

Local Emergency Planning Committee

October 17, 2017

Opening

Matt Schaar brought the meeting to order at 11:54 a.m., he thanked the BCSO for the use of their facility and lunch. Self-introductions were made. Matt requested a motion to approve September meeting minutes. Brett Boren made a motion to approve September meeting minutes, Genelle Hurta seconded this motion. September meeting minutes approved as written.

Treasure Report

Genelle Hurta reported that the bank account balance was \$1948.39 as of 10/17/17.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Right to Know Committee

There have been no requests since the September meeting.

Public Information

No report.

Hazmat / Liaison / ER Committee

Matt Schaar requested that nominations be made at the November meeting to fill his position on this committee as he is transferring to Louisiana.

CAER Update:

BCPC representatives spoke at the CAER meeting last week and gave a better understanding of how CAER would work with BCPC. CAER is considering sending a representative to the monthly BCPC meetings. Discussion on the LEPC meetings not being heavily attended for a required meeting, we need to look at ways to increase attendance to the LEPC meeting or other scheduling for this meeting due to low attendance. Discussion was held on the reasons BCPC is working on getting a 501c6 versus 501c3.

Reportable Spills / Releases

No report. If you have any questions on these reports, contact Glenn LaMont at glennl@brazoria-county.com. Please remember to follow-up with a written report on any phone notifications you make regarding spills and/or releases.

Training

Hazmat training to be held at Dow has been moved to the Spring of 2018. This training is \$1495 per person. More information to follow.

For upcoming training visit Preparing Texas at <https://www.preparingtexas.org/>

Old Business

None

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New Business

Steve Rosa reported that the county will be conducting thirteen After Action Reviews for Hurricane Harvey. The intent of these reviews is to gather information regarding positive and negative things that occurred during the disaster.

Positive:

Many years ago, four industry partners stepped up and committed a resource to act as a liaison between industry and the county, P66, BASF, Dow and INEOS. These representatives are stationed at the Brazoria County Courthouse and man phones, answer questions regarding industries, participate in daily conference calls, etc. Several industry members commented that they appreciated this resource.

Matt Schaar reported that Dow's biggest challenge was getting materials in and out of the county. Brazoria County having the information on what roads were open/closed and readily available was a tremendous help.

Social media communications were very helpful to many people.

Daily conference calls were extremely helpful in many ways to industry and others.

Daily state calls with the hydrologists were very helpful.

Calls from liaison officers to industry members were appreciated.

Negatives:

Steve Rosa reported that the AT&T conference call platform was not working as well as the Zoom bridge.

Early in the disaster, the county's internet provider went down for several days. Brought in satellite equipment to mend the problem. Local internet provider stepped up and ran a wire to provide internet.

Rene Lara asked if there was a streamlined process for Re-entry Letters. This is being looked at but expense is a major issue.

Steve Rosa requested that if you come up with any additional items for the After Action items please send to him.

Rene Lara thanked Matt Schaar for his service to LEPC.

Matt requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Genelle Hurta motioned to adjourn and Rene Lara seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Recorder: Karen Schulze

Next meeting: November 21, 2017 – Brazoria County Sheriff's Office