



Stark County Board of Commissioners
Local Emergency Planning Committee

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MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Type: Quarterly LEPC Meeting Date: 10/2/2024	Chairperson: Tom Burgasser Meeting Time: 8:15 AM	
TOPIC/SPEAKER	DISCUSSIONS, PROBLEMS IDENTIFIED, CONCLUSIONS, & RECOMMENDATIONS	ACTION TAKEN/FOLLOW-UP/ MOTION
Call Meeting to Order	Meeting called to order by Tom Burgasser at 8:15 AM.	None.
Approval of Minutes	Tom Burgasser asked for a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes. Motion made by Derrick Loy. Seconded by Steve Gronow. Under discussion, there is a change needed in the "Call Meeting to Order" section for properly thanking the hazmat team for hosting the LEPC meeting. All were in favor, no further discussion. Minutes approved.	Motion by: Derrick Loy Seconded by: Steve Gronow Motion Approved.
Financial Report	Tim Warstler gave the financial report: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Current cash balance = \$151,080.41• Year-to-Date Expenditures = \$36,466.38• Year-to-Date Receipts = \$63,894.00 Tom Burgasser asked for a motion to approve the financial report. Motion made by Steve Henderson. Seconded by John Vergis. No further discussion, all were in favor. Motion approved.	Motion by: Steve Henderson Seconded by: John Vergis Motion Approved.
Business:	Tom Burgasser informed the group that the LEPC is currently seeking a new full-time LEPC Program Coordinator. There are in-person interviews scheduled for 10/07/2024. He reported that the LEPC has submitted the Compliance & Enforcement Report to the SERC on September 12, 2024. The LEPC will be participating in the upcoming Marathon Petroleum HF drill on October 3 rd and evaluating the final 3 objectives. This will complete all exercise requirements for the current SERC exercise cycle. There are several members of the Stark County LEPC evaluating the exercise. Tom Burgasser asked for a motion to accept the recommendation of the Executive Board to accept changes made to the LEPC's ESF 10 portion of the County EOP. Motion made by John Vergis. Seconded by Tim Warstler. Tom asked if Doug would send the changes to the full committee. All were in favor, no further discussion. Motion approved.	Stark County EMA will send the changes to ESF 10 and the plan itself to the full LEPC. Motion by: John Vergis Seconded by: Tim Warstler Motion Approved.

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	<p>Tom asked for a motion to approve the proposed LEPC budget for the Fiscal Year 2025. Motion made by Derrick Loy. Seconded by Steve Henderson. Further discussion, Tim Warstler informed the group we added health insurance coverage and the high end of the proposed salary range to the overall budget. All were in favor, no further discussion. Motion approved.</p>		Motion by: Derrick Loy Seconded by: Steve Henderson Motion Approved.
Stark County Commissioners	No report.		None.
Affiliated Agencies: American Red Cross	Tim Reichel reported he has 5 volunteers from Stark County that are deployed in various places for flooding. Tim will be deploying somewhere in the south to assist with flooding as well.		None.
Education Service Center	No report.		None.
Environment	Wade Balser reported there were 10 spills reported to the EPA since the last meeting. No hazmat related releases. Majority of the spills or releases did not leave the property.		None.
Fire	Kai Rieger reported there will be a lot of agencies involved in the Marathon Petroleum HF drill on October 3 rd .		None.
Hazmat	Kai Rieger reported there have not been any major hazmat incidents since the last LEPC meeting. They have several large trainings scheduled for the remainder of the year. The hazmat team is looking at updating some of their aging equipment and vehicles.		None.
Health	Patty McConnell reported the Canton City Health Department's building is going through major renovations and upgrades. They are relocating several divisions in different areas.		None.
Hospital	No report.		None.
Industry	John Vergis reported the railroads are doing well and business has increased. In preparation for the Dock workers to go on strike, the Class 1 railroads prepared for this by staging resources ahead of this possibility. The railroads have been doing a lot of traffic diverting to keep items from being held up at the ports. Since the East Palestine train derailment, the federal government has mandated railroads to improve their notification procedures to Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) for rail incidents. The Association of American Railroads is putting together a team to work with consultants to address the government mandate.		None.
Law Enforcement	No report.		None.
Search & Rescue	No report.		None.
Stark County EMA	Tim Warstler reported nothing major to report on behalf of the emergency coordinator report. The EMA distributed 7,250 new triage tags to the Stark County Fire Chief's Association. They will then determine how these get distributed to departments in Stark County. The EMA applied for three projects on the homeland security grant. These included new SCBAs for hazmat, a drone detection system and mobile surveillance towers for the Sheriff's Office. He		None.

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	<p>reported that CENCOM in Nimishillen Township is closing their operation on November 4th. The EMA is hosting ICS 300 this week and ICS 400 will be held on November 6-7.</p> <p>The group went into a discussion about the use of drones. John Vergis informed Stark County Hazmat that Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway has a good drone that can be used for hazmat incidents if they are ever requested. Steve Gronow mentioned the Engineer's Office is going to be purchasing a drone in the next few weeks as well.</p>	
Transportation	No report.	None.
Public Comments	None.	None.
Good of the Order	Patty McConnell informed the group flu season is around the corner, and reminded everyone about getting flu shots.	None.
Next Meeting	The next quarterly LEPC meeting will be on Wednesday, January 29, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in the Stark County EMA located at 4500 Atlantic Blvd. NE, Canton, OH 44705 (Lower Level).	None.
Adjournment	Tom Burgasser asked for a motion from the floor to adjourn the meeting. Motion made by Kai Rieger. Seconded by John Vergis. All were in favor, no further discussion. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:46 AM.	Motion by: Kai Rieger Seconded by: John Vergis Meeting Adjourned

LEPC Secretary

Date

MEETING ATTENDANCE

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#	LEPC Members	Yes	No	Ex.	Representative	#	LEPC Members	Yes	No	Ex.	Representative
1.	Berczik, Timothy			X		17.	McConnell, Patty	X			
2.	Bowe, Marty		X			18.	Murdoch, Arthur R. (Ph.D.)		X		
3.	Burgasser, Tom	X				19.	Newsome, Gregory		X		
4.	Carver, Ryan			X		20.	Norris, Kirk			X	
5.	Clark, Gregory		X			21.	Pattison, Robert			X	
6.	Dugan, Anthony		X			22.	Plastow, Al			X	
7.	Gronow, Steve	X				23.	Podlogar, Dan	X			
8.	Hall, Luke		X			24.	Regula, Richard (Comm.)		X		
9.	Heck, Matt		X			25.	Reichel, Tim	X			
10.	Heck, Ted		X			26.	Rieger, Kai	X			
11.	Henderson, Steve	X				27.	Schnabel, Kaley		X		
12.	Hunt, Jason		X			28.	Schneider, Anthony			X	
13.	Jackson, Steve		X			29.	Vergis, John	X			
14.	Lantz, Scott		X			30.	Warstler, Tim (CEM)	X			
15.	Loy, Derrick	X				31.	Wilcox, Lance			X	
16.	Maier, George (Sheriff)		X			32.	Wood, Douglas	X			

#	Guest Name	Agency/Company	#	Guest Name	Agency/Company
1.	Wade Balser	Ohio EPA	11.		
2.	Jonathan Murray	Stark County Ema	12.		
3.	Bob Zehentbauer	Ohio EMA	13.		
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