

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 13, 2018
1:15 p.m. – Law Enforcement Center Main Conference Room

LEPC MEMBERS PRESENT

Ken Karls, American Red Cross
Richard Ripke, Community Member at Large
Jennifer Boyer, Emergency Management
Mary Jo Beal, MidMichigan Health
Scott Shawl, MidMichigan Health EMS
Carl Doud, Mosquito Control
Nicole Swanton, Health Department
Chris Coughlin, Midland City Fire Chief

Josh Mosher, Midland City Fire
Lisa Hall, Midland County 911
Eric Dorrien, Board of Commissioners
Bob McNett, Jerome Township Fire Chief
Dave Simon, MSP Tri City Post
Ronnie Mabile Jr., Dow Chemical
Matt Groendal, Dow Chemical
Jeff Gray, Community Member at Large

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 1:15 pm by Chairman Jeff Gray.

Introductions were made.

Approval of Minutes

Dick Ripke moved that the March 8, 2018 minutes be accepted as written. Chris Coughlin supported the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Note: There was no June meeting.

Public Comment - None

New Dow Representative

Ronnie Mabile Jr. introduced himself as the new Dow Chemical ES&S Manager. He has been with the Midland Facility since March. He has been with Dow Chemical for 12 years and has worked at three different sites. He also has 20 years experience in fire, emergency management. He has been reaching out to community partners to continue strong relationships and improve those that need it. He understands the importance of working together with everyone across the community and looks forward to working with everyone here. Internally, Dow is refreshing everyone with training.

LEPC Trainings

Jennifer Boyer reported out that two full day trainings were held the first part of August.

1) Whole Community was attended well by members of this group. The course focused on the role and responsibilities of the LEPC and several breakout sessions helped members evaluate our LEPC and discuss some ideas on improving outreach and facility engagement and participation.

2) Crisis Leadership and Decision Making was well attended as well and the audience was more geared for boots on the ground and middle management. The training offered a few hazardous materials scenarios and walked through the response to an event. Role playing and discussion of potential agencies involved was conducted.

Executive Subcommittee 08/28/18

Jeff Gray reported that the committee met end of August to discuss the information learned from the Whole Community Training. There is a move to reinvigorate the LEPC. To reach some of the goals discussed the committee needs to lay some foundation work with Mission and Vision Statement and getting bylaws in place again. The goal is to get more facilities involved and develop and outreach campaign to the public by September 2019.

The committee plans to meet monthly to get these pieces pulled together which will be brought forward to the larger committee for input and support. One of the areas we are looking at more engagement is the MCCERCC (State LEPC) to look for guidance and share information.

Jenifier Boyer has reached out the MCCERCC and has received copies of the minutes from the last few meetings. The State has very limited information regarding the MCCERCC on their website. Jenifier is looking into for more information on membership and future meeting schedules. The State has recently released a revised LEPC Handbook dated June 2018.

Emergency Management Coordinator's Report – Jenifier Boyer

- Since our last meeting, the After Action Report from the June flood was completed and shared.
- Emergency Management has resumed work on updating the 2015 Emergency Operations Plan and working with annex representatives to update various sections.
- Midland will be hosting the following trainings (registration forth coming):
 - Critical Decision Making for Complex and Coordinated Attacks – July 19-20
 - On-Scene Crisis Leadership and Decision Making Course – Aug 3
 - Building Whole Community Engagement Course – Aug 2
- The Midland County Hazard Mitigation Plan is currently being review and updated.
- Emergency Management hosted ICS 300 Training Feb 28-1. Great turnout for Midland.
- Tentative exercise with Dow Chemical planned for May 30th.
- Flood recovery continues of \$412K+ donations, only \$35K remains unspent. Committee is still receiving assistance requests from residents and currently looking at requesting additional funds to continue recovery efforts in the community.

Correspondence

Dow Corning is now Dow Silicones Corporation
Tier II Reports for 2016 are slowly coming in.

Announcements

It was mentioned that Fred Yanoski has been appointed the new Health Director for Midland County and Nicole Swanton is the new Emergency Preparedness Coordinator for the Health Dept.

Mary Jo shared information regarding upcoming federal changes for the prescribing of narcotics. She will also forward out training opportunities for BLS and ALS at Meridian and Region 6.

Richard Ripke reported that he and a few others from Midland County Search and Rescue went to Arenac County to assist with damage assessment. About 25 people volunteered and all went very well.


Next Meeting

Thursday, December 13, 2018 at 1:15 pm. at the Midland Law Enforcement Center.

Adjourn

No further business was brought by committee members.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:08 pm.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeff Gray". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Jeff Gray, Chairperson