

City of Corpus Christi - Nueces County
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
May 7, 2024
3rd Floor Training Room, 2406 Leopard, Corpus Christi, Texas 78408

Briana Stevenson	Jason Burnell	Phillip Woods
Amy Karl	RJ Alvarado	Jace Johnson
Deacon Cazalas	Marianne McGee	Keith Muhlestein
John Terry	James Duenes	Divina Ortiz
Dee Hawkins	Henry Gonzalez	Charles Harris
John Miller	Philip Woods	Raul Vasquez
David Dean	Kathy Ard-Blattner	Stephanie Wood
Víctor Cano	Leo Jaungui	Victoria Harrison
Sharon Bailey Murphy	Freddy Suistita	Amanda Wolf
Zachary Pickett	Brian McDonald	Joanne Salge
Joseph Cantu	Brian Grunburg	Richard Stracener
Danielle Hale	Rob Reina	

- I. Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions: Fire Chief Brandon Wade, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m. Joseph Cantu provided a facility safety briefing for the attendees.
- II. Acceptance of Minutes: The March 5, 2024, minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Marianne McGee and second by John Miller, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed.
- III. New Business/Old Business: Chief Wade informed the group of the Celebration of Life being held at First Baptist Church on Ocean Dr. at 1:00 p.m. for CCPD Officer Hicks. Danielle Hale informed the group the Hurricane Conference had 1200 attendees and 500 for the main exercise. Nominations for LEPC Subcommittee Officers for 2024-2026 were submitted for approval. RJ Alvarado made a motion to approve the slate of officers, Briana Stevenson provided a second. Motion passed.
- 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 March General Committee meeting. Tier II reports were due to the LEPC beginning January 1 to March 1. Joanne will continue to contact facilities for site visits.
- VI. Subcommittee Reports:
 1. Finance Subcommittee: Amanda Wolf provided the financial report. No quorum was present at the recent meeting. The 2023-2024 revised budget for 21700 is \$141,589.46 and the YTD expenditures are \$71,255.57 at 51.02%. The posting of expenditures continues to run a bit behind. Industry donations are currently \$108,450. A few large donations are still 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. We are hoping to use this money for the Community Survey. Reverse Alert account (21901) was paid in 2023 and it is fully expended at \$78,400.00. 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. Motion to approve the financial reports was made by Phillip Woods, second by Joseph Cantu. Financial report approved as presented. The next Finance meeting will be held on Monday, July 1, 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 27,922 and 2,517 have signed up to receive text messages for a grand total of 30,439. We had 8 industry alerts in April 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. This was done for a month. We had 88 clicks, 97 post engagements, and reached about 17,000 for a cost of \$58.00. The cost per click was \$0.51. 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. 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 filled the vacant vice-chairman position. Phillip Woods will be the new Vice-Chairman. The LEPC participated in the annual science spectacular at Mireles Elementary on Thursday, March 7th. Victoria and Joanne attended a marketing seminar hosted by KIII TV. The LEPC will give Shelter in Place program at the May 9th CCCAC meeting. The LEPC was a sponsor for the Coastal Bend Hurricane Conference. The Risk Awareness committee made suggestions for the community survey, revised draft in meeting packet. The next Risk Awareness meeting will be held on Thursday, June 27, 2024, at 11:30am at CCFD Administration.
3. Pipeline Damage Prevention Subcommittee: Joanne Salge 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. The committee placed 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 utility flyer was also boosted on the LEPC Facebook page. April was Safe Digging Month. Proclamations were provided at the Nueces County Commissioners Court on April 10 and for the Corpus Christi Council on April 23. 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. The next meeting for the Pipeline Damage Prevention Committee is July 2, 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 has been rescheduled for May 21-23 with a full-scale frill at ONSWTP on Friday, May 24, 2024. There were 99 registered as of last week. Site visits at Valley Solvents and American Chrome- Chemicals are currently being rescheduled. Valero partnered with the Texas State Aquarium to do a worst-case drill scenario on March 27, and 28. Flint Hills Resources drill was held on April 18th and April 25th. ICS 400 in San Patricio County will take place on May 18-19. The National Spill Control School- Texas A&M University- CC, will be hosting Hazwoper General Industry training on May 13-17. The LEPC is working on gathering information and training program for the battery storage systems. The TDEM- HMEP Commodity Flow Study, Rail, Texas A&M Transportation institute is gathering data from the railroads for the next few months. The next Emergency Response and Communication meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 24, 2024, at 11:30am at CCFD Administration.

VII. Presentation: Sharon Bailey Murphy- Executive Director, Coastal Bend Air Quality Partnership.

VIII. Public Comment/Announcements: Marianne McGee stated that temperatures are rising, and employees need to be trained to work in the heat.

IX. Motion to Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Danielle Hale and seconded by Kathy Ard-Blattner. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m. The next meeting date is July 2, 2024, at 10:30 a.m., 3rd Floor Training Room, 2406 Leopard, Corpus Christi, 78408.


LEPC Chairperson, Chief Brandon Wade