

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 FEBRUARY 25, 2020 BEGINNING AT 11:00 A.M. TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS:

Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions

Special Presentation to Kenzie Copeland

Presentation – CTEH

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

Minutes – January 2020

Financial Report – February 2020

Committee Reports

Executive Committee

Communications

Review any and all Level 2 and Level 3 incidents

Community Awareness

Review: SIP Training – Maxwell Center

2020 Volunteer Opportunities

2021 Calendar

Membership Photo to update website

Emergency Response/Transportation

2020 Drill

New Business

Meeting Schedule 2020 – Mar. 24, Apr. 28, May 26, June 23, Aug. 25, Sept. 22, Oct. 27, Dec 1

Shannon Bennett, TRMC
Deer Park LEPC Secretary/Treasurer

Posted February 21, 2020

TO: Deer Park LEPC

14-55

SUBJECT: Minutes February 25, 2020

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman, Jay Stokes called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Andrew Smith led members in the Pledge of Allegiance of the United States and the Pledge to the Texas Flag.

INTRODUCTIONS

Self-introductions were given by first time visitors, Steve Outlaw of GEO Specialty Chemicals, Christin Windsor and Risa Parker of Phoenix Pollution Control, and Nicholas Cook with the City of Deer Park.

PRESENTATIONS

Presentation to Kenzie Copeland - Mr. Stokes introduced Kenzie Copeland as the unsung hero of the LEPC and Kenzie's moving on to greener pastures. Christina Perez presented Kenzie with a plaque for her contribution and hard work on the Deer Park LEPC's website and participation on the Community Awareness Committee.

Presentation-CTEH - Mr. Stokes introduced April Steger of CTEH, an environmental consulting firm that helps companies, governments and communities prepare for, respond to and recover from threats to their environment and people. Ms. Steger gave an overview CTEH and highlighted the Analysis Plan, Data Dashboard, Air Monitoring Communications and Best Practices Learned. Founded in 1997, CTEH has 165 full time employees and 100+ response qualified personnel. These are whom we call on when additional resources are needed and they are located throughout the country.

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

No public comments given.

Mr. Stokes recognized Stephen Harrell, the upcoming new Superintendent of the Deer Park Independent School District and Norma Hysler, named by the Chamber of Commerce as Citizen of the Year.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Christina Perez and seconded by Trilby Cressman to accept the minutes of January 28, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Motion was made by Robert Hemminger and seconded by Kevin Machemehl to accept the financial reports of February 2020. Motion carried unanimously

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee, Chairman, Jay Stokes reported:

Plant Manager's Breakfast – Mr. Stokes reported that the 7th Annual Plant Manager's Breakfast will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers on Thursday, March 5th at 7:30 a.m. Plant Managers and Industry Representatives were invited to attend.

Communications Committee Chair, Robert Hemminger reported:

Review of Level 2 and Level 3 Incidents – Dow Chemical, Deer Park, reported on February 18, 2020, a Level 2, issued at 5:15, due to a gas release. There were no high level readings, no injuries and no impact. An all clear given at 5:39.

Vopak of Deer Park reported on February 11, 2020, mechanical failure on Kirby 11501 causing a leak alongside Barge Dock #4 and actively discharging into Shore Tank 301. Crude MDI Feed Stock was discharged in the Channel, approximately 5 gallons. Immediate actions were taken by stopping the movement, securing the valves, a boom deployed to contain the product within the water. All notifications were made internally and externally for proper reporting.

Robert Campise of Lubrizol reported that on February 24, 2020 during a heavy rain event, water was able to get into several salvage drums of tank bottoms from a unit turnaround. The moisture then reacted with the drum contents generating a small cloud in the area. With the heavy rain and large amount of steam being generated, the responding IC declared a Level 2 out of caution. The drums were quickly covered, contained and overpacked in a vacuum box for controlled scrubbing.

Shell Deer Park reported two incidents, the first, one we had an incinerator tripped occurring on January 28th, 2020. We erred on the side of caution with that, with air monitoring as benzene was a concern. The second was on February 13th, 2020, we had product on the roof. Fence line monitored was done.

Robert Hemminger commented that some industries had received information from the Harris County Fire Marshal's office regarding an Operational Permits Division that will be starting. This is similar to how the City handles new businesses. The county's Fire Marshal office will be handling this in regards to industry and other unincorporated areas. Mr. Hemminger introduced Richard Longhorn with Harris County Hazmat, who will assist in getting a speaker for next month regarding the permits. He proceeded to describe a Hazardous Preplan Program for facilities that he developed for Harris County.

Robert Hemminger advised the Committee that the purchase order has been issued to complete the siren project.

Community Awareness, Christina Perez' reported:

SIP Training – Maxwell Center – “There were approximately 30 in attendance for the training. The response was very favorable and we are planning to have the training annually.”

2020 Volunteer Opportunities – “As usual, we need help. No help needed until April.”

2021 Calendar – “We have chosen our calendar theme. 2021 will be the 35th Anniversary for the Deer Park LEPC and the theme will be ‘Safety in Knowledge’. We want to share more knowledge with our citizens, so that they can feel safe living in Deer Park. We welcome all your ideas.”

Membership Photo to update website - Kenzie Copeland took a group photo after today's meeting.

Emergency Response/Transportation Chair, Robert Campise reported:

2020 Drill – There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Christina Perez announced that shelves have been purchased for the Library to organize information binders from the Industries. She encouraged the Industries to visit the Library, review their information and remove all outdated material.

NEXT MEETING

Mr. Stokes announced the next meeting will be Tuesday, March 24, 2020.

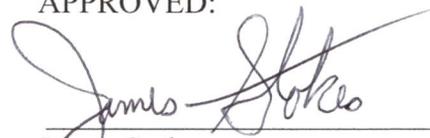
Meeting adjourned at Noon.

ATTEST:



Shannon Bennett, TRMC
Secretary/Treasurer

APPROVED:


James Stokes
Chairman