



Meeting Notes

Date: October 16, 2018
Time: 9:07 am to 10:25 am
Location: EOC Planning Room, HVTMC, 200 Bradhurst Ave, Hawthorne, NY

Attendees

Peter McDonough	Vice Chair	Brian Anderson	Chair
William Dingee	WCDES	Danielle Darling	WCOEM
Dan Olmoz	WCOEM	Nadine Macura	NYSOEM
Nyle Salley	WCDES	Brendan Nugent	NY OFPC
Peter Pitocco	WCDES	Joseph Pagendarm	BASF
Meg Filmer	NYSDEC-DLE	Sade Healy	NYCDEP
Benjamin Mendez	NYCDEP	Valesia Henriques	WCDES
Andrew Ziegler	WCDOT		

Introductions

Members were asked to sign-in and introduce themselves.

Technical Presentation

Technical Drone Presentation – Brendan Nugent, OFPC

Reports

Chair/Vice Chair Report – Oamic Ingredients LLC is looking to open up a storage facility for food flavor additives within Westchester County. The town of North Castle had requested for the LEPC to review the emergency plan and chemical that is to be stored at the new facility and inform the town if they approved of the opening of the site. The facility would be located within a water shed and in close proximity to a child care facility and a local water source.

APTIM, a private firm reached out to verify that Lowe's Home Center in Yonkers had submitted a Tier II report and it was verified that the Tier II was submitted via Eplan.

WC-OEM Rep – OEM has been assisting with canvassing and identifying potential members to fill the vacant seats on the voting membership in accordance with the bylaws that were adopted at the October 2017 Annual Meeting. Historically getting elected officials and media

representation has been challenging.

WC HazMat Report – There has been no big Hazmat event to report this last quarter. Westchester County’s HazMat Team is working with ConEdison to conduct a drill later this month at one of their substations. Dutchess and Putnam County will also be participating in the exercise.

WC Health Dept. Rep – Westchester County Department of Health was not present.

Tier II/LEPC Report – The LEPC held three workgroup meetings (in January, April, and July), two conference calls in June, and the annual LEPC meeting. The workgroup sessions focused on setting up three subcommittees to aid with various LEPC activities including gathering a list of candidates to fill the LEPC Membership roster; planning for the annual meeting; and improving community outreach and communication. The LEPC has also been coordinating and sharing Tier II information with Yonkers Fire Department on a regular basis.

For the 2017 reporting year there was 363 locations that had filed Tier II reports to the LEPC. Of these locations, 334 had filed using E-plan. 29 locations had filed using paper. Additionally there were 15 new filers/locations this year: Equinix LLC – Elmsford FD; Lowe’s Home Centers – Yonkers FD; New Cingular Wireless – Yonkers FD; Northwell Health – Sleepy Hollow FD; Target Corporation (3 locations) – Mount Kisco FD, Mount Vernon FD, and White Plains FD; Verizon Wireless – Harrison FD; and Westchester County DEF (7 locations) – Mamaroneck FD, New Rochelle FD, Ossining FD, Peekskill FD, Port Chester FD, Rye FD, and Yonkers FD.

Committee Reports

Nominations Committee: The committee drafted up and sent out letters to both current members and prospective members. Most of the seats were filled and will be presented to the membership to vote on.

Hazardous Materials Advisory Committee: In Spring a four day training was held for the WMD Squads. Following that training was a drill from which the After Action Report has finally been received. The report will be reviewed to see where improvements can be made.

HazMat Annex is also be reviewed and updated with collaboration from various agencies.

Community Preparedness Committee: A letter has been drafted up to be sent out business explaining what the LEPC is and how important it is to file the required Tier II information. The committee wants to investigate having municipal officials or the County Executive’s support in this matter.

New Business

Nomination of Members and Vote: Peter McDonough (Chair) opened the floor for any additional nominations for membership and none were made. The LEPC was presented with the list of candidates:

- Elected Official – George Latimer, County Executive
- EMS – Michael Volk, WCDES
- Emergency Management – Dennis Delborgo, OEM

Environmental Group – Peter McDonough, WCDEF - NEW
Facility/Industry – Brian Anderson, Pace University - NEW
Facility/Industry – Joseph Jude Pagendarm, BASF Corporation - NEW
Fire/Hazmat – William Dingee, WCDES
Fire/Hazmat – Peter Pitocco, WCDES
Hospital – Jeff Meade, Phelps
Law Enforcement – James Luciano, WCDPS - NEW
Public Health – Carlos Torres, WCDH
Transportation – Andrew Ziegler, WCDOT

Peter Pitocco made a motion to vote on the slate of candidates as a whole and Peter McDonough seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

Nomination of Officers and Election: Peter McDonough opened the floor for nominations for LEPC chair. No new nominations were made. Peter McDonough motioned for one vote to be cast to elect Brian Anderson as the LEPC. None opposed.

Brian Anderson nominated Peter McDonough to serve as the LEPC Vice Chair. No additional nominations were made. One vote was cast to elect Peter McDonough as Vice Chair and none opposed.

Open Discussion

The Clinical Skill Simulation Center at 7 Dana Road will be conducting a “Stop the Bleed” seminar on Nov 17. All members that are interested are invited to attend. An invitation to the seminar will be forward the membership.

Anthony Gruerio has moved and is no longer a member of the LEPC. Peter McDonough thanked him for his years of service and assistance with LEPC activities.

Meeting Close

Brian Anderson made the motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Peter Pitocco. The meeting of the LEPC was adjourned at 10:25 am.

Next Meeting:

Date: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 – 9am

Location: TBD