



**SUMMIT COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Hazardous Materials Planning and Community Right-To-Know

**Meeting Minutes
May 27, 2021**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Steve Groves – Chair	Valley Fire District
Tommy Smoot	Summit County Emergency Management
Julia Harber-Vice Chair	Metallic Resource
Shawn Metcalf	RTA
Tim Gemind - Secretary	Summit County Emergency Management
Kurt Kollar	OEPA
Pam Williams	American Red Cross
Jerry Hughes	Munroe Falls Police
Bill Goncy	Village of Boston Heights
Sam Rubens	Summit County Public Health
Bruce Koellner - 2nd Vice	Copley Township
Sharen Breyer	Community
Don Weaver	Summit County DOSSS
Macklin Flinn	Cleveland Clinic – Akron General
Brenda Robinson	Emerald Materials
Mike Gordon	First Energy

MEMBERS ABSENT

Clarence Tucker	Akron Fire Department
Laura Villwock	Direction Home Akron Canton

GUESTS PRESENT

Michelle Sowers	OEMA
Lori Pesci	Summit County Public Safety
Joe St. John	SCEMA
Kirk Gardner	First Energy
Judy Kelly	SCEMA
Josh McCoy	PPG
Rob Keener	Akron Fire Department
Stephen Smith	University of Akron Intern



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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 8:30 a.m. via a Zoom call on May 27, 2021.

II. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Approval of Minutes – February 25, 2021

First: Pam Williams

Second: Bill Goncy

The motion was carried by voice vote.

Correspondence and Comments:

Captain Groves went through the correspondence that was emailed.

- Request for renewal for an air pollution permit for Performance Health on Home Ave.
- Thank you from Crown Battery for completing an EHS interview
- No electronic votes

III. INFORMATION COORDINATORS REPORT:

Tommy Smoot reported since the last meeting in February, there have been (7) right-to-know requests, (5) 30-day follow-up reports and (8) spill reports. Tommy stated they are working on the LEPC 2021-2023 membership. He sent the LEPC attendance report and membership renewal list to the County Executive for review and appointment.

The Tier II reports were completed. Tim Gemind stated we received 9 late reports. A large percentage came in electronically with 30 hard copies (Joseph St. John helped input). There were 700 reports, under last year and reporting is steadily declining. Tim and Judy will send out letters to those that didn't file electronically in 2021 and ask them to file electronically.

Tommy Smoot reported the SERC has reviewed these rules in accordance with the requirements of ORC 106.03 (5-year review and find the rules necessary and some rules need amendment. Amendments were made to OAC rules 3750-1-01, 3750-10-01, 3750-20-10, 3750-20-70, 3750-20-72, 3750-20-74, 3750-25-15, 3750-30-01, 3750-30-015, 3750-30-20, 3750-30-27, and 3750-50-01 to fix simple typos, simplify incorporation by reference citation language by referencing only the most up-to-date Code of Federal Regulations and add recent federal rule language to be consistent with the federal Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA).



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Tommy stated from the past October 2020 LEPC Conference.....the Risk Management Plan(RMP) program is handled solely by the Ohio EPA and the amended changes to the program affect the RMP regulated facilities (400 plus in Ohio)

1. They may now need to “reach out” to their county LEPC and local responders to share information, increase dialogue amongst you locals and address exercises.
2. Industry has to initiate the local contacts with their emergency responders if such amendments pertain to them depending on the Program Type they are put into.....so, these amendments to the RMP program represents no added “things to do” for an LEPC, but just be aware that they may well indeed be contacting us and/or initiating dialogue and information exchange(s) if not already doing such even prior to the amendments.

IV. SPECIAL TEAMS PLANNER REPORT – Tim Gemind

Tim Gemind stated the Hazmat Team has been completing training. The main hazmat truck (3816) is approaching 30 years old and there was a discussion regarding repairs/replacement. It was recently to Akron Fire for an inspection. Akron Fire reported the vehicle is in very good shape and does not need to be replaced soon.

Steve Groves reported in March, Hazmat went back to in-person training with Ohio Evidence Collection Training. April’s training was an in-service from the vendor with the new handheld meter. May’s training was on cryogenics/research specialists. Next month's training will be a Hazmat Officer/Safety Officer certification class.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Tim Gemind stated he will be taking half of the radiation meters down to Columbus for calibration in the next couple of weeks. The Hazmat Branch has decided to stagger calibration of the meters bi-annually.

VI. NEW BUSINESS –

None

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

EHS Hazard Analysis Committee

Tim Gemind completed two site meetings (Crown Battery and Saint- Gobain in Stow). Tim visited one facility and did not receive the survey back.

Spill Reporting Compliance

Kurt Kollar reported on numerous spills in Summit County and a fire/spill at Akron Coatings and Adhesive. Kurt explained for petroleum or other non-refined materials 25 gallons on your property or a sheen on navigatable water, then the release is reportable. For crude oil, 210 gallons and a sheen on navigatable water and leaves your property, this is a reportable release. Tim stated ODNR stated oil/gas on private property it is not reportable; Kurt



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said this is not correct. Mayor Gony asked if these wells are being inspected in each county. Kurt stated each county is assigned an inspector. Steve Groves stated you can request your local fire department to make an inspection of the well/dyke.

Training, Education & Exercise Committee

- Tim specified the annual LEPC conference (Portage, Summit, Stark) is looking for a place to hold the fall conference this year. We are looking at the first half of October.
- Tommy stated they have not heard back regarding the HMEP grant for (3) training grant opportunities. These classes will be performed between October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022. We should hear by the end of the summer.

Project Name	Project Type	Number of Participants	Start Date	End Date	Total Project Cost (100%)	Federal Share (80%)	Local Match Share (20%)	Type of Local Match
Class 1 - Chlorine Emergencies - Bad Day Training	Training	Up to 90	10/1/2021	09/30/2022	\$6,774.00	\$5,419.20	\$1,354.80	Hard
Class 2 - HazMat IQ Above\Below the line	Training	90	10/1/2021	09/30/2022	\$16,850.00	\$13,480.00	\$3,370.00	Hard
Class 3 - Decon IQ	Training	90	10/1/2021	09/30/2022	\$11,850.00	\$9,480.00	\$2,370.00	Hard
TOTAL					\$35,474.00	\$28,379.20	\$7,094.80	



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Planning Committee

Michelle Sowers stated we have completed our training exercises for this cycle. July 1, 2021, will start the next 4-year cycle. Tim Gemind would like to plan a tabletop at the end of the year at Saint-Gobain.

Finance Committee

Tim Gemind stated there were no miscellaneous purchases.

Sharen Breyer made a motion to approve the budget with Mayor Goncy as the second. The budget was approved by voice vote.

VII. INCIDENTS

Tim Gemind stated the county branch has not responded to any incidents since the last meeting. They have consulted on 3 phone call assessments.

VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Tim Gemind welcomed Macklin Flinn from Cleveland Clinic AGMC as a new member.

IX. MEETING ADJOURNED

Don Weaver motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 am with Tommy Smoot as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

X. NEXT MEETING

August 26, 2021 @ 8:30 a.m. location TBD.