



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

July 26, 2021

Meeting Host/Location:

Dallas County 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, Will Paiz-Tabash, Andy Medina, Angela Dees, Ashton Urrea, Brad Harris, Charles Cavnor, Charles Elk, Chase Wheeler, CJ Alexander, Clarence Hutchins, Courtney Spooner, Damara Winfrey, Dana Derosett, Daniel Ringhauser, David McCarty, Denise Martinez, Doug Bass, Ervin Taylor, Gene Paul, Hannah Myers, Jaye Cook, Jen Edwards, Jordan Serrano, Kelvin Peay, Ken Moore, Kyle Montgomery, Matt LaMunion, Lauren Sanchez, Lauren Trimble, Lisa Brown, Luke Parten, Marcus Lee, Mariah Phipps-Jack, Mark Cline, Matt Glasscock, Matt Miller, Melvin Cirilo, Michael Walker Jr., Randall Miller, Randy Rose, Right Piggatt, Richard Woods, Rick Esparza, Rigoberto Crispin, Rob Monaghan, Ryan Prusley, Captain Thornton, Scott Tarzwell, Shunta Anderson, Stephanie McKinnis, Steven Bellew, Victor Songer, Zane Kennedy.

Meeting:

Matt Miller welcomes LEPC attendees and reintroduces the LEPC. Denisse Martinez calls for approval of minutes, and Lt. Charles Cavnor approves the motion.

Matt Miller introduces the first speaker, Chief Lynum from the National Transportation and Safety Board. Chief Lynum began the presentation with a discussion on the history of the five-member board and its current members. The Independent Safety Board Act of 1974 established the board to investigate and determine facts, circumstances, and probable cause during pipeline incidents. The board's investigative process consists of four pieces: On-Scene, Factual, Analysis, and Report. Investigators collect field notes during the On-Scene phase and followed by a technical review in the investigation's Factual component. Non-NTSB parties with relevant subject matter experts to the investigation may make submissions during the Analysis piece, and the board will then publish the report with its safety recommendations. Chief Lynum also discussed two regional incidents, the June 2021 Farmerville, TX Natural Gas Explosion and the 2018 Dallas Atmos Explosion Findings Report. The entire Dallas Atmos report is available for download at the NTSB website here: <https://www.nts.gov/investigations/AccidentReports/Reports/PAR2101.pdf>. LEPC attendees were encouraged to reach out to Chief Lynum with additional questions.

Bernardo Salazar, Hazardous Materials Planner for the Dallas County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, presented a current project with Dallas Hazmat and Dallas' Office of Fire Prevention. Hazmat Captain Ryan Thornton and Lt. Gil Padilla participated in answering questions and providing additional information. The project focused on incorporating TIER II data with existing tools to provide accurate and timely information on chemical hazards during Hazmat calls and pre-incident planning efforts by the Fire Prevention Office. Moving forward with project findings and recommendations requires approval at a higher level. The project is still pending.

Will Paiz-Tabash, Tech Hazards Planner for the Texas Department of Emergency Management, presented the Technological Hazards Program updates. The program focuses on three areas: Waste Isolation Pilot Project (WIPP), Agreement in Principle (AIP), and Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP). Updates from the WIPP programs include year-to-date shipment counts (22), projected shipments through January 2022 (24), and a possible exercise in Abilene, TX. For AIP updates, Tech Hazards continues coordinating with TXDOT, local, and State LEOs on an Incident Traffic Plan in case of a radiological incident involving Pantex. Tech Hazards closes the HMEP the Year 2 grant cycle focused on Training in September, with Planning expanding into Year 3.

LEPC members should reach out with Provides additional information for members to contact or connect with

Emergency Management updates:

Lisa Tatum Brown, Planning Section Chief, updated LEPC attendees on COVID 19 support with Dallas County Health and Human Services, including the Fair Park Mega Center closure and ongoing support of popup sites. Other DC HHS updates include supporting their response to West Nile and the Monkey Pox incident. Lisa also provided updates on upcoming training opportunities on Rapid Needs Assessment, ICS/EOC Interface, Mass Fatality, and Public Information Officer. On plans, DC OSHM continues working on several projects, including the County's Animal Response Plan, Volunteer Reception, Regional Hurricane Planning, and Cybersecurity.

Matt Miller opened the floor for public comments. Chase Wheeler, Grand Prairie EM, is planning an in-person refresher with the Interagency Modeling and Atmospheric Assessment Center (IMAAC) to review the IMAAC's capabilities and resources available during an incident. Bernardo offered to help Grand Prairie with any additional support for the in-person training. Location not determined, and Chase will provide updates.

Stephanie McKinnis provided an update on current WEEKLY COVID-19 calls.

There being no further business a motion was made by Chase Wheeler and Lt. Charles Cavnor and the meeting was adjourned at 3:01pm.

Submitted by:

Bernardo Salazar, Hazardous Material Planner, Dallas County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management.