

**SUSSEX COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR
JULY 24TH, SEPTEMBER 25TH AND NOVEMBER 12TH - 2008**

Status LEPC Chair and Update- The position has been incorporated into the County's financial structure, and it has been advertised. There are currently four candidates that will be reviewed by Joe Thomas and county administration.

Delaware South TTX After Action Report- Joe shared the corrective action list at the November meeting. It is rather extensive. He will send it to Marilyn in electronic form to distribute.

Tier II Manager- Shannon reported 255 "new" facilities. The Department is doing outreach with propane, salvage yards and fuels. She is working with Emergency Response to use the Tier II for pre-planning. Some groups such as fire companies will have direct access. They are considering developing a CD backup for if 911 center servers are down.

Shannon will be doing *training for Tier II facilities* in December. It will be at the *EOC on December 11th in the morning*. A makeup class will be held in Kent County on December 17th.

The SERC Information & Technology Committee is working through what information needs to be available for the public related to the LEPC HAZMAT plans. DNREC has developed a protocol to follow that will be proposed at the next SERC meeting. The Committee also got a ruling on whether reports submitted by facilities under EPCRA are protected from public disclosure by the Delaware FOIA. EPCRA requires sharing of information with the community. For federal EPCRA guidelines, anyone can request to see the information. They must be present, should be accompanied, can make no copies. Shannon has a specific list of what information is shared. For Delaware FOIA, they do not have to be present. They can request the information be sent to them no matter where they live. DNREC does not give out personal information such as phone numbers.

Delaware HAZMAT Conference/HMEP Funds- There will be a second HAZMAT conference in spring 2009 in Kent County. It will focus on planning, possibly related to specific materials.

Art Paul, Tim Cooper, Joe Thomas and Marilyn will be working through the necessary paperwork to get funding for training and planning. So far, we are looking at using funding for EMS annual refresher, courses for the new LEPC Chairperson, transportation overlays, planning requirements and perhaps an exercise.

DENS- Contract was awarded to First Call who had the contract for the previous years.

Presentations

July

Joe Leonetti from New Castle gave a presentation on the 1st HAZMAT Conference. It was successful, but will continue to look for more participation in the next one.

Bill Prettyman and Patrick Ryan gave a presentation of the capabilities of the Amateur Radio Emergency Services ("ham radio"). There are 61 chapters of the ARES in Delaware. It is the most reliable means of communication in an emergency. Ham radios can talk directly to each other with no other infrastructure. They have been used during hurricanes, floods, wildfires, the northeast blackout, Shuttle Columbia recovery effort, plane crashes, attacks of 9/11, secret service/FBI/CIA efforts, etc. If you are interested in more information, contact:

Bill Prettyman (934-7704); bill@w3dr.net
Patrick Ryan (629-6458); pwraia@aol.com

September

Mark Claveloux of DEMA presented NIMS/ICS training at the EOC in Georgetown. Twenty-four attended and receive 6 contact hours of training. For anyone who holds a Delaware water or wastewater license, the training can go for continuing education credits for license renewal. These courses are prerequisites for other DEMA courses that may be presented later.

November

Tim McClanahan, Fire Protection Specialist and member of the Lewes Volunteer Fire Company, did a presentation on the new search and rescue fireboat the VFC has purchased.

In general, 905 of materials are imported by water. The Delaware Bay and River are strategic. The US is the largest importer of crude oil. Eleven percent of all crude oil comes through the bay, which includes 85% of the crude for the east coast. Lewes is 82-Marine-1. They currently have a 21-foot boat. The new boat is built by Moose (California), is 44' long by 16' wide. It only takes a 25-inch draft. Lewes VFC has paid for the \$900,000 boat. It will be used for search and rescue and firefighting.

Some statistics:

2X600HP	Cruise- 30 knots	Max- 39 knots
750 gpm fire pump	Pump flow- 1100 gpm	2 Water jet drives- 4000 gals/second
70SFswim platform	100SF Cockpit	Scene lights- 3000 watts
~IC Center	Patient bench	~Water ambulance
Windows sealed	Can light under boat	Wireless communications

Joe Thomas (EOC) and Lt. Mark Rust (DSP) talked about the preparation for Return Day. Due to excellent preplanning, it was a non-event. It was primarily organized by the DSP. We will try to have a presentation on this in the future.

**Next meeting- January 2009, date/place TBA.
Happy Holidays!!**