



**INDIANA EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION (IERC)
TRAINING COMMITTEE**

**Hamilton County Sheriff's Department
18100 Cumberland Road
Noblesville, In 46060**

May 14, 2018

9:00 AM [Start Time: 9:10am]

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bernie Beier—Local Government
Representative, Chair
Ian Ewusi—IDHS
James Greeson—State Fire Marshal

Larry Hamby—Designee for IDHS Executive
Director
Charles Heflin—IDHS
Kassandra Buster—IDHS

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Matt Bilkey—Designee for Superintendent of ISP

The following Commissioners, staff and audience members were present:

Marc Torbeck—IDHS
Madison Roe—IDHS

Kraig Kinney—IDHS
Jeff Larmore—Local Government
Representative

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Mr. Beier welcomed everyone and requested a determination of a quorum.

QUORUM

Ms. Buster indicated a quorum was present.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A motion to accept March 12, 2018, meeting minutes was made by Mr. Hamby and seconded by Mr. Ewusi. No further discussion occurred. All present were in favor.

Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

General Discussion on the Planning & Training Resource List

Ms. Roe recommended including a clause to the LEPC Planning & Training Resource list that permitted

LEPCs to use instructors approved through the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) Fire

Training Section. Mr. Beier reported that the process Ms. Roe mentioned was already in place. He advised that the agenda item was included for the Training Committee to discuss the requirements that LEPCs should use when selecting a vendor or instructor. Mr. Beier recommended that LEPCs choose whom they would like and they should utilize the list as a resource. No further discussion occurred.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Beier reported that over the past week he was informed about a Northern District Regional Exercise planned for November. He reported that IDHS staff approved LEPCs to use this exercise as their 2018 LEPC exercise. Mr. Beier asked Ms. Buster for clarification as the exercise scenario was a transportation incident and not at a fixed facility. Ms. Buster advised that LEPCs were permitted to use the Northern District Regional Exercise as their 2018 exercise if they included an Extremely Hazardous Substance (EHS) or Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) chemical and four supporting agencies and four key agencies. She further reported that she planned to attend a meeting with Ms. Courtney Turner, IDHS State Exercise Program Manager and the District Planning Council (DPC) to explain the LEPC annual exercise requirements. Mr. Beier reported that LEPC exercises should exercise an incident at a facility within the county.

Mr. Beier theorized that if forty LEPCs participated and received credit for this exercise, the exercise would include hundreds of facilities representatives. Ms. Buster clarified that LEPCs could conduct either a fixed facility or a transportation exercise. Mr. Beier noted that he did not agree that LEPCs were permitted to hold transportation exercises. Ms. Buster replied that the exercise Planning Committee was clear that an EHS or CERCLA chemical and four key and four supporting agencies were required to be present at the exercise. Mr. Beier indicated that he felt the Policy-Technical Committee was the committee that discussed approving exercise types, and Mr. Ewusi reported that the matter was still a training issue.

Mr. Beier indicated that the matter was previously discussed, and LEPC exercises needed to involve a fixed facility and not a transportation incident. He argued that transportation exercises only included the on-loading and off-loading of hazardous materials at a fixed facility. Mr. Ewusi agreed and advised that under the state's spill reporting rule and Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) Section 304, accidental releases were mainly at fixed facilities but also involved transportation incidents. Mr. Ewusi reported that when transportation incidents involve EHS or CERCLA chemicals, they were subject to EPCRA Section 304. He explained that a diesel spill would not fall under EPCRA Section 304, but a spill involving sulfuric acid would. Mr. Beier noted that if an LEPC held a transportation exercise year after year, they would not have any contact with facilities in their counties. Mr. Hamby reported that LEPCs pick transportation incidents to avoid communication with facilities in their counties and they were quick and easy. Mr. Beier advised that exercises held at facilities enhanced community resilience. Mr. Ewusi reported the Policy-Technical Committee could vote against transportation incidents to increase LEPCs communication with facilities.

Ms. Buster said that staff recommended LEPCs to communicate with the facilities and staff planned to coordinate a facility outreach program to enhance communication. She also indicated that staff would encourage local fire departments to utilize the Tier II Manager to gain knowledge about chemicals stored at facilities in their communities. Mr. Ewusi stated that the discussion should carry forward to the Policy-Technical Committee and advised that the exercise would not receive credit unless it met LEPC requirements. No further discussion occurred.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Ewusi and seconded by Mr. Hamby. No further discussion occurred. All present were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:26 am.

Motion Carried.

NEXT MEETING

Indiana Government Center, South
302 W Washington Street
Indianapolis, In 46202
September 10, 2018



Bernie Beier, Chair

