

CITY OF WILMINGTON
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING
July 13th, 2007

Convened as the local emergency Planning Committee for the City of Wilmington.

The LEPC staff meeting was held on July 13, 2007 at the Public Safety Building 300 N. Walnut Street, Wilmington, Delaware.

The meeting was led by George Giles due to the absence of Chairman Joe DiPinto.

Co-Chairman Giles relayed to the committee that he plans to get together with Mr. DiPinto to discuss how we can get an increase in the participation of the meetings with our business community. Mr. Giles told the committee as you can see we have very low participation at the meetings especially in the summer months.

The minutes from the May meeting were approved as written.

LEPC BUDGET

The FY08 budget lines have been set up. Most of the money from our grant will go to salary but along with other grants etc.

Mr. Giles said that we can approximately get about ten thousand to spend on all of the areas we have, when we include other monies available with grants.

TRAINING

We have received a check from the EPA conference of over three thousand dollars.

Money was distributed among

LEPC's which participated in the conference last year. This money will be put towards this year's conference for anyone who would like to attend. Travel expenses will be more this year since the conference is in Pittsburg.

Three of our members attended the IAFC Hazmat conference in Hunt Valley. No reports are back at this time.

Margie will remind the participants of their reports.

EDUCATION & OUTREACH

We always try to find different ways to get out as much material on Education and Outreach as possible.

If anyone has anything coming up that we can participate please call the OEM.

We participated in Public Safety Day at Rodney Square with the Wilmington Police Department and The Wilmington Fire Department along with Delmarva handing out material on the LEPC as well as safety material.

We will participate in National Night Out in August.

Participated along with the state CERT in classes for Bank of America and the Wilmington Housing Group.

We will participate with New Castle County in April of next year with a conference held here in Delaware.

We have also done several presentations to business and community groups on sheltering in place and evacuation due to an incident. It was strongly enforced that we can not evacuate during a chemical hazard and put people directly into the exposure.

DECON

We are fortunate to report no responses this last period.

There was an incident yesterday at the Chase Bank which involved a powder substance found. The substance was tested and showed a response that the local jurisdiction was not happy with so a chemist and DNREC were called for further examination and testing. The substance proved to be non -threatening.

SITE VISITS

Mr. Ostrand reported that 5 sites were visited and all of the reports have been completed. They visited our Waste Water Treatment Plant and everything seems to be in place. DelEasi met with the proper individuals and they are all well aware of the plan in place. This is still a hazardous business however they do not use Chlorine anymore and can really be moved off of the EHS status.

Mr. Ostrand reported the Noramco has a lot of different EHS substances but are well managed.

It was suggested that we have a refresher type informal meeting with the EHS business, Delmarva, DelEasi

and the Wilmington Fire Department Battalion Chiefs to discuss with everyone the procedures to follow.
Lunch will be provided.

OLD BUSINESS

Upon the recommendation of John Sheridan our plan was submitted to the state for approval.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Giles showed the committee the presentation on Evacuation and Sheltering in place.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45.

The next LEPC meeting will be held on September 14th in the multi-purpose room of the Public Safety Building 300 N. Walnut Street.