

Sangamon Valley LEPC

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AGENDA

*May 16, 2013
8:30 AM
Athens City Hall
210 Dottie Bednanko Dr.
Athens, IL 62613*

*Meeting Called to Order by David Butt, Chairman
Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting (03/21/2013)
Self-introductions: Recognition of LEPC Members and Welcome to Visitors*

Old Business

*Addressing Project for the Sangamon County Dispatch Center
Annual Review of Comprehensive Emergency Response Plan for Menard County
Filing of 2012 Tier 2 Reports
145 Received (100%?)
What other facilities should be filing?
Independent Contractor's Report on Progress of Site Specific Planning Project
Hazardous Material Emergency Planning Grant (FFY2013 and FFY2014)
Winnebago Co. LEPC Conference / May 1 – 3, Rockford
Presentation by the SERC
Comprehensive Table Top Exercise*

New Business

*Ammonium Nitrate Explosion at West, TX
Plant Safety at Brandt Consolidated – Williamsville
Meeting Schedule for Next Year **(09/19/13, 11/21/13, 01/16/14, 03/20/14, 05/15/14)**
Walk to Defeat ALS for Matt Helms on June 15*

Other Business

*Other Business Old or New
Visitor Comments
September Meeting at OEM Building
Enjoy your Summer
Motion to Adjourn*

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MINUTES OF THE SANGAMON VALLEY LEPC MEETING – May 16, 2013

Call to Order - The Chair, David Butt, called the meeting to order at 8:37 am, at the Athens City Hall, 210 Dottie Bednanko Drive, Athens IL 62613.

There was a quorum with 17 members present: Mike Ashenfelter, Springfield Metro Sanitary District (SMSD); Jim Bentley IL Air National Guard (ANG); John Brennan, Village of Williamsville; David Butt, Sangamon County OEM; Joe Crowe, Athens - Fancy Prairie Fire Dept.; Roger Cruse, Ameren Illinois; Tracy Garrison, Sangamon County GIS; Larry Graf, Menard County EMS; Deborah Hamrick, ANG; Pat Metz, CWLP; Mike Moos, Sherman EMA; Dick Rentschler, MABAS Division 48; Bill Russell, Sangamon County Rescue Squad; Linda Swartz, Community Member; Alicia Wade, IL State Veterinary Medical Assoc.; Diana Wade, Sangamon County Department of Public Health (SCDPH); and Linda Wheeland, Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission.

Approval of the Minutes - Minutes from the previous LEPC meeting were distributed via e-mail prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Mike Moos, seconded by Pat Metz and approved unanimously to accept the minutes from March 21, 2013.

Introductions - Self-introductions were made. Four visitors were present: Laura Valente, ANG; Kurt Banks, Springfield Police Dept.; Joe Snodgrass, Petersburg Fire Department, and Mayor Don Neisler, City of Athens. All were welcomed. The Chair thanked Mayor Neisler for allowing us to use the city's facility, noting that this was our fourth year to hold a meeting at Athens.

Old Business

Addressing Project for Sangamon County Dispatch Center – Several of our members took a tour of the Sangamon County Dispatch Center at the conclusion of the March meeting. Our members, Joe Klobba and Mike Lopez, were thanked for offering this. Pat Metz gave an overview of the chemical information that could be observed on the dispatchers' screens. The Chair emphasized that this project was begun in 2012 as a way to get our information from Tier 2 Reports to law enforcement first responders.

Annual Review of Comprehensive Emergency Response Plan for Menard County – The entire plan for Menard County with highlighted updates recommended by the Chair and Larry Graf was distributed by e-mail ahead of the meeting. The Chair discussed 9 changes and 3 more changes were offered by the committee. A motion was made by Joe Crowe, seconded by Alicia Wade and approved unanimously to accept the 12 changes. A new Comprehensive Emergency Response Plan for Menard County, dated May 16, 2013, will be distributed to all members with these minutes.

Filing of Tier 2 Reports – Since the last meeting, Curran-Gardner Public Water District, Kindred Hospital and Lincoln Land Oil filed their Tier 2 Reports. This brought our total to 145, which the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) considered 100% for our planning district of Sangamon and Menard Counties. Additionally, SMSD filed two Tier 2 Reports for its Spring Creek and Sugar Creek plants having Chlorine. The Chair told the committee that each of the 8 newest Tier 2 Reports filed within the past year for our planning district came to us because the LEPC identified facilities needing to file. The most recent 6 are all for Chlorine. Additionally, we have identified that the municipalities of Riverton, Greenview and Athens are also storing Chlorine and need to file Tier 2 Reports.

Independent Planner's Report on the Site Specific Planning Project – Louie Rogers was not present for the meeting and did not forward a report. Of our 92 completed plans, 32 had been updated thru the end of February.

Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning Grant (HMEP) – The Chair shared the Quarterly HMEP Grant Status Update that was filed with the SERC after March 31. That report gave specific information of our findings for where Chlorine is used for water disinfecting. Our application for the FFY2014 HMEP grant will be due before our next meeting. Kathy Allen will no longer be our grant administrator, as she has taken on new duties. One of her last duties with the SERC was to explain changes to be expected for the FFY2014 HMEP grant.

Winnebago County LEPC Conference – Larry and the Chair attended this conference, 2 weeks ago in Rockford. The presentation by the SERC was well attended and Kathy presented the staff changes and grant changes. Sequestration is tightening the availability of all federal funds and more federal audits are to be expected. The “20% match” to HMEP funds received by an LEPC will no longer come from the SERC. There will be a team from the SERC administering the grant. Conversations will ensue about how LEPCs can provide their local match. Larry is chairman of a statewide committee of emergency managers to deliver input on what will be accepted for the local match.

The Friday session of the conference was devoted to a comprehensive tabletop exercise (TTX). The scenario for the TTX was a transport accident on Hwy. I-90 at the Wisconsin state line involving 2 vehicles transporting hazardous materials. We were joined by 5 others representing Lake, Grundy and Woodside LEPCs to address this problem. We had copies of our LEPC plan for Menard County with us and it was used to highlight issues that concerned us. All LEPCs that participated in this TTX received credit from the SERC. Our LEPC had already completed our required annual exercise last December. The Chair told the committee that we intend to always try to have a completed exercise before going to this conference.

New Business

Ammonium Nitrate Explosion at West, TX – The facility fire that preceded this explosion on April 18, is still of undetermined origin. This plant had an extremely large amount of Ammonium Nitrate in storage and on rail cars. An aerial view of the blast area, after the fire was out, shows that the Anhydrous Ammonia tanks at the site were not damaged by the explosion. Our planning district has no Ammonium Nitrate being stored. It is not necessary for soil of the high quality that we have. Our farmers primarily get ammonia from Anhydrous Ammonia. We have completed site plans for 25 Anhydrous Ammonia facilities.

Plant Safety at Brandt Consolidated - Williamsville – The mayor of Williamsville had concerns over the safety of the Anhydrous Ammonia stored in his community by Brandt Consolidated. On April 25, the Chair and Williamsville Fire Department (WFD) were invited to a meeting that he had scheduled with Brandt, which was represented by its chief operating officer (COO) and local plant manager. The COO was able to address all of the concerns that the mayor raised. This facility was struck by a tornado in 2009 and its Anhydrous Ammonia tanks were not damaged. Much of the rest of the plant was rebuilt. WFD had not viewed the plant since the new buildings were constructed. A tour was held on May 15, with the Chair and John Brennan representing the LEPC. The mayor would like a TTX for the village of Williamsville and Brandt later this summer. John has been tasked with exercise design. After he receives more information from the mayor, he will be contacting LEPC members for our assistance, with the intention of using this TTX for our next required annual exercise.

Meeting Schedule for Next Year – The Chair offered dates of 09/19/13, 11/21/13, 01/16/14, 03/20/14 and 05/15/14 for next year's meeting dates. These dates continue to have us meet on the third Thursday of an odd month, but exclude July as a sort of summer vacation. A motion was made by Linda Wheeland, seconded by John Brennan and approved unanimously to accept the third Thursday of September, November, January, March and May for next year's meetings. We intend to again return to Athens for next year's May meeting.

Walk to Defeat ALS for Matt Helms on June 15 – Pat Metz thanked everyone who brought checks to support him as a walker at this event to benefit Matt. The walk begins at 10:00 am in Washington Park and Pat asked for more LEPC members to join him. He has secured caps that say LEPC to identify our team. Every walker with at least \$25 of pledges in their name will also get a T-shirt. The best way to sign up as a walker or to contribute under Pat's name is to go online to <http://webstil.alsa.org/goto/LEPC>. We have a goal of \$500 and are just past half-way to meeting it. Pat's cell number is 836-5355, if you have questions about how to contribute.

The Chair saw Matt on April 28, to get his signature on a thank-you card for Kathy. Matt appreciated the card for him from the LEPC. Matt spent the week before Mother's Day on a family vacation in Florida.

Other Business

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

Visitor Comments – Mayor Neisler asked how the residents of Athens have a voice on our LEPC. The city of Athens is wholly within the Athens - Fancy Prairie Fire Protection District. Chief Joe Crowe's membership looks after the interests of Athens. This satisfied the mayor.

Meeting Closure – The next LEPC meeting is scheduled for 8:30 am, September 19, 2013, 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. 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 Mike Moos, seconded by Tracy Garrison and approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 am.