

## **LEPC Meeting March 2009**

### **Call to Order**

Chairman Phillips called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.

### **Roll Call**

Noel Perkins of SAGIS conducted a roll call. Thirty-two (32) Member Agencies were present.

### **Minutes Review and Treasures Report**

The January meeting minutes were reviewed; a correction was noted and was accepted unanimously with the correction.

The group reviewed Treasure's Report, the checking account balance is \$8,413.46, and the Certificate of Deposit balance is \$11,722.07 for a total of \$20,135.53 – the report was approved unanimously.

### **Membership Comments**

Jimmy Gordon stated that Memorial would be holding their Hurricane evacuation drill May 5, 2009.

Jonnie Quiller stated Hercules is now Ashland-Hercules.

J.D. Dyches 165<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing stated that the week of March 9, 2009 the 165<sup>th</sup> participated in the statewide hurricane defense exercise.

Jeremy Merklinger – New Chatham Environmental Forum member, stated that the Chatham Environmental Forum will be releasing their plan for a roadmap to accomplish Chatham being the “greenest” county in the state.

Kory Reeves- EMD Chemicals stated that EMD chemicals has a badge reader in place at employee collection points in the event of a disaster all employees “swipe” in at a collection point, thus improving employee accountability. If anyone is interested in the system, please contact Kory.

Ben Morse Savannah Fire Department is participating with the state in a major Hazmat Drill.

Dennis Jones – CEMA stated that hurricane season is just around the corner and the state will not be holding a hurricane conference this year. CEMA will be holding their hurricane conference at the Armstrong Center on Abercorn.

### **Presentation**

No Presentation

## **Sub-Committee Reports**

**Steering Committee** – Steve Thompson reviewed the meeting requirements for all sub-committees and stated that these meetings are just as important and the regular LEPC meetings, Subcommittees will need to revise the purpose and mission statement due to changes in the by-laws. Steve also stated that the subcommittee chairs will meet each regular LEPC meeting at 9:30 am prior to the regular meeting.

Steering committee is looking to piggy-back with the airport annual disaster drill. The committee is also looking at bring back the resource list (SMART).

Members are requested to pick a subcommittee they fell they will best fit with their skill set.

The committee also requested from all members topics they would like to see at the regular meetings. And reminded committees that each committee is responsible for a speaker.

**Support & Development** – Kory Reeves stated that committee looked at the book “It’s a disaster” and felt that it might be too much information for residents. Kory stated that at one time the LEPC put out a pamphlet, which was easier to understand and in conjunction with the CEMA pamphlet, there was a lot of information for the public.

**Outreach** – Deatre Denion – The new chair of the Outreach committee- stated that although just recently taking over for Jackie Teal, whose leadership will be missed, had no report, as the committee did not meet. Deatre stated that the outreach committee should look at coordinating hazmat type training.

**Emergency Response** – No meeting, but Ben Morse stated the Savannah Fire Department is coordinating with local, state and federal officials as to the protocol for “White Powder Incidents”. Ben recommended to all members that if such an incident occurs that the following be followed; 1) Do not touch, 2) Do not smell or taste, 3) If possible take pictures and 4) Get people outside but do not let people leave the area.

**Grants & Finance** – Dennis Jones reported that there are still no grants available for the LEPC, and the committee is in favor of the funding request from the state.

**Training & Exercise** – No Report

## **Old Business**

HAZMAT ERP – Will be asking the LEPC to review and adopt at the May meeting.

## **New Business**

- Hazmat training request from CEMA for \$2,900.00. Motion was made to approve the request if no local agency did not sponsor one or all the classes. Motion was approve unanimously.
- Motion of approval of Skidaway Island State Park motion passed unanimously

- Motion to approve funding up to \$5,000.00 in support of Earth Day – Motion passed unanimously.

### **Adjournment**

The next meeting is scheduled May 20, 2009 at 10:00 am at the Savannah Civic Center. Pre-meeting scheduled for 9:30 am for subcommittee chairs, just prior to regular meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am by Jim Phillips.