



**SUMMIT COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Hazardous Materials Planning and Community Right-To-Know

**Meeting Minutes
August 25, 2021**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Steve Groves – Chair	Valley Fire District
Tommy Smoot	Summit County Emergency Management
Julia Harber-Vice Chair	Metallic Resource
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
Sharen Breyer	Community
Don Weaver	Summit County DOSSS
Macklin Flinn	Cleveland Clinic – Akron General
Clarence Tucker	Akron Fire Department
Judy Bearer	Direction Home Akron Canton

MEMBERS ABSENT

Brenda Robinson	Emerald Materials
Mike Gordon	First Energy
Bruce Koellner - 2nd Vice	Copley Township
Shawn Metcalf	RTA

GUESTS PRESENT

Michelle Sowers	OEMA
Joe St. John	SCEMA
Gabriel Gemperline	Pepsico
Brian Satterfield	PPG
Rob Keener	Akron Fire Department
Steve Tompkins	ODNR



**SUMMIT COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Hazardous Materials Planning and Community Right-To-Know

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. in the EOC, 166 S. High St., Akron, and via Zoom call on August 25, 2021.

II. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Approval of Minutes – May 27, 2021

First: Bill Goncy

Second: Sharen Breyer

The motion was carried by voice vote with one spelling correction.

Correspondence and Comments:

Captain Groves went through the correspondence that was emailed.

- LEPC financial report submission
- Updated LEPC member roster
- LEPC Grant Award Check pay-in from the SERC for \$72,482
- One electronic vote for Hazmat training lunch

III. INFORMATION COORDINATORS REPORT:

Tommy Smoot reported since the last meeting in May, there have been (7) right-to-know requests, (6) 30-day follow-up reports and (4) spill reports. Tommy stated they have updated the LEPC 2021-2023 membership and our compliance/fiscal report has been completed. We are in our new 4-year LEPC exercise cycle. This cycle also brings us the new Exercise and Evaluation Manual (EEM), which has some very useful changes to the evaluation points. Our 2021 Summit County EOP was approved by OEMA and has been distributed.

The Ohio LEPC Conference (State) will be held on October 21, 2021, through the Microsoft Teams platform. Tommy will forward the meeting invite.

IV. SPECIAL TEAMS PLANNER REPORT – Tim Gemind

Tim Gemind stated the Hazmat training were as follows:

June - Hazmat Officer & Safety Officer Certifications

July – no training

August - Rail Car Incident Response for Crude, Ethanol & Other Flammable Liquids

September - In-service of new meter

October training – TBD



SUMMIT COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Hazardous Materials Planning and Community Right-To-Know

Tim Gemind stated the Hazmat Branch Deputy Director Matt Cern has stepped down. A search for his replacement is underway.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Tim Gemind stated EMA continues to work with the Law Dept. to collect Hazmat reimbursement from HOC Transport (Route 8 incident last year) and Barberton Steel from 2017.

Tim Gemind stated all the Hazmat RAD meters have been calibrated at OEMA. Tim will pick up the last half tomorrow. Tim thanked LEPC for covering the calibration cost.

VI. NEW BUSINESS –

The LEPC Compliance Report and Hazmat Plan are due to the State in October and Tim Gemind is working on both.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

EHS Hazard Analysis Committee

Tim Gemind completed interviews at ASW Supply Chain Services, LLC, Spirol Shim Corp, and WW Grainger. Tim noted that a large percentage of the EHS facilities are due to acid/lead batteries; he does not visit these facilities. During the last five years, he has visited most other EHS facilities. Tim will start looking at re-visiting EHS facilities.

Spill Reporting Compliance

The Ohio EPA Spill Report document was emailed for review. Most Summit County LEPC notices of violation have been completed with a few requiring a warning letter.

