

**MERCER COUNTY L.E.P.C.
MINUTES
JUNE 14, 2023**

Members/Guests Present:

Dick Weinzierl, Cameron Ameron Int'l, Retired
Debbie Hartley, DPS
Frank A. Jannetti, Jr., DPS
John Nicklin, DPS
Justin Rodgers, PA DEP
Tom Beatty, Interstate Chemical
Justin Lentz, Interstate Chemical
Courtney Slavic, NLMK, Virtual
Bill Malia, PEMA West, Virtual
Doug Dick, Superior Ambulance
Andrew Sepos, DEP
Audrey Weinzierl

WELCOME:

Members introduced themselves.

MARCH 2023 Minutes:

Accepted

Moved by: Dick Weinzierl

2nd by: Frank Jannetti

All in favor

TIER II INVOICES: There are still 4 outstanding invoices. Dean Dairy, National Fuel, Sharon Regional and Norfolk Southern. Many attempts have been made. I'm told the payments are being processed. I will continue to reach out to them.

OFF-SITE RESPONSE PLANS: There are 2 new plans this year. Croniment-Wheatland and North Folk Southern. Total required plans are 40.

INCIDENT REVIEW: 3/31 I80 TT Rollover – Consumer Goods

4/4 I79 TT vs Car

5/25 Jamestown Paint – Contractor cleaning the roof – The chemical got into the waterway.

Tractor leaking fuel.

6/13 – Lakeview Fertilizer – Fertilizer leak reported – Fire dept. arrived on scene and found it was a water hose turned on.

After a discussion regarding whether Lakeview Fertilizer is required to report, DEP said they would visit the facility.

REGION 13 REPORT:

Fire/Hazmat: The PA Hazmat Tech. Conference is August 24-27 at Seven Springs. It is always a great conference and members are encouraged to attend.

Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Funding continues to decrease. Over the years funding has gone from 10 million to 1.3 million. Unfortunately, without a major homeland security incident the funding won't increase. Currently, 35% of the homeland security funds must be spent on law enforcement.

TRAINING: The PA Hazmat Tech. Conference is August 24-27 at Seven Springs.

Motion to approve up to 5 Members to attend the conference. Early Bird registration, hotel and meals will be paid for by the LEPC.

Moved by: Dick Weinzierl

2nd by: Doug Dick

All in Favor

Hazmat Operations- 24 hr. Class: 8/16/23 at Hermitage Sta. 1 - being held as part of the Essentials Class.

OLD BUSINESS: Foam Disposal - SPSI, Quote was \$61,501.

Trey from Interstate Chemical is working with us. His unofficial price is \$14,130 for in-county only.

There was some discussion of the quotes and appreciation was expressed to Trey and Interstate Chemical for their willingness to work with the LEPC on this project.

Motion was made to proceed with Interstate Chemical noting for a strict deadline set for the fire departments to deliver their foam to the DPS Equipment Garage. No foam to be accepted after the determined deadline.

Moved by: Doug Dick

2nd by: Dick Weinzierl

All in Favor

NEW BUSINESS:

Dick Weinzierl completed his HAZWOPPER Recertification and the Lithium Ion Battery Emergencies Training.

Doug Dick commented that ambulance availability continues to be a problem and it is a nationwide problem. He does not see it improving and recommends facilities train In-house medical teams to mitigate the need for an ambulance to be called for minor incidents.

There was further discussion regarding hospitals also being understaffed and the need for fire departments and police departments to merge their departments.

Dick Weinzierl recommended adding the Appreciate Luncheon to the agenda for the September meeting as an action item.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Moved By: Dick Weinzierl

2nd By: Doug Dick

All in favor.

