

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

January 9, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Richmond County Health Department

Large Classroom

Present: Tommy Jarrell, Donna Wright, Karen Bellamy, Vivian Jenkins, Bob Smith, Patrick Lake, Christopher LeTourneau, Kimberly Kashmer, Vivian Dell'Aequa, Belinda Furby, Steve Powers, and Holly Haire.

Meeting called to order by Tommy Jarrell, LEPC Chairman.

Previous meeting minutes approved as written.

Old Business: At the last meeting, the committee appointed a Training and Exercise Subcommittee. Donna Wright wanted to add that by her appointment as the President of the Chief's Association, they will act as part of the committee as well.

Presentations:

Patrick Lake, EPCRA/CBRNE Program Manager, Emergency Management

- Described the reasons for the LEPC.

- Described the importance of the partnership between industry and governmental agencies through planning and informing the public of Right to Know information.

- Emphasized structured quarterly meetings

  - i.e. SERC(State Emergency Response Commission)-Training-Site Tour-Plan for SERC

- Explained that being recognized by SERC allows LEPCs to receive State/Federal funding

- Recommended building an LEPC website. LEPC website could also be linked to the County website. Recommended it have a dedicated email address for the public to email questions to

the LEPC.

- Introduced Chris LeToureau, Risk Management Program Coordinator.

Vivian Jenkins, Public Health Preparedness Coordinator, Richmond County Health Department

- Described SNS (Strategic National Stockpile)

- Described LRS (Local Receiving Sites)

- Described POD (Point of Dispensing)

Donna Wright, Director of Emergency Management, Richmond County

- Presented a grant opportunity for pre-planning, at up to fourteen (14) facilities in the county, of first responders.

- Described that a copy of the plans will be distributed to each facility and its fire chief.

No objective from the committee noted. Donna Wright will move forward with beginning the steps to secure the grant.

Donna Wright has completed the Citizen Right to Know information. It will be housed at Emergency Management.

Next meeting will be held April 9, 2013, location TBD.

Meeting adjourned.

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