

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

Sam Garibay	Jen Vela	Gavanda Cadena
John Miller	Jesse Gilbert	Brian McDonald
Phillip Woods	William Thompson	Rob Grachan
Tom Smith	Kath Ard-Blattner	Jason Skoruppa
Richard Stracener	Sharon Bailey Murphy	Rob Shulz
Marianne McGee	Josh Lynn	Peggy Fonseca
Ron Parks	Brandon Wade	Freddy Suistita
Víctor Cano	Mike Griffin	Alfonso Trevino
RJ Alvarado	Vincent Harris	Tiffany Dake
Randy Brock	Tony Perez	Janna Shoe
Justin Sefcik	Scott Marsh	Zachary Pickett
Raul Vasquez	Dee Hawkins	Victoria Harrison
Joanne Salge	Amanda Wolf	

- I. Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions: Fire Chief Brandon Wade, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. Tony Perez provided a facility safety briefing for the attendees.
- II. Acceptance of Minutes: The September 3, 2024, minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Scott Marsh and second by Kathy Ard-Blattner, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed.
- III. New Business/Old Business: None
- 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 September Committee meeting. Please review the 2025 meeting schedule, add your calendar, and always remember to RSVP when meals are served. Let us know if you would like to host a meeting.
- VI. Subcommittee Reports:
 1. Finance Subcommittee: Joanne Salge provided the financial report. Our expenditures for FY 23-24 were \$129,287.40 of the revised budget of \$141,589.42 @ 91.31%. Funds were carried over to build our reserve fund balance – 6060/21700. The Reverse Alert fund was expended at 100%. We are currently working on a new contract with Everbridge. The new contract will include Aransas County, Refugio County, San Patricio County (Coastal Plains LEPC). They will pay \$20,000.00 annually to use the system. The total for the Everbridge will be \$87,031.01. The City of Corpus Christi contributes \$20,000.00 and Nueces County contributes \$10,000.00. The balance is paid by our industrial partners, 6060-21901. We have begun invoicing for 2024 and for Reverse Alert partners. We will be able to accept credit card payments and will promote the service. We are charged 3% by the City for the service. Grant applications have gone out to Flint Hills Resources Helping Heroes in the amount of \$4,000.00 to purchase materials for 125 shelter in place kits and TCEQ. The TCEQ grant request was in the amount of \$44,965.00 on October 11. We requested \$5,882.00 for 200,000 Reverse Alert printed cards; \$14,450.00 to run 176 Reverse Alert Media spots; \$7,733.00 for hazmat flare kit; \$14,875.00 for advanced propane response training; and \$2,024 for chlorine sensor. The next Finance meeting will be held on Monday, December 30, 2024, at (3:00pm on Webex).
 2. Risk Awareness Subcommittee: Sharon Bailey Murphy provided an update for the Risk Awareness Committee. Our last meeting was held on October 24th with good attendance. The Reverse Alert

numbers: 28,541 and Nixle is 6,246. Total 34,787. This is an increase of 148 since the August meeting. There were (6) industry alerts in September and none in October. The contract is moving forward to include Aransas, Refugio, and San Patricio Counties in the system. They will pay \$20,000.00 annually and will send out their respective messages to their counties. The LEPC applied for a TCEQ grant on October 11. The total request was for \$44,965.00. We requested \$20,332.00 to promote Reverse Alert (\$5,882.00 to print 200,000 new cards and \$14,450.00 to buy 176 media spots to promote Reverse Alert). The balance would be used to purchase hazmat equipment. Shelter in place kits were delivered to Smith Elementary. We have not had any new requests. We continue to send out the brief survey and post on Facebook. A QR code was created, and we are now able to get direct responses. The survey takes less than 2 minutes to complete. We have not received any school district responses. The committee made suggestions on providing meals for LEPC meetings by taking turns. Other suggestions were sending out Calendar invites for committee meetings to ensure enough meals for all attendees. The next Risk Awareness meeting will be held on Thursday, February 27th and will be held quarterly in 2025, at 11:30am at CCFD Administration.

3. Pipeline Damage Prevention Subcommittee: Randy Brock presented the update for the Pipeline Damage Prevention Committee. On September 11th, the LEPC hosted the Damage prevention Council of Texas and Texas 811 for a workshop at Del Mar College FEMA Dome. There were 149 in attendance. Many were City and County utility employees. There were static displays and equipment displays by Badger, United Rental, and Vermeer outside. The meeting went well. Amanda, Philip, Victoria. Port intern- Jonathan and Joanne were the workforce. We plan to host a workshop in the early spring. In 2025, we will again send out safety messages in the City and County utility billings for April's Safe Digging Month. We will also have City Council and County Commissioners Court Proclamations. Amanda Wolf will send out the City's Pipeline Ordinance letters in January requesting fees/maps/certificate of liability. The next meeting for the Pipeline Damage Prevention Committee is January 7, 2025, 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. ERC Committee met on October 23rd. Danielle Hale hosted the meeting and luncheon at the Ortiz Center. Dan Koesma, the Director of Channel Development, gave a presentation for the group. There are open spots for ICS 400 (November 4-5) in the City's EOC. The LEPC will begin sending out annual invoices for donations in October and November- everyone's support is what keeps this program going. Recent and upcoming events include November 4- 6, Texas State Aquarium walk-thru; October 23rd was the final Lyondell site visit; October 24th full scale exercise at La Quinta Terminal. The week of November 18, (6)-CST will be in town for multiple days of training with a full-scale exercise on November 21st - most likely at the TSA. The Valero Drill on November 6th has been postponed and rescheduled for December 5th. Six CCFD members attended the Hotzone Conference. There will be a Safety Officer course on December 16-20 and Finance/Admin Unit Leader December 16-18 at the Port. The next Emergency Response and Communication meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, at 11:30 am at Del Mar College, Oso Creek Campus hosted by Mark Bohling.

VII. Presentation: Mike Griffin, Emergency Management Specialist, Texas State Aquarium Wildlife Rescue.

VIII. Public Comment/Announcements: Sharon Bailey Murphy informed the group on her upcoming presentation on November 12th at the Al Amin Shrine.

IX. Motion to Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Phillip Woods and seconded by Rob Grachan. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m. The next meeting date is January 7, 2025, at 10:30 a.m., 3rd Floor Training Room, 2406 Leopard, Corpus Christi, 78408.



LEPC Chairperson, Chief Brandon Wade