
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Regular Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 9, 2023, 12:00 PM

Harrigan Centennial Hall, 300 Harbor Drive

A. CALL TO ORDER

Craig Warren called to order the meeting of February 9, 2023, at 12.01pm

B. ROLL CALL

(Quorum established by at least one member present from four different categories.)

Present:

Category 2: Craig Warren, Chair, (SFD)

Category 3: Becky Meiers, LEPC PIO (KCAW)

Category 4: Mim McConnell, Amy Zanuzoski (Sitka Counseling) Arrived 12.05pm

Category 5: Trish White, LEPC Vice President

Category 6: Mary Ann Hall (Retired Medical Technologist), Joel Hanson

Category 7: Jennifer Klejka, LEPC Coordinator (SFD)

Absent:

Category 1: Kevin Mosher (Assembly Liaison)

Category 2: George Bennet Jr. (SEARHC), Shannon Freitas (SEARHC), Geraldine Laux (TSA), Robert Baty (Police Chief), Lance Ewers (SPD)

Category 4: Justin Mullenix

Category 5: Scott Wagner (NSRAA)

Category 6: Robert Hattle

Others Present:

Chris Turner, LEPC Secretary (SFD)

Karl Muench (SFD)

Crystal Duncan (Deputy Assembly Liaison)

Darryl Ault (SHARK President)

C. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS (Visitors &/or New Members, if any)

Chief Warren discussed that some members will be receiving notices for membership renewal from the deputy clerk. Mim McConnell announced that she will not be renewing her seat on the LEPC. She was thanked by all members for her service.

Chief Warren announced that Karl Muench will be the new LEPC secretary and is shadowing Chris Turner for today's meeting.

D. AGENDA CHANGES

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mim McConnell approved the minutes for January 12, 2023. Joel Hanson seconded the motion.

F. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

G. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) Report: SHARK member Darryl Ault gave report as the President of the SHARK club. He discussed the background that the group was founded in 2017 with 3 members and now has 37. They are not CB radios and require FCC licensing. The goal of the organization is a communications trailer that can be utilized during emergencies. The group have all the equipment for it but are currently fundraising for the trailer. They predict it will cost 8 to 10 thousand dollars and are currently about half way there. More information can be found on their Facebook page. Chief Warren talked about how valuable these resources were during hurricane Katrina.
2. Broadcast Communications Update
Becky Meiers discussed the public safety announcements and that they are looking for more input from the LEPC. KCAW have also received a donation from the Murdoch Charitable Trust for new wind and solar energy at their transmitter sites which will allow as much power at these transmitters as the FCC allows.

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Hazmat Report
Jennifer Klejka says that the HAZMAT trailer has moved to the fire department

- for maintenance and training and there are no active HAZMAT incidents.
2. Public Information Officer (PIO) Report
Becky had already covered this topic in section G item 2.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. Oil and Hazardous Substances Emergency Operations Plan

Chief Warren discussed that this is the next EOP to be reviewed and he wants LEPC input. He says he wants the plans to be easy to follow and mostly that anyone can find the information within the plan easily.

Joel Hanson had a list of notes for this plan which was handed to Chris Turner

J. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Joel Hanson had reviewed our EOP's and said nothing jumped out at him as needing changing quickly. He had reviewed other EOP's from different jurisdictions and said a lot of other plans have a volunteer and donation annex and wants to see if we can add that to our EOP's. Chief Warren said he will review this. He says a volunteer team is very useful but needs to check with the city for the city's stance on accepting donations and if this should remain as a third-party interest.

K. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting would be March 9, 2023, at noon in Harrigan Centennial Hall.

Jennifer Klejka moved to adjourn the meeting. Seeing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 12.30pm.