

MERCER COUNTY L.E.P.C.
MINUTES
3/12/08

Members Present: John Nicklin, Dave Murone, Cyndi Selby, Frank Jannetti, Joe Santell, Jessica Jaros, Bob Ferguson, Phil Steele, Dick Bortz, Steve Nickell, Richard Weinzierl

March Minutes: Approved as submitted.

Moved by: Joe Santell

2nd by: Phil Steele

All in Favor

SARA Plans: John Nicklin reported there are 5 plans to be updated.

Trailer Maintenance: Grove City VFD has had one response with the trailer they are now housing for the LEPC. Hempfield has trained with the Hazmat trailer. They will continue to be monitored to insure that the trailer is maintained.

Incident Review: Grove City Trailer responded to Sheetz. Sheetz replaced the supplies used. There were multiple incidents on I-80 at the 9, 11 and 15 mile markers.

REG 13: Representatives are needed to attend the Fire & Hazmat Committee meetings. They are discussing the purchase of Foam Trailers for each county. Anyone interested in participating in the committee meetings are welcomed to do so.

Family Emergency Preparedness Sub-Committee Report: Nothing to report at this time. (Sub-committee members: Phil Steele, John Nicklin, Bob DeMedal and Jessica Jaros)

Continue Discussion of ways to promote the LEPC: Continued discussion of coordination of training classes among agencies. Try using the LEPC Website to post training offered by any and all agencies/departments. Provide links to fire departments, EMMCO, BC3, etc. Send a letter form the LEPC to the Chiefs Assn. and emergency response agencies advising them to refer to the website for their training information.

Other Business: Housing of equipment/vehicles. EMA has had meetings with the Commissioners but there is no plan yet. Discussions continue.

Because of all the equipment the county has been receiving it was suggested that a list be provided to the fire departments. EMA will develop a list of trailers and their locations.

The Transfer VFD currently has a Ranger 6 x 6 available upon request. They also have a Katrina trailer they are fitting with rehab equipment. When complete it will also be available to police and fire.

By-Laws Review: By-Laws will be reviewed again at the June 2008 meeting.

Plan/Chemical Fees Credit: Two facilities have requested “credit” for their Planning and/or Chemical Fees invoice. Barber Chemicals sent a letter to request a fee waiver for the purchase a breathing apparatus. The committee reviewed the request and determined that particular piece of equipment did not fulfill the intent of the law. The purchase could possible assist their employees but would not assist the county emergency responders that would respond to emergencies at the facility.

Motion to send a letter to Barber’s Chemical stating we will not grant their request but we will welcome further correspondence regarding equipment that would better serve the local responders.

Moved by: Phil Steele
2nd by: Joe Santell
All in favor

Keystone Rolls also called regarding a fees credit. A call will be returned to them offering them some guidance regarding eligible equipment.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 11, 2008.

Meeting adjourned.