium Wildlife Rescue (flyer in packet). All-Hazards Incident

Management Team, Situation Unit Leader (SITL), Monday, July 29-Friday, August 2, 2024. Flint Hills site visits, August 12-14. Hot Zone Conference, Houston, TX, October 17-20, 2024. The TDEM- HMEP Commodity Flow Study- Rail: Texas A&M Transportation institute is gathering data from the railroads for the next few months. They will have a draft report ready this summer. The next Emergency Response and Communication meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 24, 2024, at 11:30am at CCFD Administration.

VII. Presentation: Hurricane Preparedness - Dee Hawkins, Nueces County EMC and Jace Johnson-City of Corpus Christi EMC.

VIII. Public Comment/Announcements: None

IX. Motion to Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Dee Hawkins and seconded by Randy Brock. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 a.m. The next meeting date is September 3, 2024, at 10:30 a.m., 3rd Floor Training Room, 2406 Leopard, Corpus Christi, 78408.



LEPC Chairperson, Chief Brandon Wade