



Rockdale County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Meeting Minutes

April 7th, 2025 @ 1:00pm
J.P Carr Community Center
981 Taylor Street
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Meeting Called to Order at 1:01pm by Allyson Born (Secretary)

Attendees: Allyson Born, Kyle Atkins, Hailey Brown, Jim Tudor, Nick Lynn, Richard Pickens, Rebecca Hill, George Kelecheck, Cary Tanner, Mike Mixon, Katy Z., Billy Burrell, Dexter Porter, Jacoby Claudon, Keyanna Jones Moore, Gerald Woodridge, David Baumgartner

- The **Chairman**, John, was not present.
- There are still open spots on the committee, including the need for a vice chair and a treasurer.

Voting Session:

- Kyle Atkins was nominated for **Vice Chair**. This motion was seconded, and accepted.
- Kyle Atkins introduced himself and is the training administrator for National EMS.
- The **Treasurer** position is currently open but not urgent until the committee starts handling funds.

Subcommittee Appointments

- The current subcommittees are: planning resources and bylaws committee, emergency Response Training and Exercise Committee, Public Relations Committee and Biohazards committee.
- Planning resources and bylaws committee: representative from Rockdale Piedmont Hospital and Cary Tanner from Acuity Brands.
- PR is "100% behind" the committee and will assist with pushing out information, provided they receive it in time.
- David Baumgartner, an educator, asked to be on the training exercise committee.

Community Safety Committee

- Working on getting a date to push the Community Safety Committee presentation back out to the Community.



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- Director Webb may present it or a representative from EMA.
- Brochures and flyers will be provided.

New Business: Trainings

- The focus is on ensuring people are trained for potential incidents, especially during severe weather/tornado season, and hazardous materials response.
- Incident Command System (ICS) training through FEMA is still available. Is- 100 & 200
- NIMS (IS-700 and 800 classes) are also still available.
- A free, self-paced hazmat awareness class (6-8 hours) is available online, and the link will be shared with the group.
- HAZWOPER courses are available in 24 and 32-hour options.
- The 24-hour training option costs \$200, and the 32-hour option costs \$400.
- The train the trainer course is about \$600.
- All courses are online and self-paced, with a year to complete before renewal/repayment are needed.
- The training system includes virtual reality sessions.
- National can provide access to classroom materials for ICS 100, 200, 700, and 800.
- A training team is willing to conduct in-person training.
- Working on a hazmat emergency response plan template, pulling examples from EPA, EPD, and other LEPCs across the state and United States.
- Also working on a contingency plan template for facilities.
- Once drafts are finalized, they will be shared for feedback.
- The LEPC response plan will come from the Planning Resource and Bylaws Committee, using Tier II report information and a compiled resource list.



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- Response: "I have no information in regards to that."
- Soil and Water District is hosting an ice cream and cookie social on April 24th at the UGA county extension service from 5:00pm to 8:00pm.
 - An invitation was extended to set up an information table to talk with people of concern that they might want to join one of these subcommittees.
 - Mike Worley, who heads up the Georgia Wildlife Federation, will be the guest speaker.
- Three public engagement opportunities have occurred since the last meeting, with information about LEPC being shared.

Hazmat Document/Plan Size

- Gerald (Rockdale County EMA) estimates that the hazmat document/plan total page number depending on the number of facilities.

Visiting Other Counties

- Gerald (Rockdale County EMA) visited Cobb County's LEPC in Marietta, which has been around since the early 90s and receives funding through fundraising.
 - Cobb County's LEPC does a presentation following Tier 2 reports, highlighting the top five hazardous materials, transportation routes, new facilities, and any chemical changes in the last 2-3 years.
- Gerald (Rockdale County EMA) pushing to implement a similar presentation.
- Cobb County's EMA is open to visiting and giving a presentation, possibly between now and August.

Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP)

- The local emergency operations plan (LEOP) should be going for signature and review soon.
- The LEPC will assigned to an emergency support function (ESF 10 - Hazmat) and will eventually become a supporting agency for hazmat response.



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- This will occur once a HAZMAT response plan and response team is created and exercised.

Questions about Bio Labs:

- (George Kelecheck) Question about the bio lab: "What's the latest information on bio lab? I know that they're shipping product out of there and receiving product, but there's no manufacturing going on. Is that correct?"
- There is currently no information available due to ongoing litigation.
- Hazmat companies:
 - A list of companies/organizations that deal with Hazmat besides Biolab is available and will be shared.
 - There are 50+ facilities handling some type of chemical solution.
- E-Plan: Once there is time, the E-plan will be logged into to see what is available locally, and companies will be invited out.
- Meeting time: The time for all meetings will remain the same, from 1 to 2 o'clock.
- Emergency meetings: Emergency meetings can be scheduled following the regular meeting if needed.
 - This will come from the Chair and/or Vice-Chair.

Next meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 5th, from 1 to 2 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 1:21 pm by Gerald Woodridge (EMA).