

LEPC Minutes

Wednesday, April 13, 2022

Public Safety Training Facility – Lockport, NY

Call to Order

Tim Balunis began the meeting by leading the pledge to the flag at 9:04 am, followed with reading of the mission statement. After the pledge, we went around the room for introductions.

Updates and Reports

Tim Balunis – Tim began meeting by asking the group to share any updates within their organizations since we last met.

Dan Leven – EOC at PSTF is in the process of being upgraded. Added monitors in back and sides of the room and updating software. New employees at Niagara County Emergency Services, William Perry and Lara MacFarlane. Hazard Mitigation Plan and Continuity of Operations Plan are currently being updated. Lake Ontario level is up, close to April 2019 level. Forecast is for 6” rise in lake level. Most projects to fight erosion have been completed. However, 1 project in Olcott not starting until July, 1 house is threatened with erosion.

Mike Seibel – RACES has been running weekly tests. Team has lost a few members.

Mike Emery – Marathon Petroleum will be running test May 24 and 25. Simulating oil/diesel spill into river. Exercise will include notification to businesses.

Kathy Moguel – Durez Corp has updated PSM. Facility has added shelter in place guidelines. They have added an alarm specific for shelter in place as well as speakers to communicate info.

Sandra Miller – Bridgestone will be undergoing restructuring. Will become Archem this summer. RMP has been updated and filed. New blend room approved, in process. Will test system in 2023. HazMat team has had updated training. Team is also moving to quarterly training from yearly training. Company is also having some communication breakdowns due to a language barrier with a handful of Burmese workers. Sandra is looking for translators who know Burmese. If anyone has any contacts or ideas where to find translators, please contact Sandra.

Peter Maybee – Currently updating Emergency Management Plans and training staff. Working on some communications issues within their facility.

Jim Wrazen – RMP plan submitted. February audit completed with no major issues. Vandemark has increased their chlorine storage on site. Asked group if anyone else is running into supply issues with nitrile gloves, currently OK with supply on hand.

Jeff Bowles – Catholic Health Emergency Manager. After focusing on Covid for the past 2 years, trying to get up to speed with emergency management at all sites. Will be visiting each Catholic site to see where each facility stands.

Tim Kornacki – Also getting back up to speed after focusing on Covid for 2 years. Staffing levels worst he has seen. Kaleida is currently in contract negotiations with members, contract ends in May. Could cause more staffing issues if contract not settled.

Michael Spencer – CFATS training offered. With the Ukraine/Russia situation, there have been constant cyber attacks. Due to this, cyber security is imperative. Reach out to DHS if need more info or you have questions.

Tom Liptak – PSM updated as of beginning of this year. Air Mitigation System has been updated. System able to collect gases by using negative pressure. Moog adding new propellant storage facility, should be completed by end of year and online by April of 2023.

Annual Meeting – Looking to possibly bring back later in the year. Asked members if they would be interested in hosting. Tom Liptak will speak with Moog, may want to host.

Tim Balunis – Pipeline safety training may be starting again. Once more info is received, Tim will notify members.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:01 am. Next meeting will be on June 8, 2022.

Attendance:

Balunis, Tim	Miller, Sandra
Dimmick, Clayton	Moguel, Kathy
Emery, Michael	Pedulla, Joe – Excused
Garrow, Walt – Excused	Perry, William
Sgt. Gray, Catrina – Excused	Seibel, Michael
Kornacki, Tim	Sikora,, Joseph
Leven, Danieal	Spencer, Michael
Liptak, Tom	Wojcik, Bob
Maybee, Peter	Wrazen, Jim
Meyer, Rob	Bowles, Jeff