



**MIAMI COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE  
QUARTERLY MEETING  
June 5<sup>th</sup>, 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, Mark Eberhardt, Ryan Noll, Jim Garrett, Jim Crawford, Beth Hull, Aaron Hollopeter, Stan Kegley, Paul Watkins, Jeff Lewis, Wade Dexter.

Members Absent: Abigail Richards, Ursula Dreier, Sheriff Dave Duchak, Commissioner Ted Mercer, Rick Byron, Jon Miles, Louis Mertz, Mark Helke, Scott Stacy, Lee Harmon

Guest present: Sam Reed (Ohio EMA); Jason Whorton (PUCO).

II. Approval of minutes of the March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 quarterly meeting, as sent out. Joel Smith 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	\$73,281.82
Receipts since last meeting	\$857.95
Expenses since last meeting	\$11,503.40
Current Balance	\$62,636.37

- a. Income: \$857.95 in cost recovery from JB Hunt for incident on 7/5/24.
- b. Expenses: \$336.28 for Cell Block Mineral for lithium battery response; \$346.80 for decon pool; \$503.63 for pool, booms and pads; \$58.52 for oil dry; \$2,002.60 for generator and tool box; \$1,200.00 for 20% match for hazmat training under HMEP grant; \$7,055.57 for reimbursement for IC salary and benefits March-May.
- c. Acceptance of financial report. It was moved by Joel Smith 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: Mark Eberhardt stated the Red Cross is still doing smoke detector and information handouts in Tipp City. Jeff Lewis stated he has done multiple

outreach events in the county and will be doing a touch a truck event at Miami East School on Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup>.

- c. Equipment: David Stockler stated the equipment sub-committee met to go over the unknown chemical detector bids once they came in and made suggestions. They are also looking for a new member since Jim Bowell is no longer on the LEPC.
- d. Exercise and Training: Joel Smith stated the committee met to discuss multiple training requests that have been presented to the LEPC. They agreed that not all training would be able to be funded this year and would need to be adjusted or moved to next year for more funding. Priority would be given to Hazmat IQ and Confined Space Technician Training courses. Joel Smith made a motion to limit LEPC training funds for the upcoming year to \$5,000 and approve use of these funds for the 20% Local Match for the FY25 HMEP Training Grant. Seconded by Aaron Hollopeter. Motion carried.

The subcommittee also discussed the next full-scale exercise that will take place in March/April 2026 in Tipp City at the DAP manufacturing facility. A planning team was discussed and will now take the lead in designing the exercise.

#### V. Old Business:

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

3/20/25 The foam trailer was requested to be put on standby for a fire at an automotive manufacturing plant in South Charleston. It was not needed and allowed to stand down before going enroute.

5/26/25 The command vehicle was requested by Covington PD to assist them during a large festival in town. The team provided personnel to assist in set-up and continued support during the incident. Covington PD Chief was very happy with the unit and the help it provided.

- b. Tier 2 Reports / EHS site visits. Joel Smith reported that 89 facilities have reported. 50 are EHS and 39 are HS only. Jeff Lewis has been finishing Piqua facilities for site visits and will complete the final sites in villages by the end of the summer.
- c. Cost Recovery Actions: JB Hunt sent \$857.95 for an incident that occurred on 7/5/24. Central Transit still owes \$1,289.73 for a response on 3/4/25. Jeff Lewis has called and left messages and has sent a second notice to the company.
- d. Public Information Requests: Jeff Lewis reported that there was one request for information. On May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025, Stone Environmental requested info on two parcels on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in Tipp City. No records on incidents that occurred on sites was found and letter sent to company was completed.

#### VI. New Business:

- a. Joel Smith presented the LEPC 2025 Membership Certification to be voted on by the group. Information was shared on new members that will take over for others that have left the LEPC in the last few years. Joel indicated he would reach out to radio media outlets in

Miami County to add media representation to the LEPC. Details can be seen in the meeting slides. Joel Smith moved to approve the 2025 Miami County LEPC Membership Certification as presented. Brad Petry seconded. Motion carried.

- b. Joel Smith presented the SERC Grant Fiscal Report for July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The carryover into SFY26 is \$16,076.00. Joel Smith moved to approve the SERC Grant Fiscal Report as shown to the members. Cam Haller seconded. Motion carried.

VII. Good of the Order:

Joel Smith showed the group information on the Real Time Train Consist Rule that will go into effect on June 24<sup>th</sup> 2025.

Jeff Lewis discussed white powder incidents that have occurred in the region recently and showed the new white powder kits he created with the help of Ohio Department of Health and also showed the group the new unknown chemical detector.

They also thanked the Hazmat team for showing equipment to the group before the meeting.

VIII. Next Meeting: Next meeting will be on September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 4:00 pm at the Hobart Building for Government at 510 West Water Street in Troy.

IX. 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.