

Sangamon Valley LEPC

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AGENDA

May 19, 2011

8:30 AM

*Athens Community Park Building
Athens, IL 62613*

Meeting Called to Order by David Butt, Chairman

Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting (03/17/2011)

Introductions

Recognition of LEPC Members and Visitors

Old Business

Emergency Coordinator's Report on Progress of Site Specific Planning Project

Exercises/Training/Conferences

Filing of 2010 Tier 2 Forms

Brainstorm on Critical Facilities List

National Weather Service Data Collection

Snow Emergency for Blizzard of February 1&2, 2011

New Business

Hazardous Material Emergency Planning Grant for FFY 2012

Meeting Schedule for Next Year

Other Business

Other Business Old or New

September Meeting at OEM Building

Enjoy your Summer

Motion to Adjourn

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MINUTES OF THE SANGAMON VALLEY LEPC MEETING – May 19, 2011

Call to Order - The Chair, David Butt, called the meeting to order at 8:34 am, at the Athens Community Park Building, Athens IL 62613. The Chair thanked Chief David Baker for being our host and opening the park building for our use.

Members present included: John Brennan, Memorial Medical Center; David Butt, Sangamon County Office of Emergency Management; Brian Churchill, St. John's Hospital; Roger Cruse, Ameren Illinois; Amy Eden, American Red Cross; Tracy Garrison, Sangamon County GIS; Larry Graf, Menard County EMS; Matt Helms, Springfield Fire Department (retired); Dean Heyen, Menard County Department of Public Health; Tim Krell, Sangamon County Board; Sam Luckey, Brandt Consolidated; Dick Rentschler, MABAS Division 48; Diana Wade, Sangamon County Department of Public Health (SCDPH); Linda Wheeland, Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Committee (SSCRPC); and Ken Yocom, Menard County Rescue Squad.

Approval of the Minutes - Minutes from the previous LEPC meeting were distributed via e-mail prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Linda Wheeland, seconded by Diana Wade and approved unanimously to accept the minutes from March 17, 2011.

Introductions – The Chair recognized Tim Krell as a new member with our LEPC and identified Becky Berberet as another new member representing Springfield Clinic who will join us. Self-introductions were made by the members in attendance. Visitors were recognized: Kathy Allen, Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA); David Baker, Athens Police Department (for member Tricia Baker); Joe Snodgrass, Menard County EMS and Russ Steil, IEMA.

Old Business

Emergency Coordinator's Report on the Site Specific Planning Project – Matt Helms reported on his activities since the March meeting. Annual updates were completed on 5 plans and a new plan was completed for Custom Chemical Engineering. By the end of May, a new plan for Comcast's second site along Hilltop Road will be completed along with 6 more annual plan updates.

Exercises/Training/Conferences – Tracy Garrison reported on the Illinois GIS Association Conference, titled "GIS in Action...in Disasters...in Preparation" he attended at Champaign on April 19-20. The Chair and Matt reported on the Winnebago County LEPC Midwest Emergency Preparedness and Response Conference they attended at Rockford on May 4-6. John Brennan and Brian Churchill reported on Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport's full scale exercise held on May 4 in Springfield. The Chair announced that Springfield Police Department (SPD) will facilitate another tabletop exercise on cyber security on July 14 at Dove Conference Center with an after action report workshop on August 10 at the SPD Academy. The Chair announced that CWLP will be hosting incident command training for the Finance Administration Section Chief on July 7-8 at its Training Center with registration through Illinois Fire Service Institute.

2010 Tier 2 Forms – The Chair announced that by the end of March, the LEPC had received all its Tier 2 Forms: 126 for Sangamon County and 14 for Menard County. Of the 140 received, 81 Tier 2 Forms reported storage of extremely hazardous substances (EHS). Of the 81 forms with EHS, 56 sites store EHS above the threshold planning quantity.

Critical Facilities List – Tracy Garrison maintains a critical facilities list for Sangamon County. The LEPC last looked at this in 2006. Tracy discussed how this list is organized and maintained. The value of having longitude and latitude for locations was discussed. The village of Sherman has a hand held GPS unit obtained through a grant for which Matt Helms was trained. The Chair has inquired whether Matt can use that device on behalf of the LEPC.

New Business

HMEP Grant for FFY 2012 – Kathy Allen explained that IEMA is requesting LEPCs to submit their applications for the HMEP grant earlier this year and a deadline of June 30 has been set. This grant comes from the USDOT which charges hazardous materials carriers a fee to fund the program. Past and future expenditures are being questioned for their relevance to transportation activities. The Chair reminded the Committee that last year's grant application was reviewed and approved during our September meeting before its submission to IEMA. This year the application will need to be started, completed and submitted in the next 40 days.

Meeting Schedule for Next Year – The Chair led a discussion on dates for our meetings. Matt's progress reports are the most important topic when we meet. Thursdays work best. 1st, 2nd and 4th Thursdays are all subject to potential conflicts with IEMA Conference, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving, etc. A motion was made by Brian Churchill, seconded by Tracy Garrison and approved unanimously to continue our meetings for the next fiscal year on the 3rd Thursday of odd months, skipping July. We will meet on September 15 at the OEM Building; November 17, January 19 and March 15 at the Office of the State Fire Marshal and May 17 at Athens Community Park.

Other Business

Flood Assistance to Southern Illinois – Dick Rentschler summarized the assistance given by MABAS Division 48 with portable lighting and the Decon Vehicle for providing hot water showers. Larry Graf served at a couple sites in that area and concurred that hot showers were sometimes valued more than hot food.

Bike to Work Week – Linda Wheeland is leading SSCRPC's involvement with a Bike to Work Week Challenge this very week. Numerous LEPC members bike to work regularly. Several biked to work and used a pool car to continue to today's meeting at Athens.

Central Illinois Senior Celebration – Diana Wade was part of SCDPH's representation at yesterday's Central Illinois Senior Celebration at the Orr Building on the State Fairgrounds. Diana had information on emergency preparedness and pets in disasters which were well received.

Meeting Closure – The next LEPC meeting is scheduled for 8:30 am, September 15, 2011, at the OEM Building in Springfield. It will be our annual meeting to which we encourage the public to come if they wish to review any of the site plans that have been written. We will ask Billy Ousley to bring his presentation on National Weather Service data collection and the February blizzard to that meeting. There will be no meeting in July. All members of the LEPC are encouraged to enjoy their summers. With no further business to be considered, a motion was made by Brian Churchill, seconded by Dick Rentschler and approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 am.