

**MIAMI COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
QUARTERLY MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2020
MIAMI COUNTY COMMUNICATION CENTER**

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

Members Present: Chuck Drake, Ron Dye, Marc Cantrell, Jim Crawford, Steve Pfister, Lee Harmon, Commissioner Mercer, David Stockler, Jim Howell, Brent Pohlschneider, Sheriff Duchak, Eric Krites, Jeff Busch and Art Blackmore

Members Absent: Ben Stacy, David Heffner, Heidi Harmer, Matt Simmons, Nancy Bowman, Nate Bednar, Scott Pence, Tim McNally, Tim Reichard and Tony Kendell

Guest present: Mark Eberhardt, American Red Cross
Sam Reed, Ohio EMA
Jim Garrett, Kettering Health Network
Joel Smith, Miami County EMA

- II. Approval of minutes of the October 3, 2019 quarterly meeting as sent out. It was moved by Lee H. and seconded by Jim B. to accept the minutes. Motion carried.
- III. Financial report: Art presented the financial report as follows:

Balance at last meeting	\$68,906.45
Income since last meeting	.00
Expenses since last meeting	\$ 4,815.90
Current Balance	\$64,090.55

Expenses were for Information Coordinator salary/benefits and mileage, and hazmat equipment due to tanker rollover on I-75 last August.

The report will be forwarded for audit.

IV. Old Business:

- a. Hazmat Team activities/responses: Jim B. and Eric K. reported there was one call for a discoloration in a creek off of West Market Street in Troy. It was a brownish discoloration traced back to the source, approximately 1 ½ miles away. The source was actually mud coming from an excavation site. The EPA was involved. The City of Troy was required to do a clean-up to prevent the mud from getting into the creek.

There is a planned change in the officers of the hazmat team pending approval of the Miami County Fire and Emergency Services Chiefs Association.

- b. Extremely Hazardous Substance (EHS) site visit update: Jim B. reported there were 49 sites last year. All of these have had the site visits conducted. The reports are being completed. We are now waiting for the RY 2019 Tier II reports to arrive.

- c. Public Information Request: Art reported there were none since our last meeting, and a total of three in 2019.
- d. Commodity Flow Study/HMEP Grant: Art reported the grant has been closed out. Total expenditure was \$4,800.00. Through the grant we received \$3,840.00. Our share of \$960.00 will come about through our paperwork to charge our 0625 account.
- e. FY 2020 LEPC Grant: Art reported the grant application is filled out. We are requesting \$32,000. Last year we requested \$31,500, and received \$25,439. We need approval to submit the grant application. It was moved by Steve P. and seconded by Sheriff Duchak to submit the grant. It will now go to the Commissioners for a resolution of authorization to submit to the SERC.
- f. Cost Recovery: Art reported cost recovery payment has been received due to the tanker rollover on I-75 in Tipp City on August 4, 2019. The LEPC received \$2,998.38. Tipp City, Troy, and Piqua Fire Departments have received their recovery payments as well.

No other old business was presented.

V. New Business:

- a. Weather Spotter Class: Art noted the 2020 Weather Spotter class, in conjunction with the National Weather Service, will be held on April 6th. Registration is at 6:00 PM. The class will start at 6:30 PM.

No other new business was presented.

VI. Sub-Committee Reports:

- a. Community Resources and Information: Marc C. noted the Red Cross is almost complete with their Miami County sheltering site updates. They are also updating their resource guide for victims needing assistance.
- b. Equipment: Jim Bowell requested the purchase of a copier/fax/printer/scanner for Hazmat 1. It is needed because the current ink jet printer cartridges keep drying/clogging up and doesn't work when needed. The one requested is a LaserJet. The county IT department obtained three quotes, with the lowest being \$425.00 for an HP LaserJet. It was moved by Sheriff Duchak and seconded by Lee Harmon to make the purchase at a cost not to exceed \$435.00. Discussion followed with concerns of vibration to the unit because of it being in the command section of the hazmat truck. Possibilities of a Pelican case for storage or shock mounting was suggested. It will be addressed when the unit is received. After no further discussion, the motion carried.
- c. Executive: Nothing to report
- d. Exercise and Training: Jim C. noted our next exercise will be the full-scale in Piqua on April 25th. An EOC "Spring Fling" is being planned but has not been scheduled.

- e. Legal and Enforcement: No report.
- f. Membership: Chuck noted there were two people requesting membership to the LEPC. They are Joel Smith, the new Miami County EMA Director, and Jim Garrett, the Troy Kettering Hospital EMS Coordinator. It was moved by Brent P. and seconded by Commissioner Mercer to accept Joel and Jim to membership. The motion carried.

With the passing of Kenny Artz, it was necessary to appoint a new County Emergency Coordinator, which is an ORC requirement and is also as written in our Miami County Emergency Operation Plan. Joel Smith was appointed by the Chair to fill the position of County Emergency Coordinator.

- g. Planning Writing and Policy: Nothing to report.
- h. Risk and Hazard Assessment: Nothing to report.

VII. Purchase Needs

No purchase needs were noted.

VIII. Good of the Order

Sheriff Duchak reported they have received their new drone. They currently have one licensed pilot, with two others pursuing their license. The plan is to have one licensed operator on duty each shift. The drone does have thermal imaging and speaker capability. It is available to any emergency agency in the county via request through the Sheriff's Department.

Marc Cantrell noted that high water and severe weather is predicted to be coming in.

Commissioner Mercer talked about the hiring of EMA Director Joel Smith and welcomed him.

IX. Next Meeting

Chuck announced the next meeting will be April 16, 2020.

X. Adjournment

With no further business to be presented, it was moved by Steve P. and seconded by Jeff B. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Art Blackmore
LEPC Information Coordinator