



MINUTES OF MONROE COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Meeting of November 12, 2024

MEETING HELD IN-PERSON AND VIRTUALLY

Meetings now open for in person attendance and also presented virtually via Microsoft TEAMS for those who wish to attend virtually.

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 12:04

Pledge of Allegiance - Roll Call

Present: Belvin, Edinger, Fittos, Hepner, Keegan, Pinho, Roberts, Sherer, Wallen, Zipp

Virtual: Barzev, Fetzer, Miller, Murray, Parker Weimer, Werner

Excused: Crosson, Dickinson, Ferro, Ringheiser,

Absent: Dickinson, Fetterly, , Harrison, Meaders, Murphy, Sargent, Staples, Ulanoski, Wallen

Guests: Erik Campos, Nic Goebeler, Ian Macleod

The minutes of the November 12, 2024 meeting were distributed.

Motion to accept minutes as distributed – Edinger/Wallen – Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- LVHN provided correspondence regarding Cyanokit availability
 - It was noted that Pike county used kits at Marshall Creek response

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance

Balance sheet accepted as written.

*Note hazmat fund includes foam reimbursement.

*Note: General fund covered 1/24-11/24

Public Education

Dr Wallen advised that Pocono Record was unresponsive on LEPC letter that was authored. It was offered to use TV13, social media, and website.

Compliance/Regulatory

a) Tier II Reports

85/87 facilities reported for 2024. The two remaining facilities, Pocono Mtn Municipality, Pocono Mtn SD

- Both sites are in contact with the county and may send report with 2025 reports.
- Driscoll Foods, East Stroudsburg sending plans to Keegan for WN work.

b) Compliance

Nothing to report.

c) Emergency Response Preparedness

- Two (2) hazmat responses since last meeting
 - 11/9 Tractor Trailer diesel spill
 - 11/10 Tractor Trailer diesel spill – delay in reporting because there was no spill believed to occur until truck was towed

OEM DIRECTOR COMMENTS

1. Election Day threats – DATUM and DEP discussed with election crew what to do if threats occurred
2. Hazmat Functional Exercise on 11/18 (see flyer)
3. Request for manual plume modeling software HazConnect (PATHS used); also helps with plan updates. Quote received for \$5170 annually.
 - a. Fittos/Zipp approved motion to buy
4. Request to replenish equipment \$4000 including RuptureSeals
 - a. Parker/Wallen approved motion to buy

INPUT FROM LEPC MEMBERS

1. Education Updates: Hazmat classes
 - a. 30 hours 1/1-6/30 121 attendees
 - b. 150 attendees Stroudsburg
 - c. 50 total Hazmat training hours (275 attendees)
 - d. Quarterly refreshers were not rostering due to off-drill night classes, so FD running their own classes on drill nights
 - i. Miller suggested an opportunity to add Tier2 information for facilities in the FD coverage area
 1. Zipp agreed that it could be shared with instructor
 2. Edinger agreed
 3. Miller suggested LEPC create slides for each FD
 - e. Hazmat Operations Refresher hours starting 1/2025 may run up too many hours

PUBLIC INPUT

- None

LEPC CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

1. Consulting program through NCC, it is voluntary and free.
 - a. 4-hour assessment compliance inspection without government involvement
 - b. Covers Lehigh, Northampton, Monroe, and Carbon county facilities

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, February 4th at noon.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

Edinger/Heppner - unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Pinho
LEPC Secretary