



**SUMMIT COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Hazardous Materials Planning and Community Right-To-Know

11-14-24 LEPC Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: 2024-11-14 08:37:50

Location: Summit Communications Center, 630 North Ave., Tallmadge

MEMBERS PRESENT

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| Steve Groves – Chair | Valley Fire District |
| Tommy Smoot | Summit County Emergency Management |
| Tim Gemind - Secretary | Summit County Emergency Management |
| Sharen Breyer | Community |
| Bruce Koellner - 2nd Vice | Copley Township |
| Pam Williams | American Red Cross |
| Kurt Kollar | OEPA |

MEMBERS ABSENT

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| Julia Harber-Vice Chair | NEO Regional Sewer District |
| Macklin Flinn | Cleveland Clinic – Akron General |
| Jacob Maxim | Huntsman |
| Alison Reichard | Huntsman |
| Judy Bearer | Retired Industry |
| Melissa McFadden | Summit County DOSSS |
| Kelsey Kurcsak | Georgia Pacific |
| Sam Rubens | Summit County Public Health |
| Shawn Metcalf | Akron METRO RTA |
| Steve Brown | Bath Township PD |
| Joseph Shumaker | Akron Fire Department |

GUESTS PRESENT

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| Rob Keener | AFD |
| Michelle Sowers | Ohio EMA |
| Joseph St. John | SCEMA |



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Motion and Correspondence

- **Approval of Minutes August 15, 2024**
First: Pam Williams Second: Bruce Koellner
- **Correspondence Highlights:**
 - A spreadsheet detailing financial transactions with the state of Ohio was discussed, highlighting Summit County's pay-in of \$82,574.
 - The LEPC Compliance report signed by Tom Smoot and Tim Gemind was acknowledged.
 - One electronic vote for \$1600 to send Hazmat Branch technicians to the Northeast Ohio Hazmat Conference in Solon
 - Letter to Michelle Sowers to submit a "No Change" for this year's review of the Chemical Emergency Response and Preparedness Plan.

Reports

- **Information Coordinator's Report:**
 - **Reports and Requests:** Received six spill reports, eight 30-day follow-up reports, and 11 right-to-know requests.
 - **SERC Coffee Talk:** Attended an online session providing an overview of the Finance and Administrative Committee of the SERC.
 - **NRC Notifications:** We applied to receive notifications of spills from the National Response Center and are awaiting approval.
- **Training and Compliance:**
 - **Training Sessions:**
 - August: Hazmat Tox Med training.
 - September: Ohio Fire Academy Chlorine Trainer sessions.
 - October: LEPC Conference and County Hazmat apparatus review.



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- November: NEO Hazmat Conference and metering scenarios.
- December: Planned decontamination exercises at Akron Station 8.
- **Hazmat Vehicle Replacement:** Initial discussions on replacing a 30-year-old hazmat vehicle at Stow, potentially funded by a grant.

Old Business

- **Cost Recovery:**
 - Received \$5,835.54 from the Royal Chemical explosion.
 - Cost recovery paperwork for the SMB International incident was sent, with \$2,859.09 to be recovered.

New Business

- **Hazmat Technicians:** Four technicians attended the Hazmat Commanders & Instructors Conference this week in Florida.
- **Compliance and Violations:** Discussion on notice of violations and compliance issues with various companies, including Kiko Labs.

Subcommittee Reports

- **EHS Report:** Conducted interviews with Albemarle in Twinsburg, Akrochem in Stow, Struktol in Cuyahoga Falls, and Marsam Metal Fab in Stow.
- **Spill Compliance:** The Compliance & Enforcement Subcommittee met in September regarding the SMB International Hazmat fire. Violations included failing to report a release, failing to submit a 30-day follow-up report, and failing to report chemical storage (Tier 2) to LEPC. Steve Groves has drafted and approved a letter to send to the business owner.
- **Training, Education, and Exercise:**
 - **LEPC Conference:** We successfully organized and hosted the annual LEPC conference, delivering a valuable and engaging experience for all participants.



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- We submitted documentation for SERC approval of the SMB International incident for the 2025 training cycle as a full-scale exercise.
- **Finance Committee:**
 - Grant Applications: Applied for FY22 HMEP Year 3 grant for hazmat training for \$55,550.00. \$42,840.00 will come from the Federal side with a 20% match. This funding will provide 3 Hazmat trainings (Hazmat Foam IQ, Hazard3 Air Monitoring, Hazard3 ARM Decon). Pam Williams motioned for the LEPC to provide \$10,710.00 for the 20% match with Bruce Koellner as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.
 - Tommy Smoot asked for a 25% match for our Emergency Notification System cost from the LEPC, not exceeding \$8,400. Pam Williams made the motion with Bruce Koellner as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.
 - Tommy Smoot requested a \$45,024 reimbursement from LEPC to cover the work of the Special Teams Planner (Tim Gemind). Bruce Koellner made the motion with Pam Williams as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.
 - Tommy Smoot requested a motion to utilize up to \$5,000 for office supplies. Pam Williams made the motion with Sharen Breyer as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.
 - Tommy Smoot requested a motion for Summit County EMA to do the work on behalf of LEPC. Pam Williams made the motion with Bruce Koellner as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.
 - Tim Gemind requested a motion to spend up to \$1,430 for the annual calibration of the mercury meter. Bruce Koellner made the motion with Sharen Breyer as the second. The motion was withdrawn after discussing Ohio EPA's guidance on calibrating their mercury meter.
 - Tim Gemind motioned for \$140 overage to the original \$1600 approved for the Hazmat conference in Solon with Bruce Koellner as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.
 - Tim Gemind requested a motion for \$1,098.50 for a digital ground test meter. Tommy Smoot made the motion with Pam Williams as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.



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SERC Update

- **Objective Updates:** Removal of the shelter objective to simplify processes, and the forms were updated.
- **Coffee Talks:** Replacing the annual LEPC state conference with monthly coffee talks.

Incidents

- **Spill Reports:** 84 spills were reported in Summit County, with significant incidents including Shin-Etsu silicone in Akron.

Good of the Order

- **Farewell:** Thank you to Don Weaver for his many years of serving on this committee.

Next Meeting

- Thursday, February 27, 2025 @ 830am at the Summit Emergency Communications Center, 630 North Ave., Tallmadge