



**SUMMIT COUNTY  
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

*Hazardous Materials Planning and Community Right-To-Know*

**Meeting Minutes  
November 19, 2020**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Steve Groves – Chair	Stow Fire Department
Tommy Smoot	Summit County Emergency Management
Julia Harber-Vice Chair	Metallic Resource
Shawn Metcalf	RTA
Tim Gemind - Secretary	Summit County Emergency Management
Sam Rubens	Summit County Public Health
Kurt Kollar	OEPA
Pam Williams	American Red Cross
Clarence Tucker	Akron Fire Department
Jerry Hughes	Munroe Falls Police
Laura Villwock	Direction Home Akron Canton

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Bill Goncy	Village of Boston Heights
Justin Bechtel	Cleveland Clinic – Akron
Mike Gordon	First Energy
Bruce Koellner - 2nd Vice	Copley Township
Brenda Robinson	Emerald Materials
Sharen Breyer	Galata Chemicals
Don Weaver	Summit County DOES

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Michelle Sowers	OEMA
Gary Scotton	Polaris Inc
Joe St. John	SCEMA
Judy Kelly	SCEMA
Josh McCoy	PPG



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**I. INTRODUCTIONS**

This meeting of the Summit County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) was called to order by Chairperson Steven Groves at 8:04 a.m. via a Zoom call on November 19, 2020.

**II. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

**Approval of Minutes – August 27, 2020**

First: Kurt Kollar

Second: Laura Villwock

The motion was carried by voice vote.

**Correspondence and Comments:**

Captain Groves went through the correspondence and will be emailed.

- No electronic votes
- Route 8 incident on August 25, 2020 to be used as a functional exercise credit under SERC.
- A copy of the Summit County's LEP Exercise Status
- A copy of the NOV Compliance Status
- List of spills from Ohio EPA for Summit County

**III. INFORMATION COORDINATORS REPORT:**

Tommy Smoot reported the compliance and fiscal report have been completed. Since the last meeting in August, there have been (3) right-to-know requests, (3) 30-day follow up reports and (4) spill reports.

**IV. SPECIAL TEAMS PLANNER REPORT – Tim Gemind**

Tim Gemind reported Hazmat training has been struggling because of COVID. Capt. Amonett has scheduled small groups to review apparatus and equipment in November and December. December will be a 3-day training for flammable liquid railcar response training dependent upon COVID.

Tim stated the DuoDote kits expired in the spring. The SORT Board decided to purchase 30 kits this year and 30 kits next year. 15 will go on truck in Akron and 15 will go in truck in Stow.

Hazmat is also looking at SCBA apparatus to submit for replacement with the regional grant. The bottles that hold the air are about to expire.



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Tim finalized the route 8 incident reimbursement package in the estimated amount of \$9000 for the County.

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

The County has been pursuing Barberton Steel for a hazmat reimbursement. The Law Department is in the process of meeting with them to discuss a settlement. If needed, Steve Groves stated a zoom meeting can be scheduled with the NOV committee.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS –**

None

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**EHS Hazard Analysis Committee**

Tim Gemind has not been able to have any visits/meetings.

**Spill Reporting Compliance**

Tim Gemind sent out the summary to everyone yesterday. The last 2 letter went to HOC transport and one to Perfect Timing Transport who both did not report spills.

**Training, Education & Exercise Committee**

- Tim met with Deputy Chief Vober (AFD) to discuss the 4 objectives for the Rt 8 incident.
- Tommy reached out to the Portage County LEPC and they were interested in joining with the next LEPC All Hazards conference.

**Planning Committee**

No report

**Finance Committee**

Tommy Smoot asked for a motion for up to 25% of the cost for the Summit County Emergency Notification System (ENS), not to exceed \$12,500. Jerry Hughes made the motion with Kurt Kollar as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

Tommy Smoot asked for a motion for \$36,600 for the LEPC portion of the special team's planner salary. Clarence Tucker made the motion with Jerry Hughes as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.



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Tommy Smoot asked for a motion for up to \$5,000 for LEPC office supplies. Jerry Hughes made the motion with Kurt Kollar as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

Tim Gemind asked for a motion for up to \$4000 for the annual calibration of all Hazmat radiation meters. Tim Gemind made the motion with Tommy Smoot as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

Tim Gemind asked for a motion for up to \$1000 for coffee/lunches for the December Hazmat training. Pam Williams made the motion with Sam Rubens as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

**VII. INCIDENTS**

Tim Gemind stated there was a SORT response assessment for Norton for a car that went into the Barberton reservoir. No response needed.

Kurt Kollar stated Summit County has not been on the high profile for spills. Due to COVID, Ohio EPA has been responding from home. Statewide, there was an issue with fish dying throughout the state and they were called on to determine why.

**VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER**

None

**IX. MEETING ADJOURNED**

Tommy Smoot motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 am with Pam Williams as the second. The motion carried by voice vote.

**X. NEXT MEETING**

February 25, 2021 @ 8:30 a.m. location TBD.