

NORTH CHANNEL LEPC MEETING MINUTES

Feb. 1, 2010

Galena Park ISD Administration Building
14705 Woodforest Blvd.
(NE corner of intersection BW-8 and Woodforest)
Lunch at 11:30 am

- I. Call to Order and Introductions – Meeting began at 11:50 am with 30 attendees. Guests this meeting was Jeff Ross of First Call Network.
- II. Presentation by Jeff Ross of the First Call Network, Inc. – Mr. Ross showed some of the latest First Call enhancements. He demonstrated the web registration system which allows members of the public to self register (unlisted numbers, cell phones, email addresses, etc.). First Call will build this interface for First Call users for free. Ross reviewed the First Call procedures showing the change related to the web registration feature. He also discussed using the web portal (not the same as VPN access). Web portal is in Beta testing but should be available to users within a month or so. A brief Q & A followed. Contact Jeff Ross at First Call at Jeff@Firstcall.net for further information.
- III. Review of Minutes from Jan. 11, 2010 Meeting – Minutes were distributed prior to the meeting. No corrections were proposed. A motion to accept the minutes was raised by Anorga, 2nd by Strouhal. Motion carried by voice vote.
- IV. Committee Reports
 - Finance w / Treasurer's report – Spaid presented the financial report through Feb. 1. Motion to accept financial report by Anorga, 2'd by Strouhal. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - HHWCD –Cheryl Burton-Fentres noted the county's mobile household haz unit will have an event (dated not yet determined but probably in April) at the Jim Fonteno Courthouse on Wallisville.
 - Compliance and Emergency Notification System – Squyres touched on the recent American Acryls (AA) event in Pasadena. While emergency response was good, community emergency communications was lacking. Causes for these issues are still being investigated. David Wade provided a behind the scenes look at what AA was doing, and what your county employees were doing in this event to get information into the facility and back out to the public. Wade alos advised facilities to practice their emergency communications plans, including actually making the phone calls (Often phone numbers are out of date.)
 - Squyres noted it is Tier II time, due March 1. Electronic submissions only. Please send files in state's ".t2s" format on a CD or via email to gary.spaid@verizon.net.

Site visitation plans: Haltermann on Jan. 26 did not occur – issues with Channelview VFD. Tex-Trude is tentatively set for sometime in March but the LEPC has had not communication from CVFD or Tex-Trude on a date. The LEPC wants all its fire departments to coordinate their facility visits with the LEPC. The LEPC has developed a visit agenda but there is a need to develop a set of criteria for use during these visits. The Harris County Haz Mat team wishes to be involved in these visits also.

- Drills and Training / Chief's Council Report – Squyres – Homeland Security conf. in San Antonio Feb. 15-18..
- Transportation – Anorga – Reported the grant request for funding for a transportation flow study was rejected. Also he reported on a Baytown train derailment where 7 cars derailed, but no releases.

V. CAPLE and HAD-CAP Reports

- CAPLE – Strouhal - No report.
- HAD-CAP – Spaid reported on the Jan. 25 HAD-CAP meeting where each facility gave an annual report on their safety, health, environmental and financial accomplishments and status, along with a 2010 business outlook. The group also discussed the previous meeting where members from other CAPs had been invited. We touched on similarities and differences in the CAPs with the takeaway being those things we could do to improve HAD-CAP. Next meeting we will be discussing the new Green House Gas rules and proposed rules.

VI. Agency Reports

HCPHES – Nothing to report.

Precinct 2 – Nothing to report.

HCOEM – David Wade noted Industrial Fire, Safety and Security Conference Feb. 2-4. Homeland Security Conference is Feb. 15-18.

GPISD – C. Vital reported HCPHES will be offering free H1N1 vaccinations on Feb. 3 at the GP Middle School, Woodland Acres Middle school and North Shore 9th grade campus, 3 to 7 pm.

EHRMC – Anderson – Merger with Bayshore helped EHRMC have a good year in 2009. EHRMC is getting a new CEO.

Sheriff's Office – Nothing to report.

VII. Old Business – None.

VIII. New Business – None.

IX. Next meeting:

- March 1

X. Adjournment at 12:45.