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ASCENSION PARISH LEPC MEETING MINUTES

Lamar Dixon Expo Center

June 20, 2013

11:08 am – 1:00 pm

I. Welcome and Call to Order

11:08 am

II. Pledge & Prayer

a. Pledge: Rick Webre

b. Invocation: Reverend Charles Brown

Adjustment to Agenda Items VIII.a. and VIII.b. (R Webre)

III. Roll Call

a. Board: 9 Present; 5 Absent – Quorum Met

See Attached LEPC Committee Roll Call Roster

Board Representatives Absent: Donaldsonville Fire; Fire Protection District 1;

EMS Committee; and Ascension Parish Public Works

b. Fixed Facility Membership

See Attached Fixed Facility Roll Call Roster

Additions to Roll Call: Total, Carline, Syngenta, Impala, Olin

IV. Chair Report, Rick Webre

“A lot of emphasis has been place on LEPC’s statewide. LSP ESU has called all parishes and has have started questioning how active your LEPC is, this of course involving 64 Parishes. Asking how involved they are, when are meeting dates, what’s your attendance rate? They are putting a whole lot of emphasis on LEPC’s, not just in Louisiana. There will probably be more emphasis nationwide.” [R. Webre]

Next week I have to go to DC to testify before Senate. To give them a local perspective on LEPC’s: what do we do? How do we perform? What they are trying to do is pass more legislation to regulate incidents like what happened in West, Texas. That was the impetus behind the hearing. They are considering pushing more IT platforms to industry and having industry fund them, which I’m opposed to. I think at the local level of government another IT platform isn’t as effective as what we are doing here today. Being able to meet, look people in the eye, having the proper coordination before an incident takes place, is

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the most critical. It may help at strategic levels above to gather administrative data, but all disasters are local and the individuals sitting at this table are the ones that make it happen. So that is the most critical." [R. Webre]

- *Chairman read to membership a Memo to EPA from Senator Boxer, Chairman of Senate Environment & Public Works Committee. (See Attached)*
- *Chairman read to membership a Memo to US Chemical Safety Board from Senator Boxer, Chairman of Senate Environment & Public Works Committee. (See Attached)*

"What I was told is they want more legislation; we have legislation in place that's been around for over 20 years. I don't believe we need more legislation. These LEPC's are unfunded mandates by the Federal Government. There's not a lot of training and guidance. As I go around the state and try to train other OHSEP offices on how to run LEPC's, I try to express the importance of them." [R. Webre]

"The video we are about to show you from Texas shows the actual state of their LEPC's. It probably would have been indicative of LEPC's throughout the state of Louisiana." [R. Webre]

- Chairman played following videos
 - <http://www.wfaa.com/news/investigates/News-8-Investigation-Few-in-Texas-follow-federal-chemical-preparedness-law-207443781.html>
 - <http://www.wfaa.com/news/investigates/New-questions-surround-McLennan-Co-Emergency-Plan-Committee--205480441.html>

"We don't have those issues here in Ascension. We have a very robust LEPC and it's due in part to what our member's do every day. We thank you, because without you this LEPC couldn't function. If you have business units outside of Ascension Parish you may want to pass along this information to them." [R. Webre]

- V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
 Motioned by: Chief M. Stewart
 Seconded: Chief T. Normand
 No Discussion. Approved.

- VI. 911 / Dispatch LEPC Notification Procedures & Classification Training
 Chairman Webre reviewed Training provided to 911/Dispatch. This training was abbreviated for purposes of LEPC presentation, but no critical information was removed. This will provide an understanding of how Dispatch, OHSEP and Facilities will coordinate using the new LEPC Notification procedures and Levels.
(A full copy of training available from OHSEP upon request)

- VII. Site Specific Plans
 a. Plant Plan Distribution & Signature

A. Johnson, Operations Section Chief reported all plans were available today for facilities to take with them. Anyone that may have any changes or questions, please contact our office.

b. Update January 2014

A complete update will be distributed in January 2014. Any changes or adjustments should be submitted to AP OHSEP between now and then. If there are any critical changes these will be provided to first responders for reference between now and then. Please work with your Plant Managers to designate one person or position to be responsible for the integrity of your site plan. This will allow our office to ensure the product everyone is using as a common operating picture is accurate.

After January 2014, the Site Plans will be annually updated unless a major change to several plans occurs.

