

CITY OF WILMINGTON
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2006

Convened as the local emergency Planning Committee for the City of Wilmington.

The LEPC staff meeting was held on January 13, 2006 in the multi-purpose room of the PublicSafety building, 300 North Walnut Street, Wilmington, Delaware.

Staff assistant George Giles led the meeting in the absence of Chairman Joe DiPinto.

The minutes were approved as written.

LEPC BUDGET

The 06 budget is $\frac{3}{4}$ finished. There is still a little money left so if you have any ideas of how to use this available money for outreach let us know.

The city questioned the audit process but is now ok with it.

TRAINING

Hazmat identification.

There were about 6 members at the EPA Conference in Baltimore. Wilmington's team won four free registrations to next years conference, at the desert island night.

We will have Tier II training with Sarah King as soon as she can work out the schedule.

We are looking into WMD hazmat training. This training is a four day course and the cost will be around \$7000.00.

EDUCATION & OUTREACH

We have been very involved with the Citizens Corp C.E.R.T. Training with the state team. The last training was held in Wilmington with the Happy Harry's Corporation. Bob George figures that we will receive more requests from them for future training. We also have training scheduled For March and April.

George Giles will do Public Outreach night at the Jefferson Street Southeast 9th Ward Neighborhood meeting at the Delaware Horticultural Center on January 17th.

We use the City's channel 22 regularly for outreach.

DECON

No responses since the last meeting.

Mr. Giles reported on the mercury problem at the water treatment plant. HMHTTC is working with the city and DNREC will be brought in. They were removing gauges and found the mercury. It in no way impacted on the process of the water treatment.

The water treatment plant eliminated the chlorine process in December. This plant was one of the top 10 WMD sites so with the chlorine elimination it should probably be taken off the list.

The Chiefs in the county and city have been given a list of specific hazardous chemicals. The city actually has this information in the Cad system so it is readily available upon arriving on the scene. In the county Chiefs change year to year so they will have to come up with a system.

SITE VISITS

George and Margie went to the DelEasi meeting at Buena Vista to explain the Citizens Corp and C.E.R.T. Training. It was decided that they would do the training individually if they chose to do it, rather than as the whole group.

The inspections will be started in the fall.

OLD BUSINESS

The siren system was tested all 18 sites in Wilmington and all went well. All notification systems have been announced to the citizens. Pamphlets were made up to include all of the systems. DENS is our primary system with the siren system being used for outdoors. We will probably do an audible test every 6 months.

We are in the process of buying a low band Emergency radio station in the city that will be 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and hope to have it up and running by July.

Representative DiPinto said we should check into Channel 8 Comcast also. He said anyone can do on with a broadcast. We could do

a 3-5 minute announcement.

The functional WMD drill is on hold until DEMA finds a replacement for our contact. The full scale drill is tentatively scheduled for the Easter break.

All of the evacuations routes have been updated to get out of the City of Wilmington.

The Disaster Preparedness Handbook has been updated and will be mailed to all individual residential homes in the city. All apartment complexes and condos will be hand delivered by George and Margie.

NEW BUSINESS

Art Paul stated the DENS system will be tested from the 27th to the 31st. All accounts will be tested. An advertisement will be put in the News Journal to alert the citizens that this is only a test.

We are looking (money from DART) into acquiring a trailer to carry all our literature for education and outreach. Delmarva Power will also give us some material.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

The next regular meeting will be held on March 10th at 10:00 in the second floor conference room of the Public Safety Building, 300 North Walnut Street, Wilmington, Delaware.