



SUMMIT COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Hazardous Materials Planning and Community Right-To-Know

LEPC Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: November 13, 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
Sam Rubens	Summit County Public Health
Sharen Breyer	Community
Judy Bearer	Direction Home
Kelsey Kurcsak	Davey Tree
Kurt Kollar	OEPA

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kandy Fatheree	Summit County Sheriff's Office
Pam Williams	American Red Cross
Alison Reichard	Huntsman
Bruce Koellner - 2nd Vice	Copley Township
Brenda Robnison	Huntsman
Melissa McFadden	Summit County DOSSS
Shawn Metcalf	Akron METRO RTA
Julia Harber - Vice Chair	NEO Regional Sewer District
Scott Pascu	Akron Fire Department
Macklin Flinn	Cleveland Clinic
Chris Norfolk	Cuyahoga Falls Police Department

GUESTS PRESENT

Noah Porter	OEMA
Theo Williams	Univar
Joseph St. John	SCEMA
Rob Keener	Akron Fire Department
Michelle Sowers	Ohio EMA
Judy Kelly	SCEMA
Tanya Miller	Baker Hughes (Z)



**SUMMIT COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Hazardous Materials Planning and Community Right-To-Know

Approval of minutes

- The August 21, 2025, meeting minutes were approved with a motion by Sam Rubens and a second by Kurt Kollar. The motion passed unanimously, with no opposition.

Correspondence

- One electronic vote – to approve the 2026 LEPC Budget
- LEPC Plan Compliance Report SFY 2025
- SERC Concurrence with the SFY 2026 Annual Exercise for the Summit County LEPC July Exercise, which passed 14-0
- LEPC Planning Committee appointment for Kelcey Kurcsak
- SERC concurrence with Summit County LEPC plan updates
- SMB update

Reports

- Tim Gemind presented the Information Coordinator Report:
 - Since the last meeting, three spill reports, four 30-day follow-up reports, and three right-to-know requests were received.
- Tim Gemind presented the Special Teams Planner Report:
 - Hazmat training included:
 - September Hazmat Foam – discussed the pros and cons of the new foam
 - October Evidence collection with the Ohio National Guard, 52nd Civil Support Team, had to be cancelled because of the government shutdown
 - November Ohio Hazmat Conference in Solon. Booming & Diking Operations with the dive trailer
 - December Workdays for team typing (December 19)
- The Hazmat leadership group truck replacement committee members will travel to Columbus next month to view two Sutphen Hazmat vehicles at the Sutphen plant. Funding continues to be an issue.



**SUMMIT COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Hazardous Materials Planning and Community Right-To-Know

Subcommittee Reports

- EHS – no report
- Spill Reporting and Compliance: Tim Gemind emailed documents to everyone. Tim will email Kurt Kollar's spill report today.
- Training, Education, and Exercise Subcommittee: This year's LEPC workshop was on October 3rd, with approximately 65 attendees. It was suggested that the conference be moved to Thursday next year.
- Finance Subcommittee:
 - The budget was emailed to all
- Planning Committee: No report
- Incidents
 - Twinsburg (TNT) for a chemical reaction (70% hydrochloric acid) inside a building. Recommendation for additional training at the facility. John Dunn would be the point of contact from Twinsburg Fire for this event.
 - Akron had a few fuel spills
 - Kurt Kollar has an ongoing incident (Metallico) of oil in the land from crushed cars.
 - Discussed the train car that fell over by I-76

New Business

None

Old Business

None

SERC

Michelle stated there is another coffee talk on December 17th.



**SUMMIT COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Hazardous Materials Planning and Community Right-To-Know

Good of the Order

None

Next Meeting

- The next meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2026 at 8:30 AM at the SECC

Adjournment

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