



Dallas County & Tarrant County Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Minutes of the General Meeting

January 27, 2020

Meeting Host/Location:

Public Safety Building Community Room, City of Grand Prairie Emergency Management, 1525 Arkansas Ln. Grand Prairie, TX 75052. A meeting agenda was posted and the proper public notice was given in advance of the meeting.

Meeting Attendees:

Chase Wheeler (Grand Prairie OEM), Rick Esparza (DCHHS), Michael Walker (NTMWD), David McCarty (Parkland Hospital), James Wall (Children's Hospital), Leopoldo Cacho (Gordon Food), Rodrick Jones (DCHSEM), Tonya Hunter (Cedar Hill, Desoto, Duncanville, Lancaster), Sean Palmer (TXDOT), Lauren Trimble (Dallas County), Roy Chirayil (Lions), David Young (DFW), Shunta Anderson (211), Bernardo Salazar (DCHSEM), Victoria Bailey (TRWD), Michael Moore (UP), Kevin Dodge (Mesquite), Eraina Perrin (Baylor), Danny Foreman (NTFB), Vinny Taneja (Tarrant County), Mike Joy (Grand Prairie), Colton Goss (HSEM), Len Willits (FEMA), Gary Sinclair (TCEQ), Claire Nolen (TCEQ), Sunil Paroguli (TCEQ), Will Daughtrey (TCEQ), John Patterson (City of Dallas OEM), Will Allen (City of Burleson), Gary Medesy (TCLEPC), David McCurdy (TCOEM) Lauren Harris Cook (TCOEM), Craig Humphrey (TCPH), William Wessel (TCOEM), Jeff Murray (DHS), Jessica Mason (TCOEM), Walter Aleksick (Ben E Keith Foods), Brandon Chance (SMU), Salvador Ulloa (Ben E Keith Foods), Matt Geller (Dallas Fire), John Howard (BRAKEBUSH), Joseph Byrd (BRAKEBUSH), Rigoberto Crispin (BRAKEBUSH), Robert Berndt (Tarrant County Transportation), Deborah Sutton (THR), Jimmy Stanford (Salvation Army), Greg Cutler (Mansfield OEM), Jonathan Roddy (TXDOT), Jon Hall (FAA), Suzanne Hendrickson (Eules), Kenny Phillips (Colleyville), Alexis Snyder (Richardson OEM), Courtney Spooner (UT Dallas), Angela Dees (UT Dallas), Sam Friar (NTMW), Jen Edwards (Red Cross), Monica Tipton, (TCPH), Scott McGinnis (Gordon Foods), Matthew Amon Gordon Foods), Daniel Ringharsen (GPOEM), Andy Medina (HARCROS), John Stevenson (GPOS), Jordan Serrano (IRVING), Melissa Manning (DISD OEM).

Meeting:

Co-Chair Tonya Hunter called meeting to order at 1:32 p.m., followed by brief introductions of attendees. Ms. Hunter thanked Mr. Chase Wheeler and staff from the City of Grand Prairie Emergency Management Department for hosting the meeting. Furthermore Ms. Hunter introduced Mr. Gary Medesey chair of the Tarrant County LEPC to review their minutes. Dallas County Attendees were given a few minutes to review the minutes from the October 28, 2019 LEPC meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. John Patterson (City of Dallas OEM) and seconded by Mr. Chase Wheeler (City of Grand Prairie). The minutes were approved as written by unanimous consent of the members present.

Ms. Tonya Hunter starts by introducing Bray Fisher from the EPA. Ms. Fisher starts explaining the functions of the RRT (Regional Response Teams). There are 13 RRTs composed of 15 Federal Agencies which include the EPA. The RRTs ensure coordinated, efficient, and effective support of federal, state and local responders. The RRT's are an intergovernmental forum that assist in planning, develop regional contingency plans, and participate in training and exercises. In addition, the RRT's are part of the National Response system (NRS). The NRS ensures that oils and hazardous substance planning and response are effectively managed through its network by providing federal resources to support state and local activities. More information of the NRS is detailed in the NCP, 40 CFR part 300.

Ms. Tonya Hunter thanked Ms. Fisher and introduces Len Willits DHS/FEMA on how IMAAC can help.

Mr. Willits started by providing information on how the Interagency Modeling and Atmospheric Assessment Center (IMAAC) can help emergency responders in a hazardous material release situation. The IMAAC can provide models to characterize the incident; predict the likely course, and manage federal resources. This critical information can help the local responders in the decision making process to protect the public and the environment. These services are available for anyone and it's free of charge. They also assist in exercises and planning throughout the year.

Ms. Tonya Hunter thanked Mr. Willits for his presentation and proceeded to introduce Michael Moore from The Union Pacific Railroad.

Mr. Moore conveyed the Union Pacific Railroad is always available to respond to incidents. In addition, they have their own recovery methods as well as a dispatch center which is available 24-7. They have plans in place for different incidents that may occur. In addition to response and recovery they participate in many prevention methods that include their train carts and equipment. They also participate in many trainings and exercises. He concurs that communication is very important, if you see anything suspicious please report it.

Ms. Tonya Hunter thanked Mr. Moore and introduces Dave McCurdy (Tarrant County).

Mr. McCurdy addressed the Tarrant County LEPC Members on the base plan updates and approvals. Mr. McCurdy introduces the Tarrant County Health Director to provide an update on the Coronavirus.

Ms. Tonya Hunter thanked Tarrant County for updates.

Emergency Management Updates:

Lisa Tatum Brown (DCHSEM) announced the mitigation plan has been submitted to the state. In addition, the Dallas County Managers meeting will be held at the Texas Baptist Men building on February 27, 2020. Also stated she will send out email for dates and times of the future trainings and exercises.

Subcommittee Briefings: Partners

County Animal Response Team (CART): A briefing will be made at next meeting.

Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD): A briefing will be made at next meeting.

Sara Title III Chemical Inventory & Compliance: A briefing will be made at next meeting.

Emergency, HazMAT and Public Safety: A briefing will be made at next meeting.

Disaster Medical Operations Center: A briefing will be made at next meeting.

Technology & Communications: A briefing will be made at next meeting.

Planning, Training & Exercise: A briefing will be made at next meeting.

Public Comments:

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Tonya Hunter, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:07 pm.

Submitted by

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