

**MIAMI COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE  
QUARTERLY MEETING  
JANUARY 11, 2018  
MIAMI COUNTY COMMUNICATION CENTER**

- I. Meeting called to order by Chair Chuck Drake at 4:00 PM.

Guest present: David Stockler of the Miami County Hazmat Team, Jordan Sanderson from the EMA, and Karen Harkins of UVMC were in attendance.

Members present: Chuck Drake, Kenny Artz, Randy Earl, Maria Bayless, Ron Dye, Jim Bowell, Heidi Harmer, Brent Pohlschneider, Jim Crawford, Lee Harmon, Nate Bednar, Steve Kessler, Eric Krites, Tony Kendell, and Art Blackmore

Members absent: Ben Stacy, Sheriff Duchak, David Heffner, Commissioner Evans, Jeff Busch, Marc Cantrell, Matt Simmons, Nancy Bowman, Regan Snider, Scott Pence, Steve Pfister, and Tim McNally

- II. Minutes of the October 5, 2017 meeting: It was moved by Maria and seconded by Lee to approve the minutes as sent out. Motion carried.
- III. Treasurer's report: Maria reported a balance at our last meeting of \$65,995.43, expenses since then of \$6,630.71, income since then of \$410.99. The current balance is \$59,775.71. The report will be forwarded for audit.
- IV. Old Business:
- a. Hazmat Team status and responses: Eric reported there have not been any call-outs since our last meeting. There have been two consultation calls. There is a technician level class starting the last week of February.
- Ohio Hazmat Conference report: David Stockler gave a report on the Ohio Hazmat Conference. Three people from Hazmat Team attended. He noted classes regarding hazmat medical, ammonia incidents, and drone usage for hazmat incidents as classes they attended. The information obtained will be used in trainings for the hazmat team. He thanked the LEPC for the support in attending the conference.
- b. Extremely Hazardous Substance (EHS) site visit update: Jim B. reported we had forty-three (43) sites reporting an EHS for RY2016. Site visits are complete. Forty-one (41) sites have had the plans updated. Two (2) remain to be tabulated and finalized.
- c. Public Information Request: Art reported we have not had any request since our last meeting. We had a total of three (3) in 2017. All of them were regarding property site environmental history.
- d. Cost Recovery process: Art reported that there may be an issue with the cost recovery process. The question is that if issues occur in obtaining the cost recovery reimbursement, can the Legal and Enforcement sub-committee send it to the Prosecutor or should it go to the LEPC membership for that decision? This was initiated due to a traffic accident requiring the hazmat truck response on South County Road 25-A in April that has resulted in a cost recovery problem. The Prosecutor has reviewed this question and advised that it must go to the overall committee at a regular or special called meeting.

- e. Failure to Report policy update: Art reported it has been sent to the Prosecutor to determine what the LEPC can or cannot do legally regarding failure to report. The document is still in review.
- f. SERC Grant formulation: Art reported that 75% of the facility annual filing fees goes toward LEPC sustainment through the SERC LEPC grant. Hand-outs showing how the LEPC grant fund amount is determined each year were provided.

V. New Business:

- a. SFY 2018-2019 SERC LEPC Grant application: Art presented the SFY2019 LEPC grant application. The amount requested on the grant is \$31,000. For the 2018 grant we requested \$30,000, and received an award of \$23,820. It was moved by Randy Earl and seconded by Jim Bowell to submit the grant application. Motion carried. The application will now go to the Commissioners for an approval resolution for the grant submission.
- b. Weather Spotter Class: Art reported the 2018 weather spotter class will be held on March 26<sup>th</sup> at the Hartzell Lecture Hall in the Upper Valley Career Center in Piqua. The class is presented by the Wilmington office of the National Weather Service. Registration is 6:00 to 6:30 PM. The class starts at 6:30, and is about two hours long. There is no cost to attend.
- c. Hand light donation: Jim B. noted the LEPC received a donation from Finley Fire Equipment of a Pelican 9415 hand light. This all came about after the incorrect hand light was shipped to us on an order. Jim attempted to get the incorrect light returned numerous times but to no avail. The Finley sales representative finally decided to just donate it to us. A “thank you” was sent to the sales rep.
- d. Type II Hazmat Team: Kenny noted the Regional Homeland Security Grant requirements and presented information on the benefit of taking the Miami County hazmat team to a Type II classification. It could be financially beneficial by opening up more grant funding possibilities for the purchase of additional or replacement hazmat equipment. Some additional equipment would need to be purchased to meet the Type II team requirements. Jim B. talked about the equipment that would need to be ordered now (Four-gas meter, suits, gloves) because of long lead times for the items. A motion was made by Kenny and seconded by Brent to purchase the long lead equipment at a cost not to exceed \$4500.00. Motion carried.
- e. Cost Recovery Process: Art noted we need to review our cost recovery plan document to clarify the path we take if recovery is not made in a reasonable time frame. It was agreed to do so. Art will initiate the review with the Plan Writing and Policy sub-committee.

VI. Sub-Committee Reports:

- a. Community Resources and Information: Randy reported the MMRS now has enhanced capabilities to deal with special pathogens, Ebola and radiological incidents. He also noted a Point of Privilege relative to an apartment issue in Montgomery County. The apartment complex is having an issue with their heating system, and if the residents have to be removed from the facility it is not the Red Cross’s responsibility to shelter them. The Red Cross may support with the physical needs of the residents, but it is the owner’s responsibility to provide for sheltering.

- b. Equipment: Jim B. noted the accountability system used by the hazmat team, where small tags are placed on a board to indicate being at the incident and assigned positions for the team. He requested approval to purchase a maximum of sixty (60) small tags over a twelve (12) month period. He obtained quotes, with the best being Award One at a cost of \$210.00. Maria made a motion to proceed with the purchase. Kenny seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- c. Executive: No report
- d. Exercise and Training: Jim C. noted the Piqua Operation Center/Miami County EOC functional exercise conducted on November 14 has been recommended for concurrence by our Ohio EMA regional supervisor and emergency management specialist. It will be on the SERC February 14<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda for final approval. The After Action Meeting was held on January 4<sup>th</sup>. He also noted the recently completed Ohio Hazmat Conference, a completed MCEMA EOC in-house drill, as well as exercises and trainings planned in 2018.
- e. Legal and Enforcement: No report
- f. Membership: No report
- g. Planning Writing and Policy: No report
- h. Risk and Hazard Assessment: Jim C. noted he is working with Jim B. regarding the site visits.

VII. Purchase Needs

No additional purchase needs were noted.

VIII. Good of the Order

Chuck talked about the opiate crisis, its severity, and range of involvement of response agencies. He suggested getting a group together to develop a slide program to take to the schools for a one period presentation to slow the issue down. Nate then noted the Miami County Heroin Coalition and their activities. Chuck plans to attend the coalition's next meeting.

X. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be April 19, 2018.

XI. Adjournment

It was moved by Kenny and seconded by Maria to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 4:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Art Blackmore  
Miami County LEPC Information Coordinator