



**SUMMIT COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Hazardous Materials Planning and Community Right-To-Know

LEPC Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: May 22, 2025

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Steve Groves – Chair	Valley Fire District
Tommy Smoot	Summit County Emergency Management
Tim Gemind - Secretary	Summit County Emergency Management
Melissa McFadden	Summit County DOSSS
Judy Bearer	Direction Home
Sam Rubens	Summit County Public Health
Pam Williams	American Red Cross
Bruce Koellner - 2nd Vice	Copley Township

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kandy Fatheree	Summit County Sheriff's Office
Kurt Kollar	OEPA
Sharen Breyer	Community
Jacob Maxim	Huntsman
Julia Harber-Vice Chair	NEO Regional Sewer District
Macklin Flinn	Cleveland Clinic – Akron General
Alison Reichard	Huntsman
Kelsey Kurcsak	Georgia Pacific
Shawn Metcalf	Akron METRO RTA
Joseph Shumaker	Akron Fire Department

GUESTS PRESENT

Noah Porter	OEMA
Michelle Sowers	Ohio EMA
Joseph St. John	SCEMA
Leon Henderson	Akron Fire Department
Stephen Tompkins	ODNR

Approval of minutes

- The January 27, 2025, meeting minutes were approved with a motion by Pam Williams and a second by Sam Rubens. The motion passed with all in favor and no opposition.



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Correspondence

- One electronic vote for meter calibration
- 10 1st time filers
- Spill line reporting information from the beginning of the year, with 30-day notices still not received.
- Totals reviewed from the 2019 NOV status, and where they stand
- Quote for a level A suit
- Notice of Violation letter that was issued by OEPA
- LEPC Grant application

Reports

- Tim Gemind presented the Information Coordinator Report:
 - Since the last meeting, eleven spill reports, three 30-day follow-up reports, and three right-to-know requests were received.
 - Tier 2s have been submitted for a total of 717 facilities; ten were late, and letters were sent. There were ten first-time filers.
- Tim Gemind presented the Special Teams Planner Report:
 - Hazmat training included Railroad Incidents in April and Chlorine Functional Exercise in May.
 - Future training includes Air Monitoring in June and Decon Ops in July.
 - July 16 LEPC Full Scale graded exercise in Macedonia with Norfolk Southern RR.
 - The HAZMAT leadership group has met with two vendors to discuss replacing the original HAZMAT vehicle. One gave a verbal estimate of \$1.5-\$1 million with a 40-month build time. We are waiting for drawings from the vendors.

Subcommittee Reports

- EHS – no report



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- Spill Reporting and Compliance: Tim Gemind emailed documents to everyone.
- Training, Education, and Exercise Subcommittee: Please forward any speaker ideas for this year's LEPC workshop on October 3rd to Tim Gemind. Discussed possibly having a drone speaker.
- Finance Subcommittee:
 - Tommy Smoot stated that we submitted our FY25 HMEP year one grant application. If granted, we would ask for a 20% match. This would be for two three-day trains. The total amount of the training would be \$34,135.71, and the 20% match would be \$6,827.14. Bruce Koellner made a motion to approve the 20% match for \$6,827.14 with Pam Williams as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.
 - Tim Gemind requested a motion for \$4,474.07 for a new Hazmat suit tester (All Safe). Bruce Koellner made the motion with Melissa McFadden as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.
 - Tim Gemind requested a motion for \$2,500 for food for the LEPC exercise in July. Pam Williams made the motion with Tommy Smoot as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote
- Planning Committee: No report
- Incidents

New Business

None

Old Business

One reimbursement check was received from Clean Harbors in the amount of \$4,033.90.

Discussed the ongoing issues with SMB International. They are not fully compliant and have not been permitted for limited distribution until they meet the requirements. To summarize, they have complied with LEPC. We will see if they submit their Tier 2.



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SERC

SERC membership forms are due before their August meeting. Plans are due before October 17th. We can choose to do one more no change. If we choose to submit a no change, it will have to be voted on at our August meeting. If we do an update, we don't have to vote. Discussed possibly adding drone verbiage to the plan and updating the formatting.

Good of the Order

Paul Amonett is having all Zone Coordinators update the Hazmat incident forms.

Chief Henderson stated that Old St. Thomas Hospital has been torn down, with 9-10 vaults filled with carcinogens removed. Summa did a fantastic job with this project in a year.

Next Meeting

- The next meeting is scheduled for August 22 at 8:30 AM at the SECC

Adjournment

Sam Rubens motioned to adjourn the meeting with Pam Williams as the second. All in favor: None opposed.