

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

July 7, 2015

Trinity Manufacturing

Present: Donna Wright, Bob Smith, Karen Messana, Andy Borgstrom, Todd Barnes, Belinda Furby, Priscilla Godfrey, Cynthia Bradley, Melanie McLaurin, John Parsons, Lee Butler, Yancy King, and Holly Haire

Meeting called to order by Donna Wright, Director of Richmond County Emergency Management (RCEM) and a roundtable introduction of the group.

Previous meeting minutes approved as written with a motion by Pricilla Godfrey and a second by Todd Barnes.

Old Business:

- Donna Wright and Holly Haire updated email distribution list for LEPC members; Discussion held about the addition of more names-new list; the email distribution list will continue to be a working document as new addresses are added and the ones removed.
- Donna Wright continues to work with EnviroSafe on the HMEP project; currently the plans for Trinity are in the last stages of updates; after the Trinity plans are completed the plans for CSX and Duke Energy will be finalized; Suburban and Cascades are no longer operational in the county.
- Donna Wright and Yancy King gave an update on the PIO training requested for the area; Yancey stated that Sharon Harris is currently booking the PIO trainings available in this area due to a required exercise they have scheduled; Richmond will be available for such training in the near future; it is a 2 day training and is available to all LEPC members

New Business:

- Holly Haire invited the group to be observers/participants in an Intentional Food Contamination tabletop exercise that is being held July 28, 2015 8:00 am-12:00pm at Richmond County Airport.
- Donna Wright explained that each of the 93 active LEPCs in the state were awarded \$1,104.04 from the remaining Tier II funding collected on the state level; the money must be spent by 12/31/15 and there are a list of spending restrictions; Donna will email a list of spending options for the group to decide how the money should be spend based upon those restrictions.
- Donna Wright proposed that a multi-year training committee be formed to organize the many training exercises that are required amongst the members of the group; it is a 3-5 year plan that brings all partners together to test and exercise emergency plans; there was expressed interest within the group; more details to follow.

HAZ MAT Report for last quarter- Presented by Donna Wright

- 8 Gas Leaks (LP)
- 2 Fuel Spills
- 1 Meth Lab
- 8 Train derailments

Round Table Discussion:

Trinity (Todd, Belinda, Karen and Andy)- continuing to grow in capacity and employees; moving more product by rail now than before; all bulk shipments, no packaging; future goal is to eliminate chlorine gas rail cars and produce on site.

Richmond County Water Treatment (Lee)- operates two plants-one for clarified water for Duke Energy and one for potable drinking water; expansion, upgrades and changes underway.

Richmond Daily Journal (Melanie) - being educated in the many facets of LEPC.

NC Department of Public Safety (Yancy) – explained that the central branch office of Emergency Management is preparing to conduct a THIRA, Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment, and will asking for assistance from LEPC groups.

American Red Cross (Cynthia) – Moore and Richmond County chapter has been updating shelter plans; explained a current ongoing project called Home Fire Preparedness Program that partners with local fire departments to inspect smoke alarms and install alarms where needed.

Richmond County Health Department (Holly) – reminded everyone about the upcoming intentional contaminated food tabletop exercise; a full scale exercise is planned for the winter.

Piedmont Natural Gas (John) – explained that their company controls three major pipelines that run through the county; local facility is expanding, currently they have an 80 seat resource facility that may be available for LEPC meetings; they also have a training facility designed to train responders in the event of gas fires.

FirstHealth Richmond Memorial Hospital (Priscilla) – facility continues to exercise emergency plans independently and as partnerships; has removed color coded language from paging responses, now uses plain language when calling codes.

Richmond County Emergency Management (Donna and Bob) – spoke of how quickly she was able to get the EPA to respond to a glue spill that was identified by the local fire chief during an incident.

Next meeting October 6, 2015; tentatively Piedmont Natural Gas

Meeting adjourned.

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