



Marion County

Local Emergency Planning Committee

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Minutes of the October 7th, 2024, Marion County LEPC meeting

Name

Travis Butcher
Jeremy Cox
Bill Beranek
Nathan Wright
Jason Doerflein
Amy Durocher Matthews
Jacob Spence
Janette Smith
Jeff Larmore
Philip Cutter
Jason Ravenscroft
Ron Troutt
Rich Norris
Courtney Gordon

Organization

IFD
IFD
LEPC
Citizens Energy Group
MCPHD
Eli Lilly
MCEMA
LEPC
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LEPC
Conagra
MCPHD

Virtual Attendees via Webex

Luan laacs
Tara Edwards
Rick O'Connor
Casey Kenworthy
Andrew Bowes
Cheryl Carlson
Gary Young
Krista McKenna
Marshall Shackelford

Indiana Oxygen
Eskenazi Health
Heritage Environmental Services
MCEMA
IEMS
Citizens Energy Group
Citizens Energy Group
Roche
Mays Chemical

Welcome and Introductions

Janette Smith convened the meeting of the Marion County Public Health Department Local Emergency Planning Committee on October 7th, 2024, at 3:33 PM. After taking roll call, Jeff Larmore noted that a quorum was present.

Approval of the August 5th, 2024, Minutes

Jacob Spence moved to approve the minutes from the August 5, 2024, meeting. Amy Matthews seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report

Jeff Larmore presented the Treasurer's Report, highlighting several items. He provided updates from the recent conference in Baltimore and detailed expenditures for contractual services, including a propane training class. He noted two invoices from Resilient Strategies for the hazmat exercise and additional commitments to VantagePoint for Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations classes. Jeff also mentioned two additional invoices from Resilient Strategies for the full-scale exercise and reported the purchase of NIOSH Pocket Guides for the Hazardous Materials Technician class.

Committee Reports

District 5 Hazardous Materials Training & Advisory Council.

Travis Butcher reported on activities related to the District 5 Hazardous Materials Training and Advisory Council. He discussed the recent Hazardous Materials Technician class taught by VantagePoint and efforts to resupply the training pod with newer Level A suits acquired from the Indianapolis Fire Department (IFD). Travis proposed replacing the Pack-Rat box with a conex box or similar storage solution and house the equipment at IFD Station 44's training area. Additionally, he reviewed the various departments that have requested use of the Pack-Rat box over the past two years.

Hospital Report.

Andrew Bowes provided an update on the Indiana District 5 Hospital Emergency Preparedness Committee. He announced that the Healthcare Coalition had received its funding for the current fiscal year and shared that planning is underway for a tabletop exercise scheduled for November. Andrew also noted challenges with the supply of IV fluids and supplies due to Hurricane Helene's impact on North Carolina, a major supplier, and assured attendees that the situation is being closely monitored.

Hazardous Material Exercise Coordination Committee/ 2024 Exercise:

Jeff Larmore announced that the upcoming exercises are scheduled for next week, spanning Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, with the full-scale exercise planned for Wednesday. Those interested in observing the exercise were encouraged to contact Jeff Larmore. The after-action review will take place in November, with a report to follow during the December LEPC meeting. Jeff also mentioned the need to secure a facility for the 2025 exercise and invited those with suggestions to reach out.

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business

Travis Butcher from IFD requested support from the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) for purchasing and replacing certain types of equipment and updating meters and calibration tools. Specifically, he requested three decontamination pools and calibration instruments to enhance capabilities. Jeff Larmore noted that the LEPC has funds allocated annually for supporting hazmat teams and confirmed that the requested purchases would fall within the budget. Jeff made a motion to approve the request, which was seconded by Jason Doreflein. A vote was held, and the motion passed unanimously with no opposition.

Recent Incidents

Gary Young and Cheryl Carlson reported two odor events that occurred over the past weekend, one on Saturday and another on Sunday. On Saturday, approximately 15 odor complaints were received between 7:11 PM and 8:14 PM. The complaints subsided fairly quickly.

The Sunday event lasted longer, beginning at 5:38 PM and continuing until 9:56 PM, with 83 gas odor reports requiring a response. Efforts to contact a nearby industrial business to identify the source were unsuccessful, as the company stated they were not responsible for the complaints.

A discussion followed regarding the incident. It was noted that the issue seemed to originate on the west side of Indianapolis, near 10th Street and Holt Road, before spreading east toward the city. Several companies were mentioned as potential sources, but no definitive conclusion was reached.

Announcements

Ron Troutt announced that FIMSA has rescheduled its transportation seminar, which was previously canceled. The training will now take place on October 30 and 31, and November 1, at the Hyatt Hotel in downtown.

Adjournment

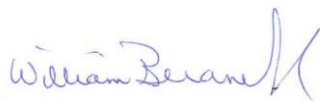
The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 PM.

Minutes submitted by:

Philip Cutter
Planning Coordinator

Adopted by the Marion County LEPC

during the meeting on: December 2nd 2024 Meeting



Signature

Chair

Title