

CITY OF WILMINGTON  
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE  
MEETING  
March 14 2008

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

The LEPC staff meeting was held on March 14<sup>th</sup> at the Public Safety Building 300 N. Walnut Street, Wilmington, Delaware.

The meeting was led by Joe DiPinto.

The minutes were approved with one correction

LEPC BUDGET

Director Giles stated that there was still some money available for small projects. With any money that is left at the end of the year we will by outreach material.

TRAINING

It was explained to the committee that the Hazmat and DECON Trailer training has been completed by the Wilmington Fire Department. We will have Hazmat teams in place 24 hours a day. BC McKim explained the program and said that this is a long term project. He thanked us for all of the help we provided and asked for our continued support.

DNREC

Has been advised of the new teams and all is ok no violated MOU's. The committee was told that these teams in no way are to take the place of the other responders it is to have a better response time. Training was outstanding and all passed with excellent results. The training was provided by Delaware State Fire School. Director Giles stated that the Mayor is ecstatic over this progress because no other Department has it. The NICCROD will include the Fire Department and the members of the Wilmington Police that took the course in their further training.

Director Giles commended the WFD & WPD on this achievement. BC McKim will be working on the SOP'S with the City and DNREC. Mr. DiPinto stated his compliments and stated this could be used as a pilot program.

8 members will be sent to the NCC Hazmat Training on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

CERT training will be held with BOA with the state team

CERT Training Wilmington Team will be done with Wilmington Trust in April.

DENS training was completed with the WFD Chiefs.

The City of Wilmington will be part of the Ancient Discoveries Season 3 TV series.

HMHTTC, along with the training Hazmat class from the WFD simulated an incident. The show will air sometime in August.

## EDUCATION & OUTREACH

We will be doing special populations preparedness classes to the residents of the 19801 zip code beginning Monday. This is in conjunction with a grant from HUD working with the Red Cross, Salvation Army, St. Francis Hospital, Interfaith Community Housing and the Office of Emergency Management. This program will let us teach young school age children as well as senior citizens.

The Office of Emergency Management will also be taking part with DE Department of Health

And HHS Collaboratories in the "TAKETHELEAD" campaign. This campaign will be used to see how the City of Wilmington can be prepared on the pandemic influenza. Wilmington was one of the eight cities across the United States picked for this program.

## HAZARDOUS RESPONCES

The clean up at the old Parks and Rec building has been completed.

## SITE VISITS

DelEasi had no report.

## OLD BUSINESS

The Port of Wilmington sites have been updated. The majority of the list were not reporting the chemicals to tier II. The Wilmington Fire Marshal Office does inspections which hazardous material will be reported.

Funding for Hazmat Teams – George approached Art Paul about the money for training. Art will let us know after the training what monies are available. The City will fund OEM general budget and HMHTTC budget. The team had to be in place before other sources could be sought for funding.

Art Paul spoke about the upcoming NCC Hazmat Conference. He said so far the attendance for EMS is scarce but the other positions are just about filled. He encouraged members who are interested in going to the dinner do so now. He has flyers and registration forms with him.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Because of the New Jersey State Emergency Preparedness Conference the next meeting will be held on May 16<sup>th</sup>. We will stay at the building at 22 S. Heald Street and if the locations changes Margie will e-mail you that week.

Director Giles thank everyone for the increase in attendance.

Margie Williams reminded everyone to sign in.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00.

The next LEPC meeting will be held on May 16, 2008 at 22 S. Heald unless notified otherwise.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Margie Williams, Staff Secretary to the LEPC