

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

Joseph Cantu	Kaitlin Carl	Brandon Wade
William Thompson	Mike Griffin	Tony Perez
Danielle Hale	Brian Grunberg	Joanne Salge
Marianne McGee	Josh Lynn	Chritopher Brandt
Amy Lee	RJ Alvarado	Janna Shoe
Kathy Ard-Blatner	Henry Gonzalez	John Terry
Jace Johnson	Lynn Allison	Allen Hatcher
Jenn Bostick	Dee Hawkins	Bradley Ragan
Victor Cano	John Juarez	Jason Burnell
Deacon Mark Cazalas	Amanda Wolf	Sharon Bailey Murphy
Ron Parks	Scott Marsh	

- 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 July 2, 2024, minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Kathy Ard-Blatner and second by Scott Marsh, 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](http://www.coastalbendcan.org) and [www.preparingtexas.org](http://www.preparingtexas.org).
- V. Coordinator's Report: Joanne Salge reviewed the activities of the LEPC since the July Committee meeting. Chairpersons for the new term (2024-2026) have agreed to stay on. Phillip Woods will serve as vicechair for the Risk Awareness Subcommittee. Joanne will continue to contact facilities for site visits.
- VI. Subcommittee Reports:
  1. Finance Subcommittee: Amanda Wolf provided the financial report. Fund 6060-21700 is currently expended at 80.43%. Historically, we would be spending down the account as the fiscal year will be ending on September 30<sup>th</sup>. As discussed, we are wanting to carry over funds to build up our Reserve Fund balance. Fund 6060-21900 industry educational fund is dormant. Fund 6060-21901 Reverse Alert Fund is expended at 100%. We are currently negotiating a new contract with Everbridge. Invoicing for all accounts will begin in October for FY24-25. Industry donations are at \$115,600.00. Numerous reminders have gone out and I would like to thank Danielle Hale, Dee Hawkins, and Kathy Ard-Blatner for their help in encouraging support from the facilities that we have not received responses from. Credit card payments have been received from a few facilities. We will promote the option with the 24-25 invoices. The LEPC has submitted a grant request to Flint Hills Resources Helping Heroes in the amount of \$4,000.00. If, funded, this will help us purchase materials for 125 shelter in place kits for area schools. We are also looking at PHMSA Technical Assistance Grant to buy some media for Pipeline safety messages. The next Finance meeting will be held on Monday, November 4, 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 August 22<sup>nd</sup> with good attendance. We have discussed potentially moving to a quarterly schedule as we currently meet 5 times a year, to boost attendance and participation. Reverse Alert update: Opt-In 28,494 and Nixle 6,147- Total 34,641. This is an

increase of 4,361 since January. Information Line: the number of contacts with the information line in 2023, there were 197 contacts. From January 2024 to April 30, 2024, there have been 88 contacts. We are currently working on a new contract with Everbridge for the Reverse Alert System. Our current contract ends this year. Coastal Plains LEPC is wanting to change their notification system and is interested in working with Everbridge. Work on the Reverse Alert Contract is proceeding, and it looks like Coastal Plains LEPC will join the system so there will be a regional notification system for Nueces, San Patricio, Aransas and Refugio Counties. The LEPC has filled two new requests for shelter in place kits. The LEPC provided Cullen Place Elementary (formerly Woodlawn, Montclair, Meadowbrook), with 90 kits and Kaffie Middle School with 35 new kits. We received an application from Smith Elementary School for kits and we are currently waiting for clarification on their application. The LEPC anticipates more requests now that the new school year had begun. We currently have materials on hand for approximately 100 kits. Facebook and our webpage are active and current. We contacted several school districts to send out a brief survey in the back-to-school parent packet or on the parent online portals (5 questions). We hope to get a good response. We are also working with the Education Service Center on this. Districts Contacted: Agua Dulce ISD, Banquette ISD, Bishop ISD, Calallen ISD, Driscoll ISD, London ISD, Port Aransas ISD, Robstown ISD, School of Science and Technology, Tuloso-Midway ISD, and West Oso ISD. Activities: Materials to Nueces Cooperative. Presentation to CCCAC monthly meeting, participation at the City of Corpus Christi Safety Reset Fair, participation in the Gulf Coast Growth Ventures communication drill, Texas Oil and Gas Association Series, Coastal Plains LEPC meetings, and working with Goliad County LEPC/ Office of Emergency Management. The next Risk Awareness meeting will be held on Thursday, October 24, 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 LEPC received PHMSA listing of available grants and will follow up with on that we may be able to get some funds to purchase media for the messages we have on file. The DPC workshop is scheduled for September 11<sup>th</sup> at the FEMA Dome. As of last week, we have about 100 registered. The LEPC has promoted the event and will send out the flyer to City/County departments this week to try and help boost the attendance. The next meeting for the Pipeline Damage Prevention Committee is November 5, 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. ERC met on July 24- Heat Accident Presentation by Marianne McGee and tour of the AMBUS. Site visits at Valley Solvents and Chemicals took place on July 9-11. Plains All American Pipeline Safety Presentation was on July 25<sup>th</sup>. City EOC will host ICS 300 and ICS 400 the last week of October and the first week of November, Register at Preparing Texas. CCFD toured the POCCA Port Police 44' metal craft. An ICS 300 was held at the Texas State Aquarium Wildlife Rescue Center, July 17-19. Cheniere's Demonstration at RTFC on July 30. All Hazards Incident Management Team, Situation Unit Leader (SITL), Monday, July 29- Friday, August 2, 2024. Flint Hills Site Visits were on August 12-14. Site visits at STX Beef will begin on September 13<sup>th</sup>. DPC of Texas- Texas 811 Safety Day will be on September 11 at the Del Mar FEMA Dome. The Citgo- Honeywell HF Exposure Training is on September 17<sup>th</sup> and September 18<sup>th</sup>, at the Ortiz Center. Hot Zone Conference is in Houston, TX on October 17-20, 2024. Valero Alky Drill is scheduled for November 6, EOC on Cantwell. The next Emergency Response and Communication meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 23, 2024, at 11:30am at The Port of Corpus Christi Authority.

VII. Presentation: Lynn Allison, Public Information Manager, Harbor Bridge Project, Bridge Construction update. The bridge construction project is anticipated to be completed by mid-2025.

VIII. Public Comment/Announcements: None

IX. Motion to Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Danielle Hale and seconded by Jace Johnson. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m. The next meeting date is November 5, 2024, at 10:30 a.m., 3rd Floor Training Room, 2406 Leopard, Corpus Christi, 78408.



LEPC Chairperson, Chief Brandon Wade