



Cass County
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
Meeting Minutes
May 3, 2023 at 6pm

Meeting scheduled to be held at the office of the Cass County Emergency Management Agency, 1227 N SR 17, Logansport, IN 46947

- I. CALL TO ORDER by Rocky Buffum, President
 - a. MEMBERS PRESENT: Phil Dials, Randy Pryor, Elis Pomales Morales, Robert Wydock, Rocky Buffum, Felicity Perez-Nuscis, Herb Detrick, Dan Musselman, April Fillmore, Thomas Pritts, Dusty Frey, Ed Schroder, Mike Deitrich, Jeff Smith
 - b. MEMBERS ABSENT: Brady Wiles, Rick Bair, Jeff Smith
 - c. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT: Don Howard
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING
 - a. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the previous meeting by Randy Pryor, which was seconded by Herb Detrick. Unanimously approved on a motion duly made and seconded.
- III. 2023 DELIVERABLES (with Due Dates)
 - a. Rocky Bufum reported the following items have already been completed and uploaded to the state reporting site:
 - i. Legal Notice/Meeting Schedule Report (January 31)
 - ii. Roster Report (March 1)
 - iii. Fiscal Report and Auditors Report (March 1)
 - iv. Bylaws Report (March 1)
 - v. Exercise Proposal (May 1)
 - vi. Exercise Final Report (30 days after exercise)
 1. We held a Tabletop as well as a Full Scale
 2. 29 attended the tabletop and 26 attended the Full Scale
 - b. Meeting Minutes (2 months after meeting)
 - i. Minutes of the previous meeting were uploaded following the last meeting. We have two more meetings this year and need to have a quorum at one of them to be compliant (however having a quorum at both would be even better).
 - c. HAZMAT PLAN (Due October 17)
 - i. Rocky Buffum and Felicity Perez-Nuscis attended the IDHS Tier II Workshop in Lafayette. The county piece of the plan has been uploaded. The final piece is to go into each site and draw hazard zones and map shelters and other resources to sites. At the time of the workshop this feature was not working and none of the counties were able to save their work in the system. The IDHS Staff present indicated they would be calling the vendor about it. We do not yet have a fix date. Rocky Buffum reported he is eager to get the plan finished and out to the committee for review and approval. He voiced frustration with the holdup.
- IV. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. HAZMAT Technician Course
 - i. Rocky Buffum reported the HAZMAT Technician course wrapped up in March. The county has 8 new HAZMAT Technicians and one has already gone to the Security and Emergency Response Training Center in Colorado to obtain Specialist certification.

- b. Pipeline Course
 - i. The University of Findlay Pipeline Security for Rural Communities Course was held on March 11 at Logansport Fire Department. 24 attended.
 - c. Anhydrous Ammonia Response Workshops
 - i. Emergency Management was able to secure community support to purchase single gas anhydrous ammonia meters and conduct trainings with the departments that will host them. In addition to EMA's two PID meters we now have single gas meters at Lucerne, Cass County Fire District 1, Walton, Galveston and Young America Fire Departments.
 - ii. We do not yet have meters at Logansport, New Waverly, Twelve Mile, Royal Center or Georgetown Fire Departments, however they are available thru automatic aid partners now as well as Emergency Management.
 - iii. Mike Dietrich asked what it would take to get meters to each department. Rocky Buffum replied additional funding. Dusy Frey indicated if a proposal is submitted Koch Fertilizer might be able to help. Rocky Buffum will put a proposal together for submission.
 - iv. 44 personnel attended the workshops
 - d. Propane Course
 - i. The propane class discussed at the last meeting has been scheduled for July 1 at Clymers. King Oil will be donating 200 gallons of propane to make it possible. Rocky Buffum indicated he would like to get representation from as many fire departments as possible so they can assist with deployment of new equipment when it is needed. Extra flyers are printed and on the bulletin board if anyone would like to take some back to their home agency.
 - e. Any other old business
 - i. Rocky Buffum provided a summary of training hours for the first four months of the year. Rocky Buffum thanked the LEPC for their role in making these trainings possible.
- V. New Business
- a. Recent Activity Report
 - i. Rocky Buffum reported their have been two substantive HAZMAT responses since the last meeting. He discussed an Aluminum Dross Fire on US25 near Logansport Road, as well as a compost spill that happened today.
 - b. Any Other New Business
 - i. Koch Nitrogen reported they need to change their Proxy. Information was provided so the roster can be updated.
 - ii. Koch will be holding their emergency response exercise in the third quarter of the year.
- VI. Public Questions and Comments
- VII. Adjournment
- a. Herb Detrick made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Ed Schroder. Unanimously approved on a motion duly made and seconded.

NEXT MEETING: August 2, 2023 at 6pm

Respectfully submitted,



Rocky Buffum