

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

LEPC

JUNE 1, 2016

Bill Hillanbrand called the meeting to order at 10:02 A.M.

The following members were present:

Nick Tylenda	Nicole Burton	John Kalynych	Jeff Steiert	Rick Weaver
Mike Rampulla	Nina Johnson	Larry Palmer	Bill Hillanbrand	Len Hoben
John Bast	Dave Malloy	Michael Collins	Alan Lynch	Todd Weaver
Ted Veresink	Ron Hulsizer	Joe Fittos	Jon Alkhal	

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bill Hillanbrand asked for public comment. There being none, Bill moved to the next agenda item.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 2, 2016 MEETING MINUTES:

Minutes of the March 2nd, 2016 meeting were distributed to the membership for review. John Bast introduced a motion to approve the meeting minutes, second by Ted Veresink. Motion carried. Bill Hillanbrand reminded the Committee, the minutes can be found on our website.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mike Rampulla presented the financial report: As of June 1, 2016 the Budgetary opening balance - \$71,346.23. Revenue - \$2,300 (Planning fees), \$18,900 (Chemical fees), \$2,502.98 (County cost reimbursement) Total Revenue - \$23,702.98 Total Balance \$95,049.21. Expenditures – Baltimore Conference \$2,966.25, Verizon Wireless \$4,299.09, Minor Equipment, Foam expense etc. \$5,927.94, Fuel \$65.94, Total Expenditures - \$13,259.22 Ending Balance - \$81,789.99. Nina Johnson introduced a motion to accept the Financial Report, second by John Bast. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

John Kalynych reported Lehigh County does not have any Hazmat related courses presently scheduled but will send out announcements, as they become available. He reported a Tank Car Training class was recently conducted in Lehigh County with approximately 50 students participating in the two day event.

A Transcaer Table Tabletop exercise will be held in Allentown. This will be a day-time event. Also a Transportation Rail Incident Preparedness and Response (TRIPP) course will be conducted in the future.

Recent Hazmat responses for the Hazmat Team included a chemical suicide and an event at Air Products.

John reported Lehigh County purchased a DRONE and it will be in service shortly. Also they are interested in donating a boom trailer they no longer have a need for. He said to contact him if interested in the trailer.

John Bast said some issues associated with establishing a river boom response is training and maintaining a skill set in order to have an effective response. He said maybe a boom response should be handled by a contractor. He added the current trailers are twenty years old.

Dave Malloy said the first water intake being affected if a spill occurred on the Delaware River in the Easton area would be in Bucks County.

Mike Rampulla reported he had spoken to a PEMA representative to see if we could obtain a letter from them acknowledging our County Radiological Officers (RO's) have taken an appropriate radiological course in order to maintain their RO certification. The representative will look into it and get back to him.

Bill Hillanbrand said he is receiving quotes for Foam product. He said the lowest quote so far was from Witmer. Granger was twice as much. He added Foam training will be at the Northampton County Fire School.

Jeff Steiert reported he had sent a PO request to purchasing on April 20 for a MSA Altair 5X PID Gas Meter Kit. He said we should be receiving the meter shortly.

Mike Rampulla reported we have received the pail trailer accessories which included nozzles, eductors and couplings. He added he ordered 600' of 1 ¼" hose.

Bill Hillanbrand asked Rick Weaver what items the Northampton County Fire School needs. Rick said the first priority would be to purchase new Hazmat training books. He said the Fire School will be changing from the Delmar book to the Jones and Bartlett Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations 2nd Edition (2016). He said the Fire School is asking the LEPC to consider funding the purchase of 90 Jones and Bartlett Hazmat books for the Fire School lending library. (30 for on-site courses, 30 for off-site courses and 30 for the Pro Board Testing). He said they received a quote for 90 books at \$80 each for a total of \$7,200. John Bast suggested Rick may want to look on-line at other suppliers such as Amazon to see if he can get a better price. Rick Weaver said a new class is starting in July and is concerned about getting books in time for the class.

He said they also have a need to purchase a Rescue Mannequin, of manageable size, for Hazmat Training. The current mannequin weighs 185 pounds. He has not received a quote yet. Bill Hillanbrand and Todd Weaver said the county, depending on the total, requires three quotes for purchases.

Rick Weaver said there is an urgent priority for at least 30 books due to the upcoming class. He added the last time books were ordered was in 2008. There was a discussion on shipping costs. Bill Hillanbrand asked for a motion to purchase the books. Joe Fittos introduced a motion to purchase the books with a cap of \$7,200 plus shipping. John Bast offered an amended motion to purchase 90 books following county procurement rules. Second by Mike Rampulla. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bill Hillanbrand reported he has received three updated Off-Site Emergency Response Plans:

City of Bethlehem Water Treatment Plan

Bosch Rexroth Corporation – Brodhead Campus – Bethlehem. The principal operations conducted at this campus involve the manufacture, assembly, and testing of machined valves and parts used in a

variety of industries.

