

CITY OF WILMINGTON  
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE  
MEETING  
March 10, 2006

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

The LEPC staff meeting was held on March 10, 2006 in the second floor conference 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

There is still some money left for outreach/training please let George or Margie know if you company or department needs any training etc. They will be glad to support it.

An L.E.P.C. performance form must be submitted with the budget request. This form of general questions will let the companies that are paying for the chemicals they store know what we are using the money for.

We will be co-hosting the region 3 EPA Conference in Valley Forge this December. We will be asking members of the L.E.P.C. to help out. We will try to pay along with New Castle County the guest speaker.

TRAINING

Hazmat identification. The 911 centers will be getting ADASHI software. The Office of Emergency Management will buy two additional software units for our Battalion Chiefs. This is an excellent package for identifying chemicals

We have requested \$7000.00 for training with DNREC for Hazardous Material training.

As part of the EMPG grant we will be hosting training for 4 days for the cost of \$9000.00. Also an additional \$4000.00 will be given to us for handout material.

SERC Tier II manager is on line and reporting. There was a slight problem because of chemicals, transit chemicals not being listed.

We are trying to upgrade this program. ADASHI and Cameo have this information listed.

The U.S. Coast Guard will be running a tanker collision training in Lewis in June. Delaware's role in this is not known as of yet. The EPA and the Coast Guard are running this exercise. Crude oil will affect both shore lines. An EOC will be run out of Wilmington somewhere.

### EDUCATION & OUTREACH

The OEM has updated the Disaster Preparedness Handbook and mailed a copy to every single residential home in the city. George and Margie hand delivered the booklet to all the apartment and condo complexes in the city. There was an advertisement Sent out that if you didn't receive the book to call Constituent Services and our office will get one to them.

The L.E.P.C and the Office of Emergency Management are working on trying to find a way to get everyone evacuated from the city. We are working with the Salvation Army and soup kitchens to find away to make them sign in so we can an idea where to reach them. Total evacuation is of great concern and we are trying to find a solution to this problem.

### DECON

No responses since the last meeting.

We are working with DNREC and HMHTTC on the mercury problem at the water plant. The workers were given an 8 hour test that were exposed and all the levels were ok.

### SITE VISITS

.DelEasi will start the inspections in the fall.

### OLD BUSINESS

Noramco personnel are in the process of updating the strategic maps.

DENS testing was done in Wilmington. We did the testing in the evening hoping to get a better percentage at home. The testing went very well making about 6000 calls. We also did our callback Police and Fire list. This testing will Be done quarterly.

## NEW BUSINESS

The Emergency Operations Center functional drill part of the Homeland Security training has just been completed.

The full scale drill will be held on June 20<sup>th</sup> at Howard High School of Technology. This will be an excellent drill

involving many resources. We will spend about \$150,000.00 on this drill. There will be between 30-75 victims from the

Drama school. All students will be briefed of the scenario because of the guns etc.

involved. DECON will be set up and

patients will be transported to the area hospitals so that the hospitals can do some hands on training as well.

The Wilmington Police Department, the Wilmington Fire Department, DelDot, DART, the Department of Education,

the Department of Public Health are a few of who will participate.

George and Vince told the Committee about the upcoming conference in New Jersey on Emergency Preparedness.

Both stated this is an excellent conference with many informative classes and top rate qualified speakers.

The next meeting will be held on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006 due to a lot of the members being away in New Jersey at the

New Jersey Emergency Preparedness Conference on the 12<sup>th</sup>. The next meeting will be held in the multi-purpose room,

1<sup>st</sup>. floor of the Public Safety Building.