



**SUMMIT COUNTY  
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

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

**Meeting Minutes  
May 25, 2023**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Steve Groves – Chair	Valley Fire District
Tommy Smoot	Summit County Emergency Management
Tim Gemind - Secretary	Summit County Emergency Management
Sam Rubens	Summit County Public Health
Pam Williams	American Red Cross
Bill Goncy	Village of Boston Heights
Julia Harber-Vice Chair	NEO Regional Sewer District
Sharen Breyer	Community
Judy Bearer	Direction Home Akron Canton
Macklin Flinn	Cleveland Clinic – Akron General
Don Weaver	Summit County DOSSS

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Shawn Metcalf	Akron METRO RTA
Steve Brown	Bath Township PD
Kurt Kollar	OEPA
Brenda Robinson	Huntsman
Michael Angerstien	Akron Fire Department
Bruce Koellner - 2nd Vice	Copley Township
Jacob Maxim	Huntsman

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Rob Keener	Akron FD
Michelle Sowers	Ohio EMA



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**I. INTRODUCTIONS**

This meeting of the Summit County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) was called to order by Steve Groves at 8:30 am on May 25, 2023.

**II. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

**Approval of Minutes – February 16, 2023**

First: Pam Williams      Second: Sharen Breyer

The motion was carried by voice vote.

**Correspondence and Comments:**

Steve Groves reviewed and passed around the correspondence:

- Current budget and updated membership application
- Tim Gemind completed a rail survey enlight of the recent train derailments.
- Tim reviewed The Hazmat plan evaluation and saw no significant changes. He also reached out to Michelle Sowers to confirm.
- No electronic votes

**III. INFORMATION COORDINATORS REPORT:**

Tommy Smoot stated there was one right-to-know request, three 30-day follow-up reports, and six spill reports. The 2023 Statewide LEPC Conference will be virtual on October 26 from 830a – 1230p. The State will be hosting the EMA Directors conference in the fall virtually. Tommy served as an evaluator for the Medina County LEPC exercise on February 8, which became a CISA Communications exercise. Tim completed the first-time filer's report. Tim has also been working on our LEPC nominations for membership for the SERC to consider for their August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Please let Tim know if you cannot serve on LEPC for the next two years. Tier II reports are complete. We received our reimbursement for the FY22 PUCO grant. HazMat completed the first training funded by the FY22 HMEP - Year 1, Drug IQ, last week. We submitted the FY22 HMEP Year 2 grant application to Ohio EMA. There will be four comprehensive trainings for \$52,950. HMEP will fund 80%; if awarded, we asked LEPC to support the 20% match of \$10,590.

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

Tim Gemind stated March's Hazmat training was Hazmat Emergency Response Decision Making. April's training was Clandestine Lab. May's training was Drug IQ, and June's training will be Homemade Explosives. July is TBD.



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**V. OLD BUSINESS**

Tim Gemind stated there were 722 Tier II submissions. There were significantly few manual submissions, and nine were late. Tim said regarding first-time filers, 52 is high. This number is usually in the teens. But most were oil wells.

Regarding the LEPC Annual Fall Conference, Tim has reached out to Portage and Stark County and heard nothing from either one. He is looking for suggestions. The committee decided to do a conference in 2024.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS –**

None

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**EHS Hazard Analysis Committee**

Tim completed an interview and survey with Jones Chemical.

**Spill Reporting Compliance**

Tim Gemind mailed out a spreadsheet on the spill reporting and compliance. First Energy had one that was late.

**Training, Education & Exercise Committee**

Lt. Keener and Tim met with Firestone. They would like to host an LEPC-graded hazmat exercise from September 20-22, 2023.

**Planning Committee**

None.

**Finance Committee**

None

**VII. INCIDENTS**

Tim Gemind stated Hazmat had one call for an odor in Mogadore.



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**VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Steve Groves stated Lt. Keener was selected and approved to be a member of the SERC.

Mayor Goncy stated they had a ribbon cutting last Friday at the Dominion Training Center for a new project called Hydrogen Heights. Hydrogen Heights is Ohio's first hydrogen blending pilot program to explore using hydrogen as a clean energy source.

**IX. MEETING ADJOURNED**

Mayor Goncy motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 am, with Pam Williams as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

**X. NEXT MEETING**

August 17, 2023, @ 8:30 am location EOC.