

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

October 25, 2021

Meeting Host/Location:

Dallas County office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management, 2121 Panoramic Circle 240, Dallas, TX 75212. A meeting agenda was posted and the proper public notice was given in advance of the meeting.

Meeting Attendees:

Bernardo Salazar, Harrell Brown, Randall Miller, Vernetta Kinnard, Charles Elk, Stephanie Nichols, Amanda Johns, David McCarty, Jimmy Stafford, Omar Awan, Colton Goss, Lauren Sachet, Alisha Gimbel, Jen Edwards, Elliot Reep, Nick Van Winkle, Jason Carriere, Rob Medford, Doug Kendrick, Scott Tarzwell, Damara Winfrey, Lisa Tatum Brown, Rachel Rueda, Doug Bass, Gene Paul, Melvin Cirilo, Denisse Martinez, Mason Harness, Jason Block, Lauren Sanchez.

Meeting:

Chair, Bernardo Salazar, called meeting to order at 1:35 p.m., followed by a brief introductions of attendees. Attendees were given a few minutes to review the minutes from the July 26, 2021, LEPC meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Elliot Reep and seconded by Ms. Lauren Sanchez. The minutes were approved as written by unanimous consent of the members present.

Bernardo Salazar introduces first speaker, Mr. Sean Perceful, DHS. Mr. Perceful started by providing an overview on what CFATS (Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards) office does. He continues and stated there's a little over 3200 facilities that his office covers in the region. They have a tier system to measure risks. 124 tier is one being the highest of high-risk in a chemical facility, and tier four being the lowest.

Also, there is a new voluntary program that's being developed to be implemented starting in January of 2022. This will be an outreach support program for the non-regulated facilities. He reported a total of 23 regulated facilities in Dallas County with 115 incidents recorded which include; suspicious activities, photography, loss of chemicals, and cyber issues which are primarily all ransomware attacks.

Mr. Perceful announced trainings and workshops in Region six and will try to hold about five or six workshops in the larger metro area. LEPC attendees were encouraged to reach out with additional questions.

Bernardo Salazar, thanked Mr. Perceful and introduced next guests. Mr. Elliot Reep (City of Carrollton), Robert Medford (City of Irving), Lauren Sanchez (Cedar Hill, De Soto, Duncanville, & Lancaster), Denisse

Martinez (DC HSEM). The Chemical Planning Panel started a discussion and walked the team through the chemical planning process and who might be involved and included in this process. Also, an overview of the CAMEO system was included. Mr. Salazar thanked the team and opened the floor for comments, questions and updates.

Emergency Management updates:

Lisa Tatum Brown, Planning Section Chief, updated LEPC attendees on COVID 19 support with Dallas County Health and Human Services. Also, working on the Domestic Violence Extremism Workshop, more information to come in the spring. Future trainings: G288 Nov 1-2, 2021, G141 January 18-21, 2022, G386 Feb 21-22, 2022, G290 April 13-14, 2022.

There being no further business a motion was made by Ms. Alisha Gimble and 2nd by Ms. Lauren Sanchez and the meeting was adjourned at 2:57pm.

Submitted by:

Chase Alexander, Office Support Clerk II and Rachel Rueda, Administrative Assistant, Dallas County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management.