

**SUSSEX COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR
MARCH 12, 2009**

THERE WERE 21 MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE.

STATUS LEPC CHAIR- JOE THOMAS, DIRECTOR OF SUSSEX COUNTY EOC, INTRODUCED THE NEW LEPC CHAIRPERSON AS CHARLES "CHIP" STEVENSON. CHIP STARTED WITH SUSSEX COUNTY AS AN EMERGENCY 911 DISPATCHER AND HAS BEEN PROMOTED TO THE POSITION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COORDINATOR/CHAIRPERSON.

TIER II MANAGER- NOTHING TO REPORT AT THIS TIME.

INCIDENT REPORTS- TIM COOPER OF SCEMS REPORTED NO INCIDENTS SINCE THE LAST LEPC MEETING. 21 HAZMAT AND TOX MEDIC PERSONNEL ATTENDED 3.5 HOUR ANNUAL TOX-MEDIC REFRESHER TRAINING.

DEMA UPDATES- ART PAUL-THE 2ND ANNUAL HAZARDOUS MATERIAL CONFERENCE IS SCHEDULED IN DOVER FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD AND SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH. ON FRIDAY NIGHT, THERE WILL BE A TEAMBUILDING DINNER AT LITTLE CREEK FIRE COMPANY WITH SPEAKER MR. GREG NOLL. ON SATURDAY, ALL TRAINING WILL TAKE PLACE AT DELAWARE STATE FIRE SCHOOL IN DOVER. THERE IS NO COST FOR THE ATTENDEES. CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH WILL BE SERVED.

THE STATE SERT PLAN IS COMPLETE AND HAS BEEN PRESENTED AT SOME COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S MEETINGS. ART WILL BE DOING A PRESENTATION TO THE LEPC ON THE SERT PLAN IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

THERE IS A PLAN TO TEST THE DENS NOTIFICATION SYSTEM IN LATE MARCH OR EARLY APRIL.

PRESENTATIONS:

DNREC RMP SUBMISSION- DIRK GLEYSTEN & JAY BRABSON- DNREC'S ACCIDENTAL RELEASE PREVENTION GROUP DID A PRESENTATION ON THEIR PROGRAM AND THE FACT THAT FIVE YEAR UPDATES TO THE RISK MANAGEMENT PLANS NEED TO BE SUBMITTED BY JUNE 2009. THE GROUP IS OFFERING TO HELP STAKEHOLDERS WITH THIS TASK. IN ADDITION, IT WAS NOTED THAT DNREC WORKED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO MAKE SURE NOTIFICATIONS FOR AMMONIA EMISSIONS FROM LARGE POULTRY FARMS WERE ACCOMPLISHED WITH AS LITTLE HASSLE TO THE FARMERS AS POSSIBLE. VERBAL NOTIFICATIONS WERE DUE AT THE END OF JANUARY 2009; WRITTEN FOLLOW UP REPORTS WERE DUE AT THE END OF FEBRUARY (30 DAYS LATER). THE DEPARTMENT HAS A WEBPAGE WITH INFORMATION AND A SAMPLE WRITTEN FOLLOW UP REPORT. THE NEWEST UPDATE FROM DNREC IS THAT THE ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY WRITTEN REPORT PREVIOUSLY NOTED AS REQUIRED BY EPA AND DNREC IS NOT REQUIRED (ALTHOUGH ANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGES THAT MIGHT AFFECT AMMONIA EMISSIONS SHOULD BE STILL BE REPORTED USING WRITTEN FORM OFFERED BY DNREC OR A SIMILAR FORM).

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD- LCDR SAM STEVENS- LCDR STEVENS GAVE A PRESENTATION OF THE MANY ROLES, AND THE AREA OF OPERATION, OF THE COAST GUARD-SECTOR DELAWARE BAY BASED OUT OF PHILADELPHIA. HE EXPLAINED THE FIVE FUNDAMENTAL ROLES OF THE COAST GUARD: MARITIME SAFETY, MARITIME SECURITY, MARITIME MOBILITY, NATIONAL DEFENSE AND PROTECTION OF NATURAL RESOURCES. HIS PRESENTATION INCLUDED THE RESPONSE CAPABILITIES OF THE COAST GUARD WHEN DEALING WITH THE VARIOUS MISSIONS.

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, MAY 14TH, 10AM AT THE SUSSEX EOC IN GEORGETOWN