



Mobile County Local Emergency Planning Committee

Mobile County LEPC Minutes from April 20, 2023 Meeting

Attendees:

Jack Busby	Brent Parker - Nouryon
Reggie Norton – Mobile Fire & Rescue	Lee Booker – Univar Solutions
Ronnie Adair – MCEMA	Micah Miller – Saraland Fire & Rescue
Sherry Crush - MCEMA	Jennifer Tremayne – Mobile Chamber
Doug Cooper - MCEMA	Kevin McGill - Third Coast
Leola Chaney – MCEMA	Leon Dixon - Amvac
Laticia Fultz - MCEMA	Anthony Lovitte - Saraland Fire
Philip Culver – Mobile Paint	Mitch Davis - AdvanSix/US Amines
Mark Smith - Evonik	Richard Bruns – John Hopkins University
Dirk Young- MCEMSD	
Debbie Bryars - USA	
Lee Hefferman - Third Coast/Chandeleur Pipeline	
Connie Buskness - EVONIC/South Mobile Industrial Assoc.	

- Meeting called to order at 1:00pm
- Introductions were made of those in attendance.
- **Guest Speaker – Mr. Richard Bruns, John Hopkins University (via Zoom)**
 - Mr. Bruns would like to interview individuals regarding the healthcare community in relation to protecting critical infrastructure as well as to discuss concerns about how the healthcare industry's ability to respond to the needs of the public in a situation such as COVID (or worse) could suffer to the point that services and critical infrastructure would be compromised.
 - In addition to concerns, he would like to hear about lessons learned, shared best-practices, and discuss risk(s) and vulnerability.
 - *Sherry Crush (MCEMA) will receive his email contact information and links to the Center for Health Security for additional information.*

Financial Report:

- Balance: \$2,759.37 (No changes from previous month)

Approval of Minutes:

- Motion to approve the minutes made by Doug Cooper (MCEMA) and seconded by Sherry Crush (MCEMA); minutes approved.

Old Business:

- **Creation of an All-Hazard Advisory Group/Status of THIRA**
 - Doug Cooper (MCEMA) discussed the need for an All-Hazard Advisory Group and their need to assist with addressing issues identified in the THIRA per information received back through the REDCAP survey.
- **Results of REDCAP survey**
 - Kim Bouler (MCEMA) is working to apply values from RedCap Survey to those considering the impact on various components to determine vulnerabilities.
- **Status of a County Wide Mutual Aid Agreement**
 - Doug Cooper gave an update on the County-Wide Mutual Aid Agreement stating that the agreement is now with the League of Municipalities for legal review and if approved, would be presented to the various member jurisdictions and the County Commission for approval.
- **Status of Grant Opportunities**
 - Jack Busby announced again the Pipeline Safety Grant for HazMat projects that required no cost share match.
- **Stakeholder Needs**
 - Needs were addressed with the invitation to come to the committee and MCEMA with needs for training and exercises and community building through information sharing. Kim Bouler (MCEMA) shared her business card with two industry representatives who were interested in upcoming classes, attending the ICS300 & 400 classes, and having the EMA participate in their upcoming exercise.
- **Organizing Subcommittees/ Representatives tabled from January Meeting**
 - Law Enforcement
 - North Industrial Group
 - Utilities
 - Public Works
 - *No response(s) to the request for Subcommittee representatives for the above mentioned committees were received.*
 - *Without response, this has been tabled again until the July meeting and the need to replace two representatives named in April's meeting that have since vacated the nomination.*

New Business:

- Organizing Subcommittees for Rules rewrite and organizing a nominations committee for leadership elections at December 2023 meeting
 - The need to organize subcommittees for "Rules" rewrite and leadership elections were discussed.
 - The rules now in place regulating the LEPC are approximately 20 years old and do not effectively convey the intent of what we would like the committee to be today and to address changes to the mission.
 - There was a call for a parliamentarian to step up or be invited to the July meeting who would assist with the Election of Officers to take place in December.

- The importance of this was stressed as the committee is expected to have a greater participation input in future planning processes.
- Feedback on ADEM TIER 2 Class
 - Feedback received was said to be impressive and informative.
- LEPC Meeting Minutes on MCEMA Website
 - Meeting minutes are available for review on the MCEMA website under the EVENT SCHEDULE tab on the event itself. MCEMA is in the process of having improvements made to the website and LEPC will have our own section with minutes, reports, and announcements available.
 - Today's approved minutes should be up on today's event and J. Busby will make an announcement when upgrades to the MCEMA website are made for LEPC access to minutes and such.

Upcoming Training, Tours and Drills:

- MCEMA is open for hosting training courses and opportunities for development.
 - Calendar is posted online on MCEMA website with schedule of events.
 - CEU's are available during these FREE classes along with professional development certifications.
 - Please share with your organization as MCEMA would like to increase participation and are still trying to get the word out about these opportunities.
- Upcoming TEEX Courses
 - June 13-14: Medical Management of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosives @ MCEMA
- ICS 300/400 class @ MCEMA - June 12th – 16th

Incidents

- There was no significant incident information to report according to NRC and Ops Center Reporting. It was noted that the most significant incident was the Rig associated fire in Mobile Bay that occurred between the two meetings.

Motion to Adjourn

1st – D. Cooper, 2nd – L. Fultz

Next Meeting: July 20th at 1pm at the MCEMA building.