

**SUSSEX COUNTY  
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2008**

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**Minutes from November 8, 2007-** Approved

**Status Sussex LEPC Chair and Update-** Finance information for FY2006 has been submitted to the SERC Budget Committee for review. An overview presentation of the EPCRA/LEPC program was given to the County Administrator and some of his staff.

**Tier II Manager-** Shannon did a presentation on the capabilities of the Tier II Manager system on how it can be used by first responders. The State is the repository of the information. It's Internet based, and has live data (current) for use by the Fire Departments and other first responders. It's available to the LEPCs, also, for planning. Sussex County needs to be geocoded for plotting. Facilities by county:

Sussex- 503

Kent- 337

New Castle- 816

The program can also do specific searches. The program can accept up to four megabytes for any document, including plot plans.

For those wishing to register with the program (fire departments, EMS, 911 operations, other first responders, county planning personnel), please call Shannon Splittorff at 302-739-9405.

**Delaware South TTX-** The "After Action Report" is in draft form, and Joe has submitted comments.

**Decon-** Tim Cooper discussed the value of CO monitors. Recently purchased units were activated on a recent response. They have also been valuable in response at ice skating rinks.

**Delaware HAZMAT Conference/HMEP funds-** Conference set for April, and registration forms have been sent. DEMA is looking for a good response from industry and first responders. The Fire School will do the training

**Last SERC Meeting-** The SERC plan has been approved with inclusion of DECON and updates for NIMS. A letter was sent to Norfolk Southern and CSX to have dialogue on some questions from the Reichold incident.

**DENS-** System is to be tested in Jan/Feb time period.

**Facility Inspections-** Bob Barrish shared there is a Facility Inspection Process draft that is being reviewed.

**Citizens Corps-** Carl Davis shared an overview of the program. It promotes better trained, informed and prepared citizens. It allows them to participate in responding to an emergency, which in turn reduces the burden on first responders and permits them to focus on critical areas. In 95% of all emergencies, bystanders are the first to help. The program is through DHS, and currently, Milton, Selbyville and Ocean View are using it.

The program is tailored to activities in the community and builds on those strengths. It incorporates fire, law, medical, emergency response, communications and RSVP. It prepares citizens to do initial damage assessment surveys to help stabilize and highlight critical areas. Citizen Corps has supplied weather alert radios to all schools. It gives citizens a greater sense of security and pride.

***NEXT SUSSEX LEPC MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY, MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup> AT 10AM. IT WILL BE AT THE BIDEN CENTER, CAPE HENLOPEN STAT PART, LEWES.***