

The Deer Park LEPC is a cooperative partnership between community, government, emergency response agencies, businesses, and industry striving to promote and maintain public health and safety by preparing for hazardous materials-related incidents as part of a comprehensive community program. Our goal is to protect citizens and the environment by providing hazard awareness education, training exercises, emergency response plans and an emergency notification system.

DEER PARK LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

AGENDA

OF

A MEETING OF THE DEER PARK LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE TO BE HELD AT THE DEER PARK CITY HALL, 710 E. SAN AUGUSTINE, DEER PARK, TEXAS, ON MAY 28, 2019 BEGINNING AT 11:00 A.M. TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS:

Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions

Public Comments on LEPC Mission/Function (3 minute time limit)

Minutes – April 23, 2019

Financial Report – May 2019

Committee Reports

Executive Committee

Whelen Siren Project Funding

Communications

Review any and all Level 2 and Level 3 incidents

Community Awareness

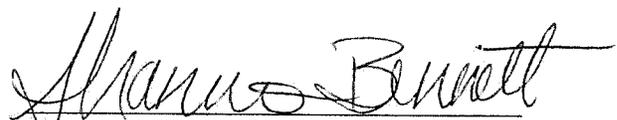
2020 Calendar

Emergency Response/Transportation

2019 Drill

New Business

Meeting Schedule 2019 – June 25, Aug. 27, Sept. 24,
Oct. 22, Dec 3



Shannon Bennett, TRMC
Deer Park LEPC Secretary/Treasurer

Posted May 23, 2019

TO: Deer Park LEPC

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SUBJECT: Minutes May 28, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman, Mark Turvey called the meeting to order at 11 a.m. and led members in the Pledge of Allegiance of the United States and the Pledge to the Texas Flag. Mr. Turvey then asked the members to observe a moment of silence in respect of Memorial Day and those that sacrificed their lives on behalf of our great Nation.

INTRODUCTIONS

Self-introductions were given by Steve Longenecker with OxyVinyls and William Paiz-Tabash with the Texas Department of Public Safety.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON LEPC MISSION/FUNCTION (3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT)

Vice-Chairman, Mark Turvey spoke on behalf of the Deer Park and neighboring LEPCs for being on our A-game and striving to improve processes. He noted that the LEPCs were challenged recently to communicate effectively to the Public in a dynamic event. Mr. Turvey stated that there's always room for improvement, but overall the LEPCs did a good job and to remember that is the function for the LEPCs.

William Paiz-Tabash with the Texas Department of Public Safety commented on the new LEPC Handbook, coordinated by the State of Texas and Texas Transportation, that is now available.

MINUTES

Motion was made by George Tullgren and seconded by Andrew Smith to accept the minutes of April 23, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Shannon Bennett, Secretary/Treasurer reported on the current balance and the majority of contributions have been received.

Motion was made by Robert Hemminger and seconded by Sarah Arroyo to accept the financial report of May 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee, Mark Turvey, Vice-Chairman reported in the absence of Chairman, Jay Stokes: Mr. Turvey advised that the Executive Committee discussed the changes to the website and the current siren project. Mr. Turvey invited the LEPC's input to the website and needed changes.

Communications Chair, Robert Hemminger reported:

Whelen Siren Project Funding - Mr. Hemminger reviewed the sirens project and funding over the next three years. In view of the recent incidents, Mr. Hemminger advised that due to the poor conditions of all ten sirens and concern for Public safety, the City of Deer Park will pay for Phase II and III of the project and the Deer Park LEPC will reimburse the City. Mr. Hemminger reported that he had received feedback on the sirens on Saturday's test and it is greatly improved from the upgrades recently performed.

Review of Level 2 and Level 3 Incidents – None given.

Community Awareness Chair, Christina Perez reported –

2020 Calendar – “We are actively working on next year's calendar and again, the theme will be “Deer Park Now” which will focus on different departments within the City and providing information to the citizens. Of course, it will have Emergency Response information in it as well. At the next meeting, we are going to take a group picture of this whole committee. We are taking the photo for the calendar and for the website as well.” Ms. Perez invited feedback from the members on the website.

