

INDIANA EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION (IERC) MEETING
Indianapolis Convention Center
Indianapolis, Indiana
September 14, 2012 12:00 P.M.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Chairman Mike Garvey of the IERC welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for a roll call.

ROLL CALL TO ORDER

Mike Garvey – IDHS Chair	Bruce Palin – IDEM Co-Chair
Sherman Greer – Local Government	Gerri Husband – State Fire Marshal Representative
Dean Larson – Public Representative	James Pridgen – Industry Representative
Carlos Pettiford – Indiana State Police	Shawn French – Industry Representative
Brian Lott – Local Government Representative	J. Eddie Goff – Public Representative

The following Commission members were absent:

Carol Shelby – Public Representative	Roger Powers – Local Government
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The following staff members were present:

John Steel – IDHS	Ian Ewusi – IDHS/IDEM
Mara Snyder - IDHS	Karen Allen - IDHS

The following members of the audience were present:

Duane Davis – Jackson Co.	Lise Crouch – Hendricks Co.
Jerry Nulliner – Indiana Hazmat Alliance	Russ Shirley – LaPorte Co.
John August – Adams Co.	Tom Debaun – Shelby Co.
Jeff Larmore – Marion Co.	Len Helt – Vermillion Co.
Bob Atkins - IU	Sam George – Sam George & Associates
Leonard Helt, Vermillion County	Roger Wolff – LaPorte County
Jeff Hamilton – LaPorte county	Pam Thevenow – Marion County
Mike Schantz – Shelby County	Lise' Crouch – Hendricks County

QUORUM

LEPC Coordinator indicated a quorum was present.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES

A motion to approve and adopt the minutes from the July 9, 2012, meeting was made by Dean Larson and seconded by Mr. Greer. **MOTION CARRIED**

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chairman Garvey welcomed everyone to the meeting and the Indiana Emergency Response Conference.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications Committee—Sherman Greer, Chair

Mr. Greer is pleased with this year's IERC/LEPC conference. We are starting to make preparations for the 2013 conference.

Question on the floor how can we get more people to come to conference? Funding can be used to attend conferences looking at not allowing if not 51% haz-mat content.

Policy/Technical Committee—James Pridgen/Dean Larson, Co-Chairs

Mr. French asked certain questions regarding;

- 1) Members asking about LEPC/IDHS meetings October/November is retreat time.
- 2) How should LEPC be organized in the State and
- 3) What can we do to benefit the state?

We need to focus on taking care of the citizens in Indiana, we have a great deal of money not being tapped.

Allow the State to allocate monies to the compliant LEPC's that are doing their job. Mr. French would like by December 2013 for all LEPCs to be compliant.

Mr. French recommended to build an infrastructure for teleconferences and surveys.

Policy procedures training identified a major lack in paperwork, equipment concerns such as the maintenance of the equipment

Training Committee—Brian Lott, Chair

Motion made by Eddie Goff for recommendation for State Training, second by Bruce Palin, **MOTION CARRIED**

Fiscal Committee—Bruce Palin, Chair

- Funds intact January 2, 2013
- \$78,921.00 being withheld until commission decides on how to spend

Motion made by Dean Larson to accept these reports, second by Brian Lott, **MOTION CARRIED**

OLD BUSINESS

- State Training Ethics training submit dates get instant notification
Motion made by Mr. Goff, second by Mr. Palin, **MOTION CARRIED**
- Indiana State travel requirements, **MOTION TABLED**

NEW BUSINESS

- Chief Lott, suggested allowing LEPCs to pay for their Haz-Mat Alliance dues which is \$200.00 per year and stated members should be free.
- There are 44 active Hazard teams across the State. District 5 Hazmat task force are identifying individuals with skills would like to become more involved with LEPC's, 17 teams have went through the evaluation process. Only compliant counties (LEPC) are entitled to that funding. No criteria established, there is a need for a guidance document.
- Jerry Nulliner with the Indiana Alliance of Hazardous Materials Responders talked to the commission about how the IERC and the Indiana Haz-Mat Alliance could work together in training.

REPORT OF THE FIELD REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Ewusi reported that we attended 14 LEPC meetings in the following counties;

Brown*	Clinton*	Dearborn	Lafayette	Marion	Monroe	Montgomery*
Orange*	Posey	Rush	Spencer	Starke*	Steuben	Vermillion
Washington*						

*Indicates these counties were inactive and are working on becoming compliant

Mr. Ewusi provided his updated report to the following;

The following non-compliant LEPC's have not been responsive to his attempts to bring them into compliance but will continue to reach out to county officials: Receiving no response.

Blackford	Fayette	Newton	Clay	Martin	Scott
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- LEPC Status Table (2005 – 2012 funding years) for this year 2012 there were 73 funded and in compliance.
- Training – Computer-Aided Management of Emergency Operations (CAMEO) class is 5 hours would like to have it for an entire day.

LEPC STATUS 2005-2012

2005 - 68 Compliant 2006 – 70 Compliant 2007 – 72 Compliant 2008 – 73 Compliant

2009 – 63 Compliant 2010 – 68 Compliant 2011 – 71 Compliant 2012 – 73 Compliant

LEPC ONLINE REPORTING

The online reporting system is nearing completion and has been beta tested and will be demonstrating at the conference. Once completed this system will address issues such as LEPC roster changes, ethics training, fiscal reports, HSEEP compliant exercises.

Completion of this system as follows;

1. Refining for the next 2 weeks
2. LEPC for field testing
3. Develop how to document for LEPCs and formally announce use of online reporting
4. Issue/release user-IDs/passwords to all active LEPCs in November
5. Implement January 1, 2013

TRAINING

Emergency Planning and Community Right to know (EPCRA)

- Marshall County - October 2012
- IDEM Emergency Response – October 2012

CAMEO

- Ripley County - September 2012
- IERC Conference – September 2012
- Illinois SERC Conference – September 2012
- White County – Pending

SPILL REPORTS

2 reported spills;

- 1 spill Jefferson County, sodium hydroxide 660 gallons
- 1 spill Vanderburgh County, unreported chemical, unknown quantity

FUNDING

Mr. Ewusi concluded with a funding report for that last 3 years and which counties were funded and who was not funded and for the amounts awarded to compliant, and amounts withheld.

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER APPROVALS

Mr. Ewusi reported that the following 6 counties had submitted new or updated rosters for approval:

Allen Dearborn Miami Monroe Montgomery Shelby

Mr. Larson made a motion to approve the rosters and was seconded by Chief Lott. **MOTION CARRIED.**

LEPC COMMENTS

- John August of Adams County stated letter written over 20 people 6 times per year very active.
- LEPC's move around to different counties, Commission needs to go out and meet with LEPC counties. 8 Districts have at least 1 county that is not compliant.

EPA COMMENTS

No Report

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Gene Gray LEPC/Marshall County how are you going to reach the goals? He has 10 – 11 years as an LEPC for his county and would like to retire but want to see the program succeed.
- Duane Davis suggests using 51% of funding for conferences. Would like LEPC's to create Executive Order Title 3 and enforce statue.

NEXT MEETING

November 13, 2012, 1:00pm
Kosciusko County Justice Building
121 North Lake Street
Warsaw, Indiana

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 2:10 P.M.

Michael Garvey, Chair