



Marion County

Local Emergency Planning Committee

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Minutes of April 7, 2025, Marion County LEPC meeting

Name:

Eric Banister
Jason Doerflein
Nathaniel Wright
Janette Smith
Jeff Larmore
Courtney Gordon
Jason Ravenscroft
Casey Kenworthy
TJ Edwards
Amy Durocher Matthews
Andrew Bowes
Bill Beranek
Alex Kurivial

Organization:

WTFD
MCPHD - WQHMM
CEG
LEPC
MCPHD - WQHMM
MCPHD - PHEP
MCPHD - WQHMM
MCEMA
Eskenazi
Eli Lilly
IEMS
IEI
CEG

Virtual Attendees Via Webex

Adam Overburg
Darla Carlisle
Anne Edwards
Zack Tucker
Joe Finch
Rich Norris
Teresa Colson
Luan Issacs
Naomi Teague

Indiana Poison Center
Harlan Bakeries
MESH
IFD
IMPD
Conagra
Allison Transmission
Indiana Oxygen
Univar

Welcome and Introductions

Bill Beranek convened the meeting of the Marion County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) at 3:37 PM. Those in attendance both in person and virtually introduced themselves.

Approval of the February 3, 2025, Minutes

Bill Beranek requested a motion to approve the minutes from the February 3, 2025, meeting. Andrew Bowes moved to approve the minutes as written, and Amy Durocher Matthews seconded the motion. The motion carried, and the minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report

Jeff Larmore presented the Treasurer's report, providing an overview of the LEPC's financial status as of March 31, 2025. He explained that the current expenditures include registrations and lodging for attendees to the Midwest Hazmat Conference from IFD, Wayne TFD, and MCPHD in May. He reported on our current commitments include Resilient Strategies fee for conducting this year's tabletop exercise at Roche Diagnostics. He also reported that the requestion had been approved for the purchase of the CUBEX container to replace the PACK-RAT storage unit that was approved at the February LEPC meeting and that the requestion for the HAZMAT IQ class to be paid with HMEP funds had been approved.

Committee Reports

District 5 Hazardous Materials Training & Advisory Council

Jason Doerflein reported that the District 5 Hazardous Materials Training & Advisory Council does not exist anymore. After much discussion, there was general agreement to remove the District 5 Hazardous Materials Training & Advisory Council from the agenda and replace it with the agenda item Marion County Hazmat Response Teams Update for Marion County's hazmat teams to report on any hazmat items of interest, including any training and/or equipment needs.

Jeff Larmore presented a request to pay for registration, airfare, lodging, and per diem for one hazmat coordinator or responder from IFD, Wayne TFD, and MCPHD (three attendees in total) to attend the International Association of Fire Chiefs Hazmat Conference in Baltimore. There was agreement that if one of the departments was not able to send someone the other departments could use the open spot.

Jason Ravenscroft made a motion to send up to three hazmat coordinators or hazmat responders from either IFD or Wayne TFD to the IAFC Hazmat Conference in Baltimore and to pay for registration, airfare, lodging, and per diem not to exceed \$8,000. TJ Edwards seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Eric Banister presented a request from Wayne TFD to purchase calibration items, sensors, and instrument parts to support its RAE systems air monitoring equipment. Based on price quotes, he reported the expected cost for the requested items to be approximately \$6,700. Jeff Larmore stated that Wayne TFD had not requested any funding support for its hazmat team in 2024 and recommended that the LEPC make an exception this year to the \$5000 limit per year per hazmat entry team for Wayne TFD. Jason Doerflein made a motion that the LEPC purchase beyond the \$5,000 limit the items requested by Wayne TFD. Jason Ravenscroft seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

District 5 Hospital Emergency Preparedness Committee –

After discussion, there was agreement that this agenda item should be changed to the District 5 Health Care Coalition to be consistent with the current district organization's name. Andrew Bowes reported that the D5HCC executive committee, hospital committee, and an overall health care committee will hold meetings on April 11. He added that the D5HCC has approximately 478 members and includes the Core 4 (EMAs, Hospitals, Public Health, and EMS) as well as health, home health, surgery centers, and mental health. Anne Edwards reported that the D5HCC has a medical surge exercise coming up June 13.

Hazardous Material Exercise Coordination Committee –

Jeff Larmore reported that the Hazardous Materials Exercise Coordination Committee will have its first meeting April 8 at Roche Diagnostics. Based on Roche's Tier II Report, he stated the planning team is tentatively looking at an exercise involving anhydrous ammonia and has reached out to Hamilton County EMA and health department to participate in the exercise planning. He added that he will submit the exercise proposal to the IERC after the April 8 planning meeting (due date May 1).

Old Business

There was no old business discussed at the meeting.

New Business

Nathaniel Wright stated that Citizens Energy Group is planning its own internal training including hazardous materials and asked about any prop recommendations and vendors for chemical tanks or chemical tank simulators, e.g., 150 pound and 1-ton compressed gas cylinders. It was suggested that Nathaniel contact IFD/Travis Butcher as IFD has set up a hazmat training ground at IFD station 44 and Travis may have information/suggestions about props and vendors.

Recent Incidents

Jason Doerflein and Zack Tucker reported on the train derailment that occurred near Southeastern and Sherman on Sunday evening, April 6. Zack stated that the original dispatch was for a bridge collapse. It wasn't until responders were on scene that they knew a CSX train had derailed off a bridge. The derailment involved six railcars, four were empty and two contained cornstarch. Five of the cars fell from the bridge. There were no reported injuries. While not a hazardous material the corn starch is considered an objectional substance, and CSX did notify IDEM that corn starch did get into storm drains at the location. They reported that CSX is still investigating the incident and that cause of the derailment had not been determined. There were several citizen videos of the incident posted to Face Book and other social media platforms. Both Jason and Zack commented that the city was very lucky the derailed cars that fell off the bridge were not carrying hazardous materials.

Eric Banister reported that Wayne TFD had responded to several incidents including a couple involving lithium ion batteries and a spill from a 55-gallon drum of an unknown liquid. The liquid's appearance was similar to green antifreeze and was found not to be hazardous.

It was mentioned that Tox Drop does not take damaged lithium ion batteries and that a free, publicly available disposal point for damaged lithium batteries does not exist in Marion County.

Adjournment

Bill Beranek adjourned the meeting at 4:54 PM.

Minutes submitted by

Jeff Lamore

Recording Secretary

Adopted by the Marion County LEPC

during the meeting on: April 7, 2025



Signature

Chairperson

Title