

**MERCER COUNTY L.E.P.C.
MINUTES
September 13, 2023**

Members/Guests Present:

Dick Weinzierl, Cameron Ameron Int'l, Retired
Debbie Hartley, DPS
John Nicklin, DPS
Tom Beatty, Interstate Chemical
Justin Lentz, Interstate Chemical
Bill Malia, PEMA West, Virtual
Doug Dick, Superior Ambulance

WELCOME:

Members introduced themselves.

September 2023 Minutes:

Accepted

Moved by: Dick Weinzierl

2nd by: Doug Dick

All in favor

TIER II INVOICES: All invoices have been paid.

OFF-SITE RESPONSE PLANS: There are 2 plans due to be updated in September.

INCIDENT REVIEW:

7/5: TT hauling asphalt vs. farm tractor – we invoiced the trucking company for \$58.44. The trucking company won in court and won't be paying the invoice. Should we invoice the farmer?

Motion to void the invoice and not invoice the farmer.

Moved by: Dick Weinzierl

2nd by: Doug Dick

All in Favor

222 S. Maysville Rd. - Guy using a brush hog hit a pipe at a gas well, causing a leak. DEP responded. A local well tender, from a different company, responded to the scene and shut it down. DEP will do follow up with the well company.

REGION 13 REPORT: Nothing to report.

TRAINING: Hazmat Ops. Class was held in Hermitage. Chief. Flynn shared that they used Dawn dish soap in the training, and it worked very well.

Hermitage is working on a burn building as part of the new training facility. They hope to be able to offer FF1 in Spring 2024.

Hazmat Ops. Refresher – Sharon FD - October

OLD BUSINESS:

The PA Hazmat Tech. Conference was held on August 24-27 at Seven Springs. Frank, John, and Commissioner McGonigle registered. It was another good conference. Others are encouraged to attend. It may be in a different location or on different dates next year.

Foam Disposal: We received 4 empty totes from Interstate Chemical. All fire departments delivered their foam to the EMA warehouse. A total of 6 totes were collected. This was a good project to be taken on by the LEPC. Thank you to Interstate Chemical for helping with this project.

NEW BUSINESS:

SPSI did a presentation with magnetic patches at the hazmat conference. They work very well on tanks to mitigate leaks. They would be good to have in our vehicles for response.

Motion to approve the purchase of the following defensive products. Cost \$4,670 + shipping.

- 2 – 8x8 Neothane Magnetic Patch**
- 2 – 8x8 Thin Teflon Sheet**
- 2 – 12 x 12 Neothane Magnetic Patch**
- 2 – 12 x 12 Thin Teflon Sheet**

Moved by: Doug Dick
2nd by: Dick Weinzierl
All in favor

Clarification regarding the new rules for billable/reimbursable hazmat responses was provided by William Malia, PEMA West. The basic defensive measures can be reimbursed, such as, booms and absorbents, used by the fire department. He recommended the county have an Ordinance in place to bill responsible parties. Only a certified hazmat team can perform offensive actions.

Motion to have the December meeting at the Iron Bridge Inn, followed by an Appreciation Luncheon for committee members. Noting the meeting time will be moved to 11:00 am to accommodate the luncheon.

Moved by: Doug Dick

2nd by: John Flynn

All in Favor

There was some discussion regarding future meetings and trying to increase attendance and participation at the meetings. Chief Flynn offered to try to arrange a tour/meeting at the new FedEx Warehouse and Joy Cone. Joy has added on to their cookie facility.

If anyone has any suggestions for speakers for the meetings or other locations to hold our meetings, please let us know.

The Commissioner's will reappoint the committee in January. Debbie will email the committee members to survey if everyone is still interested in participating. Then we can provide the Commissioner's an updated list of recommended members.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Moved By: Dick Weinzierl

2nd By: Doug Dick

All in favor.