Bosch Rexroth Corporation – Main Campus – 2315 City Line Road – Bethlehem. The principal operations conducted at this campus involve the manufacture, assembly, and servicing of machined hydraulic components used in a variety of industries.

He said he brought copies of the plans and they were available for review.

Ted Veresink asked if the Bosch facility located on City Line Road was located in Lehigh County. Bill Hillanbrand replied it was. Todd Weaver introduced a motion to accept the plans. Second by Jon Alkhal. Motion carried.

Bill Hillanbrand said he had prepared the Annual Hazardous Material Emergency Response Preparedness Report for 2015. This is a yearly report required by PEMA and provides a summary of events and developments during the reporting period. Bill directed the membership to Pages 8 and 9 of the report which provides a summary of the training activities and exercises related to hazardous materials.

Rick Weaver added the Northampton County Fire School presented 17 courses to 311 students who represented 26 different agencies during 2015. As of May 31 the school has presented 14 courses to 248 students.

John Bast suggested sending a letter to local emergency response organizations to find out what type of training they may be providing. Bill Hillanbrand thought the request should go through the Fire Chiefs Association. He added the information would be helpful to obtain additional funding.

Mike Ramppulla and Nick Tylenda provided emergency stand-by for the Household Hazardous Waste Event on May 21 at the Northampton College site in Bethlehem Township. According to information provided by the County DCED more than 1,000 residents participated in the event. 66,000 tons of waste managed: 95,000 lbs. of hazardous waste collected, including oil-based paint, solvents, pesticides and more, 14,000 lbs. of tires (560), 23,000 lbs. of scrap metal recycled. On average every person brought more than 130 lbs. of waste. Bill Hillanbrand said the next HHW Event will be on October 8 and again will be at the Northampton Community College.

Bill Hillanbrand reported there will be five people from Northampton County attending the Baltimore Hazmat Conference. Also, there will be a hazmat conference in Valley Forge from August 25 thru August 28, 2016.

Bill Hillanbrand said the LEPC was created due to the enactment of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act (EPCRA). The law requires we provide certain information (Tier 2) to the public on reporting facilities that are located in the County. Although the information was available, PEMA advised us to develop a formal policy. Bill said he developed an EPCRA Information Request Policy and asked the membership to review the document. John Bast asked if we charge for printing. Bill replied we do not and referenced #6, e. 1 and 2 of the policy which states, "Requestor, i. They may not take the Tier 2 with them. ii. They may not make a photocopy or take a picture of any Tier 2 information. "

Bill Hillanbrand said the County Emergency Management Staff participated in a table-top exercise with Bethlehem and Music Fest officials on May 12. The exercise was held at the Arts Quest Center and the scenario was an emergency response event at Music Fest.

Alan Lynch (St. Luke's representative) brought up a concern they had concerning treating contaminated individuals. He said only designated facilities can accommodate a contaminated patient. He said they recently had a case where an individual, who was possibly contaminated, came to an urgent care facility for treatment. He said, as a first step they are looking at providing awareness training to staff members and stocking of some basic decon items, however they will not be able to do full decontamination. Due to this incident hospital officials wondered what local emergency responders expectations had of the facilities and procedures for transporting contaminated patients. John Bast suggested we send information to local emergency responders on handling contaminated patients and where to and not to transport them. John Kalynch asked if local hospitals have agreements with clean-up contractors should a facility become contaminated. Alan Lynch said hospital officials are concerned of the implications if a facility would have to be evacuated. Bill Hillanbrand said Northampton County will work with Lehigh County and look at developing outreach materials for Tier 2 facilities.

Bill Hillanbrand announced the following dates for the regular scheduled 2016/2017 LEPC meetings: September 7, December 7, 2016 and March 1 and June 7, 2017 at 10:00 A.M. in the Emergency Operations Center.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Jeff Steiert briefed the membership on a meter he thought would be beneficial for the area. It is a wireless personal carbon dioxide monitor and would cost approximately \$1,000. Joe Fittos said he will assist Jeff in obtaining quotes for the next meeting.

Len Hoben representing OSHA introduced himself and said they are available if requested and would be interested in participating in the various types of exercises. Bill said he will meet with him to obtain contact information.

Alan Lynch commented favorably with the counties participation at a recent exercise at St. Lukes Hospital.

Rick Weaver added the Northampton County Fire School is an official PRO Board Testing site.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 11:07 A.M.