~~VIII. Subcommittee Reports~~

Removed from Agenda and Replaced with quick review of incident response.

~~a. LEPC Incident Review Board Report~~

~~i. Williams Olefins Incident 6/13/2013~~

~~1. Recommendation~~

~~ii. CF Industries 6/14/2013~~

~~1. Recommendation~~

- *Chairman reiterated agenda item was passed on. Briefly mentioned the Williams response and few items from HazMat Team After Action Review. Williams response was prompt and their ability to, in a short time, provide accountability numbers for Plant and Sub-Contractors was excellent.*
- *Site Specific Maps were used for the first time. A General Emergency was called and Dispatch did perform all protective actions.*
- *Revision suggestions for future Site Plans may be to identify some LZ sites and triage points.*
- *Triage was a joint operation and went well. Chief Normand described locations and brief operations overview of William's response and triage coordination.*
- *Mass Casualty Bus was deployed twice last week. CAER was the primary supporter in acquiring the bus. Chairman Webre thanked CAER.*
- *Council on Aging provided vans and Gonzales PD assisted with drivers in support of evacuation efforts.*
- *OHSEP Logistics/ EOC service and supply support.*
- *GAMA Members providing assistance.*
- *Reunification Center Operations will be staged at Lamar Dixon unless it is within impact/ hot zone. We will try to keep any evacuated workers within Parish. Lamar Dixon ideal to maintain perimeter that provides privacy to family and workers and standoff distance from press.*

- *Ascension HazMat Team is great model, especially given the experience and support built on Industry-HazMat Subject Matter Experts and Ascension Parish Fire Chiefs.*
- *St. Elizabeth Hospital had an excellent surge response time. We would like to see about getting them a GAMA radio for future.*

IX. Pipeline & Fixed Facility Ordinance Update

- Published in Weekly last week. Nothing in our ordinance is anything you aren't subject to now under State or Federal law, whether Fixed Facilities or Pipelines. If you would like a copy of the ordinance, please contact my office and we will provide a copy to you.
- The only difference now is that we can adjudicate at a local level.

X. Hurricane Preparations & EOC Operations/Training: *(A. Johnson)*

- Hurricanes Preparation: Lessons learned from Isaac were incorporated to Updates in activation and WebEOC processes.
- If state resources are required, the request must come in through our office to the state using WebEOC. WebEOC is our Crisis Management System.
- Specific to Industry, we will continue our Daily Status Conference calls. We will try to move them up earlier in morning as best we can and certainly notify you of time and conference number. We strongly encourage you to request WebEOC credentials and training. This will allow you to access critical decision making information at any time and not be solely dependent on telephone, email or conference updates.
- All EOC Section and ESF Training Complete for 2012
- Communications Drill Performed on June 4th
- Two Open House Training Dates provided for EOC Staff Review and/ or LEPC Member training on WebEOC. Please contact Ami Johnson if you would like to participate or would like training at your facility. Also, if you need log-in credential information, please contact our office.
- EOC Exercise will be held on July 18th.
- EOC Operations during Williams was greatly enhanced by State Agency imbeds, especially Louisiana State Police, GOHSEP, DHH, American Red Cross. Greatly appreciated the assistance.

XI. Other ESF Reports

- a. Grant Work Group Meeting on Monday, June 24th.
- b. USAR Meeting Next Week
- c. GAMA: Mutual Aid Day is being worked on. Great participation last year. November is being discussed again for time. Would like feedback from last year for preparation.

XII. Old Business

XIII. New Business

- June 26th at 9am LCA & GOHSEP Hurricane Preparing, Planning and Coordinating
- Audit Dates: Audit Dates and Times are in your packet, they are available on our LEPC website as well. Please understand that the dates are set for this year.
- Balloon Festival is September 26 – 28th at Lamar Dixon

CHANGE IN DATES FOR NEXT TWO LEPC MEETINGS

Now - SEPTEMBER 19th & December 19th

If you need reminders for these dates and any events, please email Ami Johnson to be placed on the blast list.

- Lester Millet, Port of South Louisiana provided Maritime Safety and Security posters and videos for membership. These were paid for by grant funds and shared with all at no cost.

3rd Quarter
September 19, 2013
Lamar Dixon – Banquet 11:00 – 1:00 PM

- XIV. Adjournment
Motioned by M. Stewart
Second by: Cody Melancon