

# NORTH CHANNEL LEPC MEETING MINUTES

Nov. 2, 2009

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.
- II. Review of Minutes from October Meeting – Minutes were not read during the meeting, having been distributed prior to the meeting. Correction noted to name of the foundation mentioned by Dawn McCain is the “David P. Hall, Jr. M.D. Foundation”. Motion to approve the corrected minutes was raised by Strouhal and 2’d by Shilling. Motion carried by voice vote.
- III. Committee Reports
  - Finance w / Treasurer’s report – Spaid presented the financial report through November 15. Most HHWCD expenses have been paid excepting the Veolia bill. Motion to accept financial report by Pupo, 2’d by Strouhal. Motion carried by voice vote.
  - HHWCD – Squyres reported the HHWCD held last Saturday (10/24) we handled 168 vehicles, and collected over 2,000 lbs of batteries and 7 apllets of E-wastes. Other totals were not available at the time of the meeting. The student volunteers from GPISD performed wonderfully. Spaid moved for the LEPC to provide letters of appreciation or certificates to the students who participated. Unanimous approval.

Squyres noted for future HHWCD events we may want to consider applying for grants from the Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC). Cheryl Burtun-Fentres noted the County’s permanent facility will be opening in December. They will be open Wednesday’s between 9 and 3, and on 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday’s between 9 and 3.

Squyres reported that future HHWCD’s could possibly be utilized to collect and dispose of controlled substances so long as there is Law Enforcement present. EMS’s need guidance on proper disposal of controlled substances. Lon and others will be attending meeting in Huntsville to discuss with DPS and DEA. Motion made and carried to include controlled substance collection and disposal in future HHWCD’s to better position the LEPC to receive grant money.
  - Compliance and Emergency Notification System –Spaid noted visit to Kinder-Morgan facility on Penn City Road with Channelview FVD was cancelled as there is a dispute regarding which Fire Department (Cloverleaf or Channelview) has jurisdiction there. Some followup contact with

Ingenia Polymers has occurred and will likely result is the LEPC having a new member.

Squyres suggested at least for the time being we table the idea of embracing Emerge. Wade noted most of the facilities on the South side of the channel are going to utilize it taking advantage of Port Security District funding. Deer Park and LaPorte LEPC's are financing Emerge for their facilities.

- Drills and Training / Chief's Council Report – Battise - No report.
- Transportation – Anorga - No report

IV. CAPLE and HAD-CAP Reports

- CAPLE – Strouhal reported on the latest CAPLE meeting (Oct. 15). The group toured the wastewater facility at Lyondell. Next meeting is Nov. 19 with the topic being road development..
- HAD-CAP – No HAD-CAP meeting in October..

V. Agency Reports

County – nothing to report.

Precinct 2 – Lengthy discussion regarding drum dumping.

HCOEM – David Wade discussed the need for industrial facilities to get NIMS compliant to be able to utilize grant money and for response to Level 2 and 3 incidents.

GPISD – C. Vital reported no influenza outbreak yet, only scattered cases.

EHRMC – No report.

VI. Old Business – Squyres noted today is beginning of H1N1 vaccinations for emergency response and hospital personnel.

VII. New Business –

- Election of LEPC officers – Chairman – Only nomination received for this position was Lon Squyres. Motion by Strouhal and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pupo to elect Squyres by acclamation was carried. Only nomination of Vice-chair was for Billy Boaz. Motion by Strouhal and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pupo to elect by acclamation was carried.

VIII. Next meetings:

- No meeting in December. 2010 schedule will be provided as soon as meeting arrangements can be made.

IX. Adjournment at 12:37.