



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

July 25, 2022

Meeting Host/Location:

Grapevine Public Safety Building, Fire Department Training Room, 1007 Ira E Woods Ave Grapevine, TX 76051. A meeting agenda was posted, and the proper public notice was given in advance of the meeting.

Meeting Attendees:

Bernardo Salazar, Charles Cavnor, CJ Alexander, David McCarty, Denise Martinez, Doug Bass, Ervin Taylor, Gene Paul, Luke Parten, Rigoberto Crispin, Rob Monaghan, Scott Tarzwell, A. Meneses, I. Uceda, Mike Whitehead, Brittany McMillen, Adam Traylor, Collin Willingham, Ryan Randell, Rachel Rueda, William Wessel, Kevin Dodge, Madison Sims, Justin Cox, Carlos Gamez, Brian Owoseni, Leopoldo Camacho, Brandi Lara, Kenny Phillips, Ervin Taylor, Patrick Brady, Lina Sanders, John Howard, C. Crump, Alexis Snyder, Taylor Gaunt, David McCarty, Joshua Tincopa, Patrick Wise, Suzanne Hendrickson, Maya Shaw, Randy Renois, Tom Bradshaw, Jessica Dupree, Preston Bates, Doug Kendrick, Felicia Chavez, Phyllis Jones, David Gonyea, Bethany Hutchings, John Bullock, Tim Dedear, Sandra Long, Caroline Lewis, Joseph Laster, Griffin Saltron, Nadia Avalos, Esmeralda Sanchez, Maribel Martinez, Jason Block, Travis Houston.

Meeting:

Bernardo Salazar welcomes LEPC attendees and introduces T.J. the Emergency Coordinator for the City of Grapevine. Mr. TJ provides the attendees a rundown of their facility. Rachel Rueda from Dallas County calls for approval of minutes, and Lt. Charles Cavnor and Sandra Long approves the motion. In addition, William Wessel from Tarrant County LEPC, calls to order for his team as well.

Bernardo Salazar introduces the first guest speaker, Ms. Maya Shaw, from Plano Technology Services. Ms. Shaw works with data and GIS's and starts by talking about the challenges we have trying to get Tier II data and making sure is accurate. Ms. Shaw has been building a one stop shop interactive tool and be ready to use in case of an emergency. It's still a working process, but she has managed to incorporate outdoor weather sirens, hospitals, schools, Tier II data, and many other tools that can be useful. With the Tier II data incorporated in the system, it will provide locations where extremely hazardous substances are and will be able to provide contact information. Ms. Shaw gladly provided her contact information and is exited to work with everyone.

Bernardo Salazar Introduces second guest, Mr. David Gonyea, from DHS, (CISA) Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency. Mr. Gonyea starts by speaking about the persistent and continuing threat that our chemical facilities face and the significant amount of death and injuries this could cause. CISA is a security regulation geared towards chemical facilities that possess certain dangerous chemicals.

They work with the facilities to help them put a security plan and a security posture. In addition, they make and follow up on inspections. Also, Mr. Gonyea invited everyone to participate in training and drills that are free of cost.

Third guest speaker was not available due to an emergency.

Emergency Management updates:

William Wessel, from Tarrant County asked its local jurisdictions if they have cooling stations available for the public to please let them know.

Scott Tarzwell, from Dallas County wanted to mention they are looking at options for a new EOC for Dallas County. In addition, the Operations Chief position that is currently open and encouraged folks to apply. Upcoming trainings and classes will be available in the next several months, copy of classes were printed and were available to the guests.

Bernardo Salazar opened the floor for public comments. No comments.

There being no further business a motion was made by Charles Cavnor and the meeting was adjourned at 2:58pm.

Submitted by:

Rachel Rueda, Administrative Assistant, Dallas County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management.