2019 Volunteer Opportunities – Ms. Perez reminded the members of the volunteer opportunities in 2019 and how the LEPCs' participation in the Shell Fun Run had to be cancelled last month, due to no volunteers, other than a Wally volunteer. Ms. Perez reviewed the remaining events for the members to consider and shared the probable workshop to be held at the Maxwell Center for the Seniors to refresh them on Sheltering in Place.

Emergency Response/Transportation Chair, Kevin Machemehl reported –

2019 Drill – “As you know, we had to cancel our May 1st full function drill with all of the LEPCs participating. We are actually postponing it. We are taking all of the feedback that we have received from the local cities and we will use that as the driving force to see any shortcomings that we have in Deer Park, Pasadena and La Porte. We are going to incorporate anybody else, so after this meeting, the ER/T Committee will meet to iron out a date toward the end of August.”

Mr. Machemehl invited anyone that wanted to be a part of the full function drill to stay and attend the ER/T Committee meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Robert Hemminger announced that Saturday, June 1, 2019 Hurricane season starts and the City of Deer Park joins with La Porte and Pasadena to support the Southeast Regional LEPC that sponsors the event at the Pasadena Convention Center. It's open to the Public.

Rick Deel of EHCMA, announced an Industry Severe Weather Symposium at the Pasadena Convention Center on May 30th from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (Exhibit A)

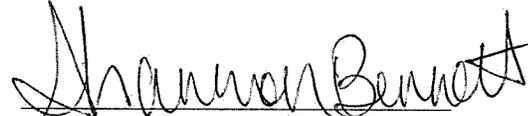
Mark Turvey advised that in previous discussions regarding 'credentialing processes' when David Wade presented to us what Harris County would be rolling out, that is currently on hold. If you opted into that system, those badges are still good or if you currently hold one of the original credentials, those will still be recognized. A Core Committee has been established to determine a better way to roll that out.

NEXT MEETING

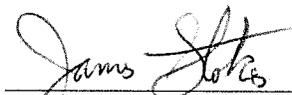
Mark Turvey announced the next meeting will be held on June 25, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

ATTEST:


Shannon Bennett, TRMC
Secretary/Treasurer

APPROVED:


James Stokes
Chairman

INDUSTRY SEVERE WEATHER SYMPOSIUM

East Harris County } *Making Good.*
MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION

SAVE THE DATE for EHCMA's Industry **Severe Weather Symposium** on **Friday, May 30th** from **8:00 am to 11:30 am** at the **Pasadena Convention Center, located at 7902 Fairmont Pkwy, Pasadena, TX 77505**. Registration will open at 8:00 am, and the workshop will begin at 8:30 am. Coffee and refreshments will be provided.

Who should attend?

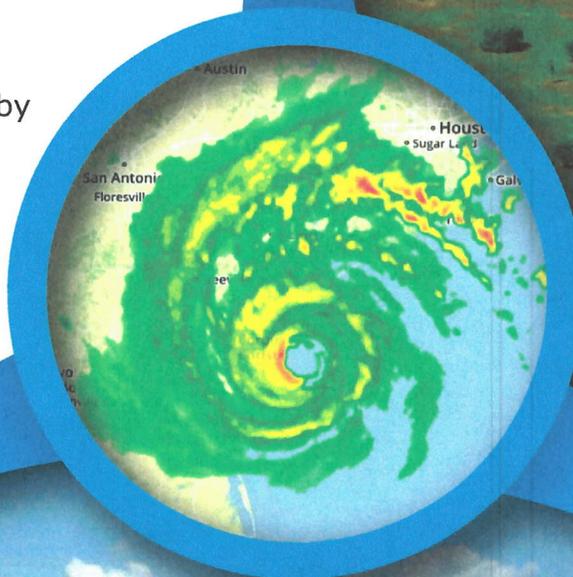
Industry representatives and emergency management officials from the EHCMA and Houston Ship Channel regions.

Purpose: To better prepare our industrial partners and local agencies for severe weather and other hazards by addressing topics that will allow for stronger collaboration before, during, and after an incident.

RSVP Link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/severeweathersymposium>

No cost to attend!



What is an LEPC?

