

**Kent County  
LEPC Meeting Minutes**

**November 12, 2008**

**Attendees**

Allen Methny	<i>KC DPS</i>	Dave Mick	<i>KC DPS</i>
Nicole Vautard	<i>KC DPS</i>	Bob Barrish	<i>Citizen</i>
Jerry Llewellyn	<i>Public Health</i>	Jay Brabson	<i>DNREC</i>
Quincy Robinson	<i>Wal-Mart Logistics</i>	Gary Chaffer	<i>Citizen</i>
Wayne Hutchison	<i>City of Dover</i>	Pete Fraley	<i>DSP</i>
Eric Beach	<i>Perdue</i>	Andy McNelia	<i>BAC</i>
Michael Love	<i>U of D</i>	Nancy Wyatt	<i>DEMA</i>
Bruce Ennis	<i>Gen. Assembly</i>		

Allen Metheny called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the September 9<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.

Welcome from Allen and introduction of all the attendees.

**Current Issues**

**Dave Mick – DECON** – Conducted standby for return day at Georgetown Ambulance. Eight members went. Trying to determine what assets can be provided throughout the state when Biden is in town. Attended USAR conference in Baltimore. It was a very good networking opportunity. Had a medical call with cardiac arrest of larger patient in house with tight quarters. Called to possibly make a hole to get patient out but able to get out the conventional way.

**Allen Metheny - Tier II Reporting** – See attachment regarding workshops.

**Nancy Wyatt – DENS** – Contract awarded to First Call again. January 2009 testing and training will begin. System is up and running and has been used twice since May by Kent County Public Safety.

**Nancy Wyatt – SERC** – Annual report available for viewing.

**Old Business**

**Allen Metheny – FY09 Budget** – Holding our own.

**Bob Barrish – Facility Inspection** – Visited seven facilities since last meeting. Year to date ten facilities have been visited. Owe reports on five propane facilities. Should have them done this week. Need to sit down with Allen and go over next steps.

**Allen Metheny – Exercise Program** – Regional Exercise with FEMA Region 3 called Operation Hotwire was conducted. Scenario was a total loss of electrical power. Started the exercise on the third day of the power outage with temperatures of 105 degrees. It was a command and control type event. Most of the states within the region involved. Kent County EOC had a partial

activation with our own staff. A positive benefit was the use of the incident master system. Disappointed in the tasks because not a lot of challenges were presented to Kent County. Enlisted the help of the Amateur Radio club throughout the state. They were pleased with outcome and had a few recommendations of needed equipment. They were set up at Kent General Hospital, Milford Hospital, State Health Operation Center, Dover High School, Banneker High School, and Kent County EOC. Kent County still working with DEMA on the three year exercise program to be tied in with Homeland Security.

## **New Business**

**Allen Metheny – Propane Tank Project** – Meeting held on November 6<sup>th</sup>. Twelve people attended representing Kent County Public Safety, DNREC, State Fire Marshal, Chesapeake Utilities, Sharp Energy, Kent County Planning, Little Creek Fire Department, and DEMA. Discussed issues that occurred during the Mother’s Day storm. Discovered the National Fire Protection Association Regulation 58 (NFPA58) has little jurisdiction over residential tanks. It addresses tanks of a thousand gallons or more. Kent County Planning only has requirements for securing tanks for new construction in flood prone areas only. Natural Resources does not have involvement until the tanks break away from the facility.

### Path Forward Plan

- Produce flyers/brochures to get the word out to the public that even though there are no regulations that they should secure their tanks if they live in a flood prone area. And give them information on how to do this.
- Kent County Planning Director agreed to explore the development of a new County Ordinance for existing propane storage tanks. Believes it will be a problem to get the ordinance passed.
- A meeting will be scheduled in the spring of 2009 to talk about tank safety with residents.
  - To be held on a Saturday morning in a central location.
  - Have company called Propane Educational Research Council (PERC) provide data to the residents.
- Check to see if it should be the responsibility of company providing tanks to be responsible for securing them.

Some residents in the area have already taken steps to secure their tanks.

South Bethany requires all tanks to be secured. They pour a concrete pad with anchors and run a stainless steel cable through the holes on the bottom of the tanks and attach it to the anchors.

**Bob Barrish – EPA Conference** – The following are a list of sessions attended:

1. Breakfast with various topics on the tables. Great opportunity to speak with other LEPC members. Discovered we are in good shape compared to others regarding facility visits.
2. Tank Cars
  - a. Discovered Ethanol is the biggest challenge today because more is being shipped
  - b. Need to make responders more aware of Ethanol
3. General Session on Anthrax
4. Risk Management Plan
5. Reactive Hazards

6. Presentation on Propane by Chemical Safety Board

**Dave Mick – 2009 Statewide Hazmat Conference** – Will be held the first weekend in April of 2009 to be held in Kent County. Friday will be a dinner and lecture. Saturday will be hands on and classroom training. Fire School has been secured for the Saturday training. More information to follow.

**Jay Brabson – Dow Reichhold** – In the closing process with no leaks or exposures. New regulations for railcars have been developed. Chlorine and Ammonia are being tracked better.

**Program**

**Chemical Safety Board Video**

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.

Next LEPC meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, January 13, 2009.**

Respectfully submitted,

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