Training, Education & Exercise Committee

- Tim started the annual Summit, Portage & Stark LEPC All Hazards Conference will be held Friday, October 1, 2021, at the American Red Cross in Akron. The conference announcement and tentative agenda were emailed.
- Summit County HazMat is in initial discussions with Portage LEPC to hold a tabletop at Omnova in December. Tim Gemind plans to make this a graded LEPC exercise and check off some objectives for the State's new four-year exercise cycle.
- Steve Groves stated they have applied for HMEP funding to cover the training below. The team is waiting for confirmation on final approval. An email vote will be sent out to approve when the official award comes out for the 20% LEPC match.



**SUMMIT COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Hazardous Materials Planning and Community Right-To-Know

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	

- Tommy Smoot stated we have received a new EEM from SERC and noted the changes listed below. Michelle Sowers provided a few highlights.

EEM Change Log

#1- Notification of Response/Support Agencies

POR #1- Added verbiage regarding the 30 minute reporting time

POR #2- Added "dispatched and/or" notified

#2- Incident Assessment

POR #6 Reworded - Was consideration given to the development of protective actions for the public and the environment based on an incident assessment?



**SUMMIT COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Hazardous Materials Planning and Community Right-To-Know

#3- Incident Command

POR #7 Reworded - Did command staff consider the need to activate an Emergency Operations Center?

Evaluation Needs and Issues- Added recommendations on the training an evaluator of this objective should have. Added Objective #8 as another suitable evaluated objective

#4- Emergency Operations Center

Basic Intent- Added reference to ORC 3750.20.78. Added mechanism to test a virtual or mobile EOC

POR #3- Added other options to the list of EOC Manager

#5- Resource Management

POR #4 Reworded- Were cleanup/disposal actions coordinated with the spiller?

Exercise Design and Control- Section received an overhaul

Evaluation Needs and Issues- Added recommendation on the type of people to evaluate this objective

#6- Communications

No substantial changes

#7- Response Personnel Safety

Basic Intent- Added Public Employee Risk Reduction Program (PERRP) and Ohio HazMat Tac to list of best practices

POR #4- Enhanced the description concerning appropriate PPE

Planning Committee

No report

Finance Committee

Steve Groves stated the budget was emailed out, which reflects the payment from the State.

Tim Gemind stated the Hazmat Branch currently carries DUODOTE kits and cyanide kits. Both are drugs that can be administered to branch members in the case of exposure to WMD, cyanide, and pesticide exposure. The Domestic Preparedness Steering Committee has chosen not to fund the replacement/sustainment of these drugs.



**SUMMIT COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Hazardous Materials Planning and Community Right-To-Know

There are four cyanide kits on each of the two response vehicles. Most are expired or soon will be. The cost to replace all eight kits is approximately \$3,500, not to exceed \$4,000. This would be a reoccurring expense each time the drugs are set to expire but would be brought to the committee when that time comes.

There are 15 DUODOTE kits on each of the two response vehicles. There is supposed to be a total of 30 on each. The cost to purchase the additional 15 kits would be approximately \$1,800, not to exceed \$2,200. This would be a reoccurring expense each time the drugs are set to expire but would be brought to the committee when that time comes.

Tim is not asking LEPC to sustain the costs. Eventually, the SCSORT budget may allow for the availability to fully sustain. Julie Harber made a motion not to exceed \$6,200 for a one-time purchase of 8 cyanide kits and 15 DUODOTE kits with Chief Tucker as the second. The motion was carried 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 4 hazmat phone call assessments.

VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Kurt Kollar from OEPA stated Larry Antonelli is retiring. They have already posted his position. There will also be a new dispatcher. Michelle Sowers stated OEMA is working back in the office but they will no longer be operating out of the Parma office.

Tim Gemind welcomed new member Judy Bearer from Area on Aging who will be filling the communications/media LEPC role.

Jerry Hughes stated he would be retiring on November 1st. The Police Chiefs Association will need to appoint a new member.

IX. MEETING ADJOURNED

Mayor Goncy motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 am with Chief Hughes as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

X. NEXT MEETING

November 18, 2021 @ 8:30 a.m. location TBA.