



Berks County LEPC
Local Emergency Planning Committee
“Partners in Preparedness”

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Berks County Local Emergency Planning Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2017

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Lyn O’Hare	Kevin Docherty	Stephen Young	Robert May	Terry Sturgis
Donnie Swope	Jim Conrad	Annette Moyer		

**Indicates participated by phone.*

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

None

Welcome & Introductions

Chairperson Lyn O’Hare called the meeting to order at 12:45 P.M. at the Berks County Department of Emergency Services, Direct Link Technology Center, Multi-Purpose Room, Reading PA. Call-in provision was made available.

Lyn welcomed members and guests and asked that each individual introduce themselves.

Minutes from the July 31, 2017 Meeting

Minutes had been distributed by email and are made available via Berks County DES website for review prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Robert May, seconded by Kevin Docherty to approve the minutes. Motion passed, minutes for September 25, 2017 were approved.

Correspondence

- Birdsboro Kosher: ERP, TIER II submission for 2016, and check for \$250.00 received, but Birdsboro Kosher still owes \$1,300.00 for past due TIER II Reports.
- Pipeline Safety and Emergency Response Information brochure.
- Hazardous Materials Emergency Notification Report, Kiewit Power Constructors Company, 1 Armorcast Road, Birdsboro, PA., Chlorine Gas Release, November 16, 2017 at 2:00pm.
- Genon Energy Inc., Notice of Hearing to Consider Confirmation of Chapter 11 Plan.
- Christmas Card from East Penn Manufacturing.

EHS / Tier II Submission Status

Donnie Swope reported on the Tier II reporting and planning process:

- Birdsboro Kosher filed 2016 TIER II.
- Santander filed TIER II for 3 different locations.
- In the process of drafting the HMERP Assessment for report year 2017.
- Approximate TIER II dollar figures was around \$98,000.00

Team Report

- Special Operations Group (SOG), conducted training at the Berks County Fire Training Center:
 - November training was classroom and written exam for Hazmat Technician Refresher
 - December training, Hazmat Technician Refresher practical.
 - Donnie Swope provided brief summary of the outcome of the LGS FSE conducted November 14 & 15.

Old Business

- Waiting on final AAR for Berks County DES/SOG Rail TTX with multiple agencies from; Cumru FD, Norfolk Southern Railroad Company, Reading Hospital (Tower Health), U.S. EPA and PA DEP Emergency Response Representatives, City of Reading Department of Fire and Rescue Services, West Reading Police Department West Reading Fire Department, Western Berks Ambulance, Wyomissing Valley Joint Municipal Authority, PA Department of Environmental Protection, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency Eastern Area Office, and PA Fish and Boat Commission. The focus of this exercise was to involve a hazardous material release from a HHFT unit train involving multiple jurisdictions near the Schuylkill River in Berks County.

New Business

- 30th Anniversary of the Berks County LEPC, suggested BCTV or radio spot to promote the LEPC.

Committee Reports

- **Right To Know**
 - Donnie Swope reported Phase 1 environmental site assessment for the property located at 201 Penn Street in Reading. The property is owned by the Greater Berks Development Fund with negative result.
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- **Public Education and Information**
 - Rodney Good: No Report
- **Hazardous Materials Facility Liaison**
 - George Dula: No Report
- **Emergency Response and Resources**
 - Donnie Swope: No Report

- **Membership**

- Still have holes in membership to fill with; Law Enforcement and Media representation.

Election of Officers 2018

- Annette Moyer – Chair
- Lyn O'Hare – Vice Chair

Good & Welfare

A motion was made by Kevin Docherty, seconded by Jim Conrad to adjourn. The motion passed, meeting adjourned 1:10PM. The next regular general meeting of the LEPC will be held at 3:00 PM on Monday, March 26, 2018 at Berks County Department of Emergency Services, 2561 Bernville Road, Reading, PA 19605.

Respectfully Submitted,



Donnie R. Swope
Recording Secretary, Berks County LEPC