

LEPC Meeting January 2010

Call to Order

Dennis Jones called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM 20 January 2010.

Roll Call

Lara Hall of SAGIS conducted a roll call; twenty-eight (28) Member Agencies were present.

Minutes Review and Treasures Report

The September 2009 meeting minutes were reviewed and accepted unanimously.

The group reviewed Treasures Report, the checking account balance is \$12,773.46, and the Certificate of Deposit balance is \$11,741.14 for a total of \$24,524.92. The report was approved unanimously.

Membership Comments

- Todd Jones with the Chatham County Health Department announced an H1N1 clinic scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 21.
- John Griffin with Colonial Oil announced significant changes to OSHA regulations. Members need to be prepared for MSDS updates coming up.
- Jimmy Gordon with Memorial Health announced that the hospital is closely following requests for support for Haiti earthquake victims. Memorial is ready to respond if the request for help comes in.
- Clayton Scott reported that GEMA is requesting that no one attempt to self deploy to Haiti to help in the disaster. A slight possibility exists that refugees could be brought to Georgia.
- Dave Grotzmann with Savannah Emergency Management announced that the City has been granted \$1,000,000 to build a port-wide Command and Control Center. The Center, to be located at the Civic Center, is in the design phase. Police headquarters are no longer being considered for the site location. The Civic Center is already the site of the City of Savannah's Emergency Response Center. New plans will include space for meetings, operations, logistics and finance. Port security grants may also be available to provide for a satellite on the roof and additional cameras and equipment needed for dispatch capabilities. Once completed, the Center will be available for other municipalities to use in emergency response.
- Deatre Denion with GA Dept. of Community Affairs announced that the water planning process continues. Initial assessments are in: Savannah River is in good condition at current demand, the Ogeechee is not with concerns in three areas, and ground water is depleted. They are moving towards adopting best management practices and making policy decisions. A follow up meeting will be held in March.
- Michelle Cortes with the Georgia EPD pointed out the online electric filing option for Tier 2 Reports due March 1. Follow the 'Program Coordination' link on the left side of gaepd.org website. The authorized agent is Ted Jackson, whose contact information is available on the site. Also the EPA's Region IV Regional Response Team (RRT) is conducting a meeting in Savannah February 16-18. A Radiological Response for First Responders training will be available on February 17. To register, contact Al Frazier at 706-792-7744 or Al.Frazier@dnr.state.ga.us.

- Dennis Jones with CEMA announced a variety of meeting and training dates. Contact CEMA for additional information on any of these events.
 - Jan. 29 at 10 am: CEMA, GEMA, Coast Guard briefing on a full scale exercise that will take place in Chatham over a two week period in May.
 - Feb. 2: GEMA training for public and individual assistance.
 - Feb. 8-11: ICS Trainer course
 - Feb. 19 at 9 am: special needs tabletop exercise
 - Feb. 22: ICS 300 & 400 administration level training
 - April 24-25: Rescue specialist course in Pt. Wentworth
 - May 3-6: CEMA has combined their annual hurricane conference with the State hurricane conference at the Hyatt Regency. Draft agenda will be available in February. Extensive training will be included with full registration. Registration for only the CEMA conference on May 3 will be available for \$35.

Presentations: 2009 Annual Report

Dennis Jones reviewed with the body each section of the annual report. Committee sections were presented by the chair of each committee. Dennis pointed out errors in the Grants and Finance Committee and Treasurers Report sections. He will make the necessary corrections. Two committees had not yet submitted their reports: Training and Exercise and Emergency Response. Basic summaries of these committees were reported to the group. According to the LEPC By-Laws, the annual report is required to be submitted to the State within 15 days of the January meeting. Due to missing materials, the body had to consider options on moving forward. Two options were presented: 1) a request could be made to the State asking for an extension, or 2) the body could approve the report with the amendments discussed. Steve Thompson made the motion to accept the report as discussed. Kory Reeves seconds the motion. The motion carries unanimously. Following the approval, a suggestion is made that the final report will be emailed to the group and reviewed at the March meeting. Steve Thompson requested adding this item to the March agenda.

Sub-Committee Reports

Steering Committee – Steve Thompson stated the chairs for each subcommittee need to meet 30 minutes prior to each LEPC meeting. He requested Noel send out a reminder to members. This Committee will review the email policy (or lack thereof) in the bylaws during the February subcommittee meeting to present at the March LEPC meeting.

Support and Development – no report

Outreach – Deatre Denion made the motion to add the Earth Day Festival to the current agenda under New Business. Lynn Gensamer seconds the motion, and it was accepted unanimously.

Emergency Response – no report

Grants and Finance – repeated the Treasures Report. Disbursements totaling \$330.00 were made for HAZMAT Awareness course instructors authorized in the spring of 2009. The checking account balance is \$12,773.46, and the Certificate of Deposit balance is \$11,741.14 for a total of \$24, 524.92.

Training and Exercise – no report

Old Business – none

New Business

- Laura Walker with the City of Savannah requested the LEPC's continued support of the City's Earth Day Festival annual event. The Committee has supported this event for the past 10 years. The City did not invoice LEPC last year, despite the commitment, because she did not feel the event lived up to their side of the agreement in promoting the LEPC. After various questions regarding the event, Chief Futrell made the motion to support the event with an amount not to exceed \$5000 and supporting only the recycling portion of the event known as Recyclerama. The City will be required to send an invoice to LEPC before receiving any funds. Jeremy Merklinger seconds the motion and it was accepted unanimously.
- The March meeting is currently scheduled for the 17th which is St. Patrick's Day. After discussion, the meeting date was moved forward one week to March 24 at 10 am. Noel will confirm the Civic Center or find a new location. The motion carries unanimously.
- Nominations for 2010-2012, all positions were accepted unanimously:
 - Chairman – Dave Hall
 - Vice-Chair – Hugh Futrell
 - Secretary – Noel Perkins
- Before official close, a member of the Hudson Hill Community (name) requested assistance from the LEPC in cooperating with local agencies in emergency response. Various members made recommendations on courses of actions, and suggested the community representatives request membership to the LEPC. Dennis Jones asked the representative to send him information and he would ensure it was added to the Agenda for the March meeting.

Closing

Next meeting will be March 24, 2010, 10:00 AM, location TBD