

INDIANA EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION (IERC) MEETING
Indiana Government Center South
302 West Washington Street
Indianapolis, Indiana
November 14, 2011 1:00 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
Sherman Greer – Local Government
Brian Lott – Local Government
Shawn French – Industry Representative

Bruce Palin – IDEM
Gerri Husband – State Representative
Roger Powers – Local Government
Eddie Goff – Public Representative

The following Commission members were absent:

Carol Shelby – Public Representative
Brent Johnson - State Representative

Dean Larson – Public Representative
Jim Pridgen – Industry Representative

The following staff members were present:

John Steel – IDHS
Laura Steadham – IDEM

Mara Snyder - IDHS
Ian Ewusi – IDHS/IDEM

The following members of the audience were present:

Becky Waymire – Morgan County
Duane Davis – Jackson County
Ken Woodall – IDHS
Nancy Stevens - IDHS

Jeff Larmore – Marion County
Jim Plum – Jefferson County
Chris Perry – Indiana Dept. of Revenue

QUORUM

LEPC Coordinator indicated a quorum was present

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES

A motion to approve and adopt the minutes from the September 12, 2011, meeting was made by Chief Lott and seconded by Mr. Palin. **MOTION CARRIED**

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chairman Garvey introduced Eddie Goff, the newly appointed public representative to the IERC.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications Committee—Sherman Greer, Chair

Mr. Greer discussed the 2012 Indiana Emergency Response Conference which the Communications Committee will meet in January to start discussing speakers.

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

No Report, will be working on an offsite retreat for the spring of 2012

Training Committee—Brian Lott, Chair

Chief Lott requested to add Ken Rogers to the IERC Training vendor list.
Motion Chief Lott, second by Mr. Greer, **MOTION CARRIED**

Fiscal Committee—Bruce Palin, Chair

No Report

Chief Lott made a motion to accept committee reports, second by Mr. Palin. **MOTION CARRIED**

OLD BUSINESS

Washington-Orange County Separation

Washington County is asking the IERC to approve the separation of the combined Washington Orange County LEPC. They stated that Orange County is not participating in any of the activities. This will take place on January 1, 2012, though Orange County will be funded for 2011.

Chief Lott made a motion to grant this request, and requested Washington County submit a letter to the IERC by the end of the year, second by Mr. Palin, **MOTION CARRIED**

Deadlines

Deadlines for submitting reports for annual funding requirements. The IERC statute is December 31, but the commission could allow up to March 30 and nothing is in statutes allowing extension of reporting dates, the IERC could request a change in statute.

Funding

Chris Perry from the Indiana Department of Revenue presented how the funds are collected, calculated and distributed to the LEPCs.

- Fees are due by March 1 of every year, there are 4,300 filers using the HC500 form
- May 31 certified funds of approximately \$640,000 is available
- 10% to IERC
- \$30,000 is set aside for late filers
- Each county receives a base of \$2,500
- Number of facilities divided by remaining amount, is distributed to counties
- Average of \$73.00 per facility, Number of facilities in a county X \$73.00 + \$2,500

Nancy Stevens from the IDHS Fiscal office ask for any questions regarding budgets and spending plans, and will be coordinating with the State Budget Agency to do an analysis.

It was suggested by commission members, such as reports at every meeting, online reporting, balances in operating account and what is held back, reports on all funds. This will be a topic for the 2012 IERC retreat.

NEW BUSINESS

Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program (HSEEP)

Currently IDHS is moving all exercise requirements to HSEEP. This enables exercises to be built to a national standard. It is required by all Homeland Security Grants and possibly will be required by all federal grants in the future.

Jackson County Funding Request

Duane Davis from the Jackson County LEPC submitted a request to the IERC to be able to use funds to support a county wide mass notification system. This would be a cost share with different entities in the county.

Mr. Ewusi added that Wabash County did the same project as well as Elkhart county supported fit testing and these were one time contributions.

Questions were asked, of who would be taking responsibility of the system, and would this be a onetime payment or would there be annual support. Mr. Davis would bring this up at his next LEPC meeting and will report back to the IERC.

REPORT OF THE FIELD REPRESENTATIVE

Ian Ewusi reported on;

- Roger Wolff Retirement from LaPorte County LEPC
- Elkhart County, LEPC records and equipment moved without consulting the LEPC to the Elkhart County Sheriff Department. A letter is being drafted to release the documents and equipment. We will attempt a meeting before letter is sent.
- CAMEO, conducted CAMEO Training in Miami and Jackson Counties
- EPCRA Reporting Facilities, 97% electronic forms received and will conduct EPCRA reporting workshops around the state.

- Indiana Department of Revenue caught a mistake in calculation and additional funds have been sent to counties that have been under paid. For county's that have been overpaid, that will be adjusted in the following year.

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER APPROVALS

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

Daviess Dearborn Grant Marshall Monroe Switzerland

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

LEPC COMMENTS

Jim Plum of the Jefferson County LEPC, commented on August 8, EPA sent out information for Tier II Reports and that they will be asking for additional information with an emphasis on the Clean Air Act. Mr. Ewusi added this will be discussed at the March 2012 IERC meeting.

EPA COMMENTS

No Report

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Report

NEXT MEETING

January 9, 2012, 1:00pm
Indiana Government Center South Conference Room 17
Indianapolis, Indiana

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 3:40 P.M.

Michael Garvey, Chair