

# STEPHENSON COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

DATE: September 28, 2010

TIME: 1:30 pm

LOCATION: City Hall (Council Chambers)  
230 W Stephenson  
Freeport, Illinois 61032

## AGENDA

1. Call to order

Meeting called to order at 1:30p.

Chairman

2. Roll call and introduction of guests

Chairman

Major Charlene Hale, representing the Salvation Army, was recognized, and introduced herself to the Committee.

3. Approve minutes of the August 24, 2010 meeting

August minutes approved by Stephen Holbert and seconded by Pennie Groezinger.

4. Identify and Review relevant chemical incidents

Membership

1. Heidenreich Trucking tanker Ethanol spill 9/24/2010

Incident location was 2 mile E of HWY 26 on HWY 20, Freeport, a 9,500 gallon ethanol tanker was reported on its side and leaking through the manway hatches. Amount of chemical released and estimated spill extent were unknown. The response contactor, Stephenson County Haz-Mat team, the safety manager and the private firm hired for cleanup, worked together to best determine cleanup plans, which was dependent on the amount of denaturant in the ethanol. On scene emergency response personnel did not feel there were any environmental concerns, especially as there were no streams in the near vicinity. The HazMat report was sent to the following agencies: IEPA, OSFM, IDNR, IDOT Station 1, ISPCC, NRTP, and IEMA Region 2

5. Sub-Committee Reports

- o Tier II Review Committee

EMA OFFICE

No Tier 11 information to report. Tier 11 starts after Jan 1, 2011 and this will be the first full year where electronic documentation will be in effect. Facilities will have the ability to electronically submit their reports directly to the State. The EMA office may not know if facilities have submitted their reports unless they forward it to us on the report to the State, or the State informs us, which presents a bit of a challenge since we will not know in a timely manner who is compliant and who is not. In the past the State has contacted us to request a follow up call or email to non-compliant facilities which alerts us that our county is not 100% compliant.

o Membership Committee

Membership

1. Site visit – September

There was no site visit in September, follow up is still needed with the identified facility. A letter will be sent for an October visit to the facility.

Prep & Eval Subcommittee

EMA

2. Next meeting date October 14, 2010.

a. Meeting cancelled due to low attendance

7. Identify next steps

a. Annual meeting Oct 26, 2010

1. Election of Officers

Nomination Committee

The nomination committee met prior to the LEPC meeting and we have the following interested nominees: Chief Kevin Countryman, Freeport Fire, Rick McDonough, Public Health, Mert Green, Adkins Energy, Pennie Groezinger, Pearl City Elevator and Jeff Choppie, Honeywell. Voting will take place at the annual meeting Oct 26, we would like all members to be present or send a deputy so that your voice can be heard in your vote. If you are unable to do either, you can email your vote to me. Below are the candidates and the positions for which they are running:

LEPC Chairperson – Rick McDonough, Kevin Countryman

LEPC Co-Chair – Mert Green

Election of Committee Chairs

The nomination committee has decided to reinstate subcommittee chairs for the following subcommittees:

Tier 11 Review Committee -

Membership Committee – Jeff Choppie

Preparedness & Evaluation Subcommittee – Jeff Choppie

Community Awareness & Public Education Subcommittee – Rick McDonough

Secretary – Andy Thompson

b. Transportation Flow Feasibility Study

EMA

Andy Thompson will report out on the progress of the study at the next meeting.

8. Open Comments

a. FEMA update

EMA

To date FEMA has serviced 1,450 applicants to the tune of \$2,996,818 in disaster assistance grants for temporary housing, home repairs and replacement of essential household items not covered by insurance. Residents must apply with FEMA even if they have already provided damage information to local officials, other agencies or organizations. Completing the SBA application is an essential part of the process of applying for FEMA disaster grants.

FEMA is expected to be in the area possibly until mid-October, around the 18<sup>th</sup>. People will still have the ability to sign up for assistance either by telephone or online. Public assistance will begin October 5, they will also be located at the Hwy Building, 295, W Lamm Rd, exit date unknown at this time.

Lt Gerbode, Freeport PD, shared that on Thur at 9:00, the computer, CAD system will be completely replaced with a new system.

Marty Reed, Stephenson Farm Service shared that there were no issues, doing fall application and working on corn and beans.

Pennie Groezinger, Pearl City Elevator, reported that things were good, gearing up for the fall.

Jeff Choppie reported that Honeywell will be performing an internal emergency drill focusing on safety training and evacuation drills at both facilities. Here is the schedule for the fire drills next week:

2520 South Walnut Road- Plant 4: Wed (10/6), 1<sup>st</sup> Shift @ 1:30, 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift @ 5:30, 3<sup>rd</sup> Shift @ 1:30 am (Thurs morning)

315 East Stephenson Street- Plant 1: Thurs (10/7), 1<sup>st</sup> Shift @ 1:30, 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift @ 5:30, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Shift @ 1:30 am (Fri morning)

9. Confirm Oct 26, 2010 Meeting Date

Membership

Rick McDonough moved to adjourn the meeting at 2 pm and seconded by Stephen Holbert.

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