



Rockdale County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Agenda

March 3rd, 2025 @ 1:00pm
C.E. Steele Community Center
1040 Oakland Ave
Conyers, Ga

Meeting called to order at 1pm by Gerald Woodridge.

Attendees: Robert Magnum, Kelly Manning, Cary Tanner, Dwight Spencer, Jacoby Claudon, Nick Lynn, Richard Pickens, Dexter Porter, Hailey Brown, John Bandzul, Allyson Born, Billy Burrell, Quantavius Garcia, Kim Lucas, Drake Kilpatrick, Devon Proctor, James R. Robinson, George Kelecheck, Rob Hughes, Rebecca Hill, Benjamin Franco, Paul Glaze, Cheryl Garcia

- Discussed the LEPC By-Laws that were drafted in 2019 with the previous committee. Gerald Woodridge provided a draft copy of the By-laws to the attendees. Talked through the components of the meeting, stating the importance of reading through and ask questions or express any comments or concerns if members had any.
 - No questions on the by-laws.
 - Members were asked to read through and provide any comments or proposed revisions at the next meeting.
- Discussed the Membership Parameters and what that would mean for the committee. Stated that these are able to be changed and set by the committee.
 - This includes having IS 100 & 200 classes completed.
- **Voting Session-** This was conducted by Gerald Woodridge and the following individuals volunteered and were appointed:
 - a. Chairman – John Bandzul (National EMS)
 - b. Vice-Chair – Larry Tyler (LioChem)
 - c. Secretary – Allyson Born (National EMS)
 - d. Treasurer – Nobody (But was stated that when the topic of finances comes up, they need to appoint/vote someone to be treasurer)
- Subcommittee Appointments
 - a. **Emergency Response / Training & Exercise Committee** – No volunteers for this committee. The representative from GNR Public Health stated that they would be open to sitting on this committee.
 - b. **Public Relations Committee** –



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- Mr. Kelecheck stated that using Rockdale County PR would be great for this. As we already have RC PR assisting EMA and Fire with the sharing of information on the LEPC.
- There was a proposal for town hall meetings throughout the county to inform the public about the LEPC and its purpose.
- The LEPC will determine strategies for increasing awareness.
- Government and public Safety agencies will assist in promoting LEPC efforts.
- c. **Planning, Resources, and By-Laws Committee** – No members wanted to lead this committee. Rockdale-Piedmont Hospital representative would like to be apart of this committee. Acuity Brands Representative (Cary Tanner)
- There has been an exercise planned and
- d. **Biohazards Committee**- No members wanted to lead this committee.

I. ☐ New Business

1. Community Safety Committee

Gerald talked about the importance of this committee and its purpose. That is to provide a space for the citizens to learn about public safety and public service. To give them a place to ask questions and gain insight into how government services are delivered, but to also allow the different populations in the community to make their voice heard.

2. Open Discussion.....All

Tier 2 reports will be integrated into the emergency plan.

EPlan: Previous year's reports deadline was Saturday or the end/last day of February; these reports are digitally accessible to first responders and subscribers.

A citizen (C. Garcia)

- Raised concerns regarding transparency in chemical incident reporting.
- Example: The September 29th BioLab incident involved 60 chemicals, but only chlorine was disclosed to the public.
- Cheryl Garcia stated Tier 3 reports are essential to identify all chemicals involved and their potential effects.
- Cheryl Garcia highlighted that there is an ongoing issue with public transparency regarding hazardous materials.



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- Contact amongst the committee members, a vast majority was in agreement with using Microsoft Teams due to the versatility of the application.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:50 PM.

- a. Next Meeting Date: Monday, April 7th, 2025; Location: J.P. Carr Community Center