



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

January 25, 2021

Meeting Host/Location:

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

Meeting Attendees: Charles Cavnor, Alexis Snyder, Andy Medina, Angela Dees, Ann Adams, Ann Ratliff, Brandi Lara, Brandon Wright, Chance Huxtable, Charlie Salazar, Cindy Carlo, Daria Palacios, David McCarty, David Young, Doug Bass, Elissa Dawson, Ervin Taylor, Gregory Glover, Jake Hempstead, James Wall, Jen Edwards, Jerry Duffield, Jimmy Stanford, John Bullock, Jon Hall, Joseph Byrd, Lauren Sanchez, Lisa Brown, Melanie Carlsen, Melody Moore, Melvin Cirilo, Mike Luna, Lupe Garza, Peggy Scott, Randy Rose, Rigoberto Crispin, Robert de Los Santos, R. Woods, Scott Tarzwell, Shawna Turner, Shunta Anderson, Stephanie Nichols, Steven Bellew, Suzanne Wada, Tanisha Skinner, Tim Dedear, Vinay Jalalpuram, Wayne Kilmer, Will Paiz-Tabash.

Meeting:

Mr. Bernardo Salazar called meeting to order at 1:31 p.m., Mr. Salazar started by thanking everyone for participating in the 2nd virtual Dallas County LEPC meeting. Attendees were given a few minutes to review the minutes from the October 29, 2020 LEPC meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. John Bullock (University of North Texas Dallas) and seconded by Doug Kendrick (City of Sunnyvale). The minutes were approved as written by unanimous consent of the members present.

Mr. Matthew Miller (Dallas Federal Reserve) starts by introducing first speaker Ms. Ann Adams. Ms. Adams starts her presentation on the TIER II submission process. Every year, facilities meeting thresholds for hazardous materials on site must report to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Facilities must report if they have 10,000 pounds for the first threshold and if they have one of the more hazardous materials listed on the TCEQ website, the threshold is much lower. The program started in 1986 and moved to TCEQ in 2006. TCEQ is required to keep the reports for 30 years and the information is confidential but available to the LEPC, Fire Departments, and Emergency Managers. Emergency Contact information, along with location of the hazardous chemical and how it's stored on site, are reported in the TIER II. Rules and laws can be accessed on the TCEQ website under the "About Section." Recently, filing fees increased for facilities have gone up. This does not concern the emergency management community. The public may request access to TIER II reports, and government officials can create an account to access the data through the STEERS program. To receive access to the database,

you will need to email Tier2Help@tceq.texas.gov to receive verbiage to send on letterhead to email on PDF and needs to be signed by Judge, Fire Chief, or Emergency Management Coordinator and each individual will need to have their own STEERS Account. They go to an individual, not to an organization. They will ask for id or an agreement. If a participant does not want an account, they email the help desk to request data; they will verify by seeing an official email, they may ask for specific sites or whole counties/zip codes.

Mr. Miller thanked Ms. Adams, and introduces Mr. Charles Cavnor (Dallas Fire Rescue)

Lt Cavnor starts his presentation on resources available to first responders for chemical related incidents. He'll start by discussing two data products: The Interagency Modeling and Atmospheric Assessment Center (IMAAC) and Airborne Spectral Photometric Environmental Collection Technology (ASPECT), an EPA resource. He'll follow with a brief review of emerging technical assistance through the Operations Support Specialist and wrap with a discussion of leading-edge technology in Incident management. The IMAAC offers high-fidelity dispersion modeling and hazard prediction modeling and can be activated within 30 minutes through email notification. The IMAAC is a partnership with DTRA, DoE, DOD, EPA, NOAA, NRC, etc. Any incident that is federalized or has federal assets deployed will utilize IMAAC as the official modeling for decision-making by adding more context to a single image (scale, impacted population, and hazard. Additionally, IMAAC accounts for topographical and meteorological impacts on the incident. ASPECT (Airborne Spectral Photometric Environmental Collection Technology) an EPA asset that provides real-time chemical/radiological detection, including infrared and photographic imaging capabilities. Plane located in Denton, TX and can deploy within one hour and anywhere in CONUS within 9 hours. Uses infrared spectrometry to identify and quantify chemical plume composition.

FEMA CBRN Headquarters identified the need to have Incident Commanders or EOC leadership request a specialist in Chemical, Biological & Radiological specialists for incident response to assist in translating technical data into a useable format and give guidance in unique situations. The Operational Support Specialist will be a single resource within the FEMA Resource Typing Library (RTL). A requestor could also request several OSS to form an OSS Strike Force (with some lower-level OSS and one higher level as a leader). Guidance might include PPE recommendations, just-in-time training for responders, knowledge of regulatory compliance, decontamination methodologies, sampling, data collection and interpretation, first responder and civilian health monitoring applications, subject matter expert for a specific incident type.

The CBRN Responder is a secured online platform that allows for data sharing at an incident between partner agencies to document personnel locations, monitor readings, and monitors used. IMAAC requests can be performed through CBRN Responder. Organizational level profiles can be created to manage equipment & data input. There are "Mission Specific" tools used by the Ross, COSS & BOSS- namely Rad-Responder, Chem-Responder, and eventually Bio-Responder. However, CBRN responder can operate as a one-stop Responder network for Radiological, Chemical, and Biological incident response data sharing.

LEPC Updates:

Mr. Salazar stated that he completed distribution to Dallas County jurisdictions that placed an order for books, extra books in English or Spanish available. In addition, the Dallas County LEPC only accepts a copy of the Tier Two report in a zipped file (no PDFs).

For additional information, contact the Dallas County LEPC - bernardo.salazar@dallascounty.org.

Emergency Management Updates:

Ms. Lisa Tatum Brown from Dallas County Emergency Management provided an update:
We are continuing to support the Vaccination Locations. The County Animal Support team has a new chair - Courtney Gustafson (SPCA).

Subcommittee Briefings: Partners

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 Mr. Matthew Miller, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:03pm.

Submitted by

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