



MIAMI COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
QUARTERLY MEETING
March 6th, 2025

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

Members Present: Chuck Drake, Joel Smith, Brad Petry, Cam Haller, David Stockler, Scott Stacy, Jim Howell, Mark Helke, Mark Eberhardt, Nancy Bowman, Jim Crawford, Rick Byron, Beth Hull, Adam Howard.

Members Absent: Wade Dexter, Jeff Lewis, Abigail Richards, Stan Kegley, Jim Garrett, Ursula Dreier, Chad Allen, Sheriff Dave Duchak, Commissioner Ted Mercer, Aaron Hollopeter, Russell Wolf.

Guest present: Sam Reed (Ohio EMA); Ryan Noll, Jon Miles, Louis Mertz (ODOT).

II. Approval of minutes of the December 5th, 2025 quarterly meeting, as sent out. Jim Howell moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting; seconded by Brad Petry. Motion carried.

III. Financial report: Joel Smith presented the financial report as follows:

Balance at last meeting	\$78,315.99
Receipts since last meeting	\$1,269.15
Expenses since last meeting	\$6,303.32
Current Balance	\$73,281.82

a. Income: \$1,269.15 in cost recovery from All Terrain Excavation.

b. Expenses: \$399.50 for Oil Dry Absorbent from family Farm and Home and \$5,903.82 for Information Coordinator's salary and benefits for Dec 24 to Feb 25.

c. Acceptance of financial report. It was moved by Brad Petry to approve the financial report; seconded by Cam Haller. Motion carried.

IV. Sub-Committee Reports:

a. Planning: Joel Smith noted that the committee will update the Chemical Emergency Response and Preparedness Plan once all Tier 2 reports are received. Given that an extensive re-write was completed last year, the update this year will likely be limited to updating facility numbers.

b. Community Engagement: Joel Smith noted that Jeff Lewis and the Hazmat Team participated in the First Responder Christmas Parade through Dayton on December 23rd.

- c. Equipment: Joel Smith noted that the Invitation for Bids is open for the acquisition of an unknown chemical detector through the State Homeland Security Program Grant. Bids will be opened on March 27th, 2025. David Stockler presented request to purchase a 6-drawer tool chest and a 11kW dual-fuel generator, both for the Hazmat Truck. Joel Smith moved to approve the purchase of these items with a cost not to exceed \$2,500. Seconded by Cam Haller. Motion carried.
- d. Exercise and Training. Upcoming Training includes LEPC funded training in conjunction with Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant: Hazmat Tox-Medic Course on Saturday, 4/19/25 at Tipp City Fire Department at 8AM and Alternative Fuels Course on Saturday, 5/10/25 at Piqua Fire Department at 8:30AM.

Joel Smith presented the draft 4-Year Exercise Plan for discussion. See chart in the meeting slides. The first exercise in the next 4-Year cycle is intended to be a Full-Scale Exercise in Spring 2026 focused on a chemical release from a facility in Tipp City. The subcommittee will work to confirm the objective for this exercise with a focus on incorporating hospital participation. Mark Eberhart asked for clarification of the status of the Shelter Management objective. Sam Reed confirmed that, as of July 1st, 2025, the Shelter Management objective is removed and incorporated into the Population Protective Actions objective.

V. Old Business:

- a. Hazmat Team Activities and Responses. David Stockler reported that there were two responses since the last meeting.

12/18/24, I-75 Troy: overturned truck with diesel spill. Hazmat Team conducted damming and diking.

3/4/25, I-75 Tipp City: Tractor Trailer accident spilling approximately 175 gallons of diesel. Tipp Fire and Hazmat Team conducted damming and diking. See meeting slides for details.

- b. Tier 2 Reports / EHS site visits. Joel Smith reported that 65 reports have been received out of an anticipated 89. This is greater than last year at the same time. Jeff Lewis has continued Site Visits in Tipp City.

- c. Cost Recovery Actions:

JB Hunt, 7/5/24, I-75, \$857.95 due. Jeff Lewis talked with them last week. They had processed our information in their system but mistakenly failed to process the payment. Check is in the mail.

All-Terrain Excavation, 11/21/24, Peters Rd, \$1,269.15 received.

3 Brothers Trucking, 12/18/24, I-75, \$556.39 due. Second notice sent out.

- d. Public Information Requests: Joel Smith reported there have been three public information requests in the past quarter regarding spill history at: Tipp City Schools at N. Hyatt St., Tipp City; Vacant Lot, Brukner Dr., Troy; and Nitto Automotive, S. Main St, Piqua. Nothing significant to report at these properties.

VI. New Business:

- a. Joel Smith noted that the LEPC will vote at the next meeting to approve the Biennial Membership Certification to the SERC covering August 2025 to August 2027. Updates include Scott Stacy replacing Ron Dye from Spinnaker Coating and addition of membership from ODOT.

VII. Purchase Needs: David Stockler discussed the challenges with managing lithium ion battery fires. In the recent past he has received five calls for consultation with fire departments for how to deal with lithium ion battery issues. He has identified a substance, CellBlock EX Mineral Fire Suppressant, to pack lithium ion batteries into and is safe to ship. Jim Bowell moved to approve the purchase of four 28-pound bags of CellBlock EX for a cost not to exceed \$350. Seconded by Brad Petry. Motion carried.

VIII. Good of the Order:

Sam Reed thanked Miami LEPC for supporting recent regional activities: Jim Bowell supported Preble County, Jeff Lewis and the Hazmat Team supporting Shelby County LEPC exercise, and Joel Smith and Jeff Lewis supporting Regional Healthcare chemical spill exercise.

IX. Next Meeting: Next meeting will be on June 6th, 2025 at 4:00 pm at the Miami County Communication Center at 210 Marybill Drive, Troy. The Hazmat Team plans to display their equipment starting at 3 PM prior to the meeting.

X. Adjournment: With no further business to be presented, it was moved by Joel Smith and seconded by Brad Petry to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:00 pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joel Smith", is written in a cursive style.