

CITY OF WILMINGTON
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING
November 9, 2007

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

The LEPC staff meeting was held on November 9, 2007 at the Public Safety Building 300 N. Walnut Street, Wilmington, Delaware.

The meeting was led by George Giles due to the absence of Joe DiPinto

There were no minutes from the previous meeting since it was canceled.

LEPC BUDGET

Director Giles said that 75% of the budget is used for salary but there is still money for training and outreach. If anyone has a project or wants training please notify his office.

TRAINING

Noramco had a drill in September that included WFD and the WPD. We also included a DENS testing along with this drill that worked well.

The Director also explained the table top we attended in Georgetown. This drill was different in that different response tactics started drill 6 hours into the scenario.

In January we will have Hazmat training response level for all of the Wilmington Fire Department 175.

Also we will have Hazmat Team Training for 50 members of the Fire Department along with members of the Wilmington Police Department. Director Giles explained that the WFD will have their own Hazmat teams on 24/7 for the City of Wilmington and they will also respond outside of the City.

IC training was presented to WFD & WPD to the level that they are by ranks. City Government was also trained in NIMS awareness so that when on scene with multiple departments the NIMS terminology is familiar and in place.

In February we will start Field Decon and Trailer training.

Over the next year we plan on having a representative of HMHTTC to come to the LEPC meetings to discuss different topics.

New Castle County will host a conference in April which will also include some type of training.

EDUCATION & OUTREACH

We now have our own radio station WQFL 1640 AM which we control. This will keep the public informed right away of any situation that occurs. We will be doing public safety message to run 24 hours a day. DPH has already used the station for the flu shots that were given at DTCC. The WFD and Delmarva will also do public announcements.

Any awareness message for the public will be broadcast. No advertising, political campaigns or selling of any product will be allowed.

Four of our members will be attending the EPA Conference in Pittsburg the first week of December. Money that was given us from the proceeds of last years conference will be used for travel, hotel etc.

Director Giles told the committee about our AmeriCorps volunteer Tracy Carpenter and that we are working on several projects at this time. We are focused on the elderly special pops who don't seem to be informed on preparedness and how they could be helped. We will also go to the area schools and do presentations.

DECON

WFD, WPD DNREC and HMHTTC responded to a drum of unknown material in the unit block of Gordon Street.

SITE VISITS

All site visits were completed. It was reported that all EHS sites passed inspection. It was also reported that the Waste Water Treatment plant no longer uses Chlorine so it is a much safer plant. Al Ostrand reported that they did an inspection for Ministry of Caring. He also asked how we work with schools and Director told him we work closely with our schools. A lot of the schools now have cameras and live shots can be transmitted. Each school has a different superintendent. It is very hard to get

into the schools to do presentation because of their jam packed academic schedules. He also questioned if Wilmington covers the Port of Wilmington and the answer is yes.

Mr. Llewellyn said that the SERC Committee is trying to address and take care of rail cars. Transit is a problem.

OLD BUSINESS

Director Giles reported that our 65 ft. marine unit is back in service.

NEW BUSINESS

As you know Mr. DiPinto is not here hasn't been here in a while. It was stated that Joe started the LEPC 15 years ago and he is the reason for the committee being in place. George and Margie have been trying to meet up with him for about six months because his schedule has been full. Question is does he still have time for committee and his new position?

Magellan is at the Port of Wilmington and will be using gasoline/ethanol. They will be putting 20 tanks or more.

Gerry Llewellyn stated we should check on Chiquita on their storage facility to see what chemicals are stored there.

Chris Connelly of the Wilmington Police Department was introduced to the members. He will be taking Adam Ringle's place with the departments WMD etc. Chris stated he is playing catch-up right now on his duties. He will have training in January on Hazmat with the officers. Chris stated that he will meet with Lt. Commander McLaren of the NCC Police Department for IC on Scene and get on board with them. Chris Wagner of HMHTTC asked why they were not doing Academy training anymore and Chris stated it is done in house.

Director Giles reported that they are looking for a grant for new fire "Hazmat" truck.

The Director told the committee we will send you anywhere for training as long as you can bring back something to the LEPC. Questions were given to the committee and filled out to help improve the attendance at the meetings. Results will be given at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

The next LEPC meeting will be held on January 11, 2008 in the multi-purpose room of the Public Safety Building 300 N. Walnut Street.