



PICKAWAY COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
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Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 11, 2024 – 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Pickaway County Emergency Operations Center
(160 Island Road, Circleville, OH 43113)

Topic

1. Call meeting to order: Introduction of guests and members

Members:

☐ Spencer Bennett	☐ Brian Thompson	☒ Matthew Hafey
☐ Ken McCoy	☐ Harold Henson	☒ Michael Sherron
☒ Cesalie Jenkins	☒ Steve Sabine	☒ Tiffany Singer
☐ Andrew Bull	☐ Scott Rice	☐ Steve Smith
☒ Steven Collins	☐ Kristin McCloud	☐ Marie Wilbanks
☐ Wayne Congrove	☐ Tiffany Deitch	☒ James A. Brown, Jr.
☒ Shad Caplinger	☐ Mark Adkins	☐ Chad Scott
☐ Tom Kitchen	☐ Matt Church	☐ Trevor Sickels
☐ Kyle Miller	☒ Ken Mettler	☐ Phil Relli
☒ Logan Keeton	☐ Lynn Ohara-Harris	☐ Matthew Fields

Guests/Staff:

Brigitte Bouska	Ohio EMA Central Region Operations
John Eckleberry	Red Cross
Ed Warner	Pickaway
Garing Armstead	CIM Coordinator – CRC
Nathan Polack	Ohio EPA
Jon Farrelly	Circleville Police Department

2. Review and approval of past meeting minutes

Minutes on the table for review from the April 2024 meeting.

Motion for approval: Sabine

Second: Keeton

Discussion: No Discussion

3. Approval of the LEPC financial report

Balance: \$20,608.16

Motion for approval and submission of the report to SERC: Steven Collins

Second: Logan Keeton

Discussion: Sheriff curious about the booms and pads – intended for having on hand.

Motion carried.

Reviewed the annual financial report for submission to SERC. This balance does not reflect the purchase of replacement booms and pads (\$682.12) or the August battery response class (\$5,200.00).

4. Old Business

- **LEPC Exercises – Plan for 2022-2024 Exercise Cycle**

Need to put together a plan for a tabletop exercise to finish out the objectives for the cycle.

- **HazMat Training**

The first session of the lithium battery response training was held at Scioto Twp Fire Department. Really good class. The second day will be held at SW Pickaway Fire Department in Williamsport on August 24. There will be two sessions and participants only need to attend one session. Start times are 08:00 and 13:00 and will last four hours.

5. New Business

- **Tier II Reporting Facilities / Compliance Inspections / Pre-Incident Planning**

- **Spill Responses**

- ✓ April 22 – Dump truck crash, Crownover Mill Road, minimal spill of engine fluids
- ✓ April 23 – Structure fire at PPG. Firefighting foam contained PFAS chemicals. PPG contained approximately 500,000 gallons of impacted water for treatment. No other chemical release was observed.

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- ✓ May 2 – Truck crash on US-22 at US-23. Engine fluids.
- ✓ May 6 – Diesel spill from misdirected tractor trailer turning around at DuPont. Released approximately 100 gallons of diesel fuel. DuPont's ERT quickly deployed containment and a contractor cleaned up the released fuel.
- ✓ June 29 – Granular fertilizer released to approximately one mile of Moccasin Road. Due to the bright blue color, it generated calls to the Sheriff's Office and Ohio EPA. Farmer was identified and Ohio EPA oversaw the cleanup.
- ✓ July 7 – Diesel fuel release to the ground at Sheetz (South Bloomfield). RV driver placed nozzle in the tank, walked away to clean the windshield, the nozzle fell to the ground and continued to pump fuel for approximately one minute until the driver noticed. He placed the nozzle back in the tank, completed the fill up and promptly left without contacting anyone in the store. It was determined the customer paid with a credit card and the company and SBPD are investigating. Harrison Twp responded and deployed absorbents. Ohio EPA notified and a contractor hired by Sheetz performed the cleanup.
- ✓ July 9 – Scioto Twp Fire reported a release of approximately 15 gallons of hydraulic fluid to the SR-104 ditch following the crash of a truck.

- **Cost Recovery**

- ✓ Sheetz – absorbents for HTFD.

- **Public Outreach and Education**

Mike researched shelter-in-place / evacuation materials. There are not many options. Received handouts developed by the Corpus Christi, TX, LEPC. We need to develop our own materials. Who would like to help?

Note: April 2023 meeting approved \$1,000 to help pay for these materials.

No updates on this project.

Steven Collins offered to help with designing public education materials. Mike to set up a meeting.

- **Bylaws and Membership List**

No updates on this project.

- **Norfolk-Southern Railroad Training**

The Regional HazMat manager has offered "Railroad 101" training. This is an hour-long class that covers general railroad operations and how to use the AskRail and Crossing Locator apps. This class is scheduled for August 13, 14, and 15 at Harrison Township Fire Department with additional sessions at Circleville and Pickaway Township.

Sabine: Met with PUCO to discuss management of railroads. Surprised that NS was

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dispatched and controlled from their train dispatch center in Atlanta. NS/PUCO are working with Zanesville / Muskingum County to develop a system that alerts 911 dispatchers when a crossing is occupied by a train. The system only shows the blocked crossings but no data is available about duration. Current data shows approximately 20 trains per day on the NS.

- **No Guest Speaker this meeting.**

- **Round Table Discussion**

- ✓ Brigitte – HazMat Plan updates are due October 17. Prefer sooner than later is appreciated.
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6. Meeting Adjournment

Motion: Sheriff Hafey

Second: James Brown

7. Next meeting date: 09:00, Thursday, October 10, 2024, at the EOC (160 Island Road).