



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

Intelliplex Conference Center

2154 Intelliplex Drive

Shelbyville, Indiana 46176

November 13, 2017, 9:00am [Start Time: 9:05am]

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeff Larmore—Local Government Representative, Chair
Ian Ewusi—IDHS
Tracy Smith—IDHS
James Pridgen—Business/Industry Representative
Matt Bilkey—Designee for Superintendent of ISP
Becky Waymire—Morgan County LEPC

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Shawn French—Business/Industry Representative
Stephanie McKinney—Gibson County LEPC

The following Commissioners, IDHS staff and audience members were present:

Bernie Beier—IERC Commissioner
James Greeson—State Fire Marshal
Charles Heflin—IDHS
Justin Guedel—IDHS
Krystal Hackney—IDHS
Larry Hamby—Designee for IDHS Executive Director
Marc Torbeck—IDHS
Alex Straumins—IDHS
Kassandra Buster—IDHS

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Mr. Larmore welcomed everyone to the Communications Committee meeting and requested determination of a quorum.

QUORUM

Ms. Buster indicated a quorum was present.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A motion to accept the September 20, 2017, meeting minutes was made by Ms. Smith and seconded by Ms. Waymire. No further discussion occurred. All present were in favor.

Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business on the agenda for this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

2017 EMAI/IERC Conference

Mr. Larmore thanked everyone for attending the 2017 EMAI/IERC Conference. He provided two handouts; one with survey response rates and the second included holding a Tuesday session at next year's EMAI/IERC Conference. Mr. Larmore reported that the West Texas Fertilizer Plant Explosion presentation received a high response for both days and he reported that the LEPC 101 was good but needed improvement. Ms. Waymire commended Mr. Pridgen for conducting the award ceremony and Mr. Larmore thanked him for presenting the awards in his place. Ms. Waymire suggested changing the name of the LEPC 101 as a method to arouse the audience. Mr. Larmore suggested holding breakout sessions and Mr. Ewusi advised that IDHS could hold breakout sessions on Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) grants and CAMEO training. Mr. Pridgen suggested that the Indiana State Police (ISP) and the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) be invited to give presentations.

Mr. Larmore discussed the Marion County 911 system and how Geographic Information System (GIS) data was stored into the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system. Mr. Bilkey reported that ISP had issues with GIS mapping across the state and he also reported that most state troopers used google map instead of relying on their CAD system. Mr. Pridgen suggested requesting ISP discuss GIS and their mapping system at the next conference.

Mr. Pridgen reported that drones were an area of concern and Mr. Larmore reported that responders could request restricted air space and the Marion County LEPC has listed the procedure in their Hazmat Plan. Mr. Larmore also reported that there were too many agencies using drones and they could crowd the air space. He also reported that another issue was who had authorization to use drones during incidents.

Mr. Pridgen reported that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) could monitor certain air space when individuals operated drones and he advised that in Columbus, Indiana there were cameras that could zoom in up to one mile. Mr. Larmore suggested that the committee could further discuss air space and regulations with drones in 2018. Mr. Pridgen reported that with helicopters, first responders must call the tower in delta air space to request air space restrictions and he advised that drones were not permitted to exceed 500 feet in the air. He also reported that drone operators must receive permission to fly over facility incidents or transportation spills. Mr. Larmore suggested creating a standardized language that included adding drone restrictions over incidents in LEPC plans. No further discussion occurred.

Spill Card

Mr. Larmore asked staff on the status of the spill card and Ms. Smith reported that the spill card was still in the development stage.

2018 IERC Communication projects 2018

Facility Tours

Mr. Larmore wanted to take a few moments to discuss the 2018 communication projects and ways the committee could become more active. Ms. Smith reported that staff was currently conducting Tier II facility tours. Mr. Larmore asked who attended the tours and Ms. Smith reported that the SARA team and the Hazmat field staff were attending the tours together. Mr. Larmore asked how staff chose the facilities and Ms. Hackney advised that staff contacted one facility per district and six (6) tours were scheduled. Ms. Waymire suggested inviting the Morgan County LEPC when a tour was scheduled in their county and Mr. Larmore suggested that staff invite all LEPCs when tours were scheduled in their counties. Mr. Larmore asked the focus of the tours and Ms. Hackney advised that staff were touring the entire facility and were reviewing Safety Data Sheets (SDS) sheets and emergency plans. Ms. Waymire acknowledged that the tours were an excellent opportunity for LEPCs to learn more about the facilities in their counties. Mr. Larmore suggested reaching out to LEPCs for suggestions on which facilities to tour and he suggested offering a recognition award to be given to facilities that provide outstanding tours. No further discussion occurred.

LEPC Outreach

Ms. Buster reported that staff have been recommending that LEPCs set up booths at their county fairs as a community outreach tool. Mr. Larmore suggested having an IERC booth set up at the Indiana State Fair in 2018 and Mr. Hamby reported that due to funding issues over the last five (5) years the IDHS booth has not been set up at the Indiana State Fair. Mr. Larmore suggested that setting up booths would be a 2018 project and he advised that the committee would support LEPCs with setting up booths or with any other suggestions regarding communications. Mr. Larmore asked for any further discussion. No further discussion occurred.

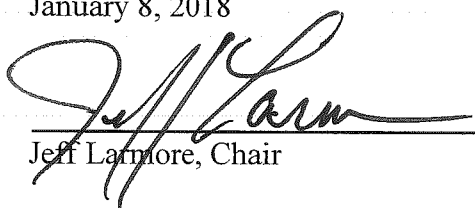
ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ewusi motioned to adjourn and was seconded by Ms. Waymire. No further discussion occurred. All present were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:51am.

Motion Carried.

NEXT MEETING

Marion County Health Department
4012 N Rural Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46205
January 8, 2018



Jeff Larmore, Chair