In 1986, Congress passed the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA). EPCRA created Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) and State Emergency Response Commissions (SERCs) to coordinate LEPC activity. EPCRA charged LEPCs and SERCs with four primary responsibilities:

- Prepare emergency plans to protect the public from chemical accidents.
- Establish warning and evacuation procedures for the public.
- Collect information used in the preparation of annual reports about the release of toxic chemicals.
- Provide local governments and the public with information about hazardous chemicals and accidental releases in their communities.

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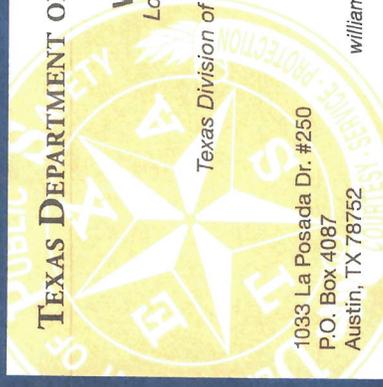
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Texas Division of
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Local Emergency Planning Committees and the LEPC Handbook

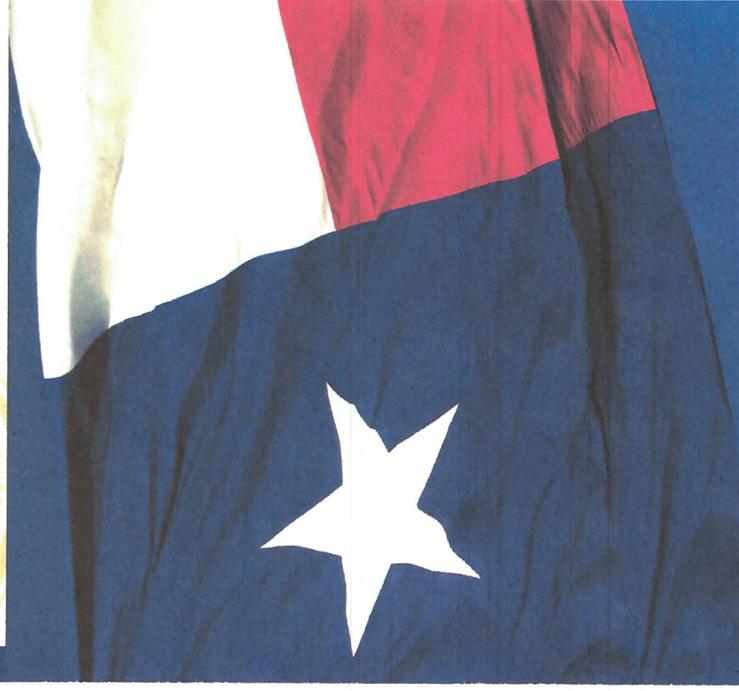


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the needs of all users, from a small, rural LEPC to a large, active LEPC associated with the chemical industry along the Gulf Coast. The Guide follows a modular approach, providing key takeaways and action items that LEPCs can use now to improve community preparedness, no matter the size or capability of the LEPC. The new guide also provides LEPCs and their members with up-to-date information regarding the many changes to regulations and guidance at the state and federal level.

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Hazardous materials incident reporting and response can vary widely depending on the incident. Multiple federal and state laws and regulations specify reporting and coordination requirements to specific agencies, local government and other stakeholders. Because LEPCs play a major role in this arena, the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) and the Texas A&M Transportation Institute have created the LEPC Handbook. The Handbook has three parts:

- **Executive Primer**
- **Planning Committee Guide**
- **Projects for LEPCs**

Executive Primer

The Executive Primer provides an executive-level summary of essential topics and basic issues with general applicability for all LEPCs. While it is not a substitute for the Planning Committee Guide, the new Executive Primer serves as a useful introduction to many LEPC issues and is especially useful for new LEPC members.

Planning Committee Guide

The Planning Committee Guide serves as a useful and comprehensive reference but is not meant to be read start to finish. The Guide addresses

Projects for LEPCs

In addition to the Executive Primer and the Planning Committee Guide, the LEPC Handbook contains Projects for LEPCs. This document presents ready-made projects that LEPCs can undertake to improve their local chemical emergency preparedness. In some cases, these projects are eligible for existing grant programs, like the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) grant program, administered in Texas by TDEM, which uses funds provided by the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA). For more information or to apply for an HMEP grant, visit:

<https://www.dps.texas.gov/dem/Preparedness/hmepGrantPrgm.htm>