



ORANGE COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

April 14th, 2021

Welcome & Self-Introductions

- Meeting called to order at 9:01 by Lee Anne Brown
- Quorum present determined by L. Brown
- **Present Voting members:** Acadian, Arlanxeo, Baptist Hospital, Chem 32, Chevron Phillips, City of Orange, City of Vidor, Dow, Energy Transfer, Invista, Industrial Rescue Instruction Systems (IRIS), Solvay, Westlake Chemical.
- **Present non-voting members:** CERT, OMI, SETRPC, TCEQ, Texas GLO, U.S Coast Guard.

March 10th, 2021 meeting minutes approval:

- Motion: R. Guillory; Second: M. Hennigan; Approved by Acclamation

Approval of March Treasurer's Report :

- Motion: R. Guillory; Second: G. Williams; Approved by Acclamation

Committee Reports:

Communications – L. George (Absent/No report)

Planning/Programs- Aleta Cappen (*Absent/no report*).

Warning Signs/ warning signs upgrade- Regius Guillory

- The sign on FM 1006 is really faded.
- The Rounbunch sign still needs to be repaired. The sign has been re-erected, but the vendor is having a hard time getting the right solar system for the sign, so it is still not operational. All the telephone system for each of the signs have been upgraded.
- Only two of the facilities completed their test for March, let's make sure we all keep doing our tests once every month.
- As far as the testing sign, Image 360 was going to provide some removable magnets to attach to the blue sign and indicate when the test was in progress. However, the signs are very high and hard to reach. Image 360 is going to re-do the signs we had before the storm at no cost.
- J. Hansen: just a reminder, that those signs could be funded through the Port Security Grant program. M. Hennigan, R. Guillory, and L. Brown will meet after the meeting to discuss this further.

Bylaws- Robert Crane (no report)

Industry Group- Paton Willis (*No report*).

- There's been a lot of vehicles parked on FM1006 looking at a green area. There was an announcement, about a land management project for preparation of land for future uses. There hasn't been an official announcement about USGC2 moving forward, but all that movement should be taken as a sign of encouragement.
- Arlanxeo has a new Covid-19 protocol in place. They are close to having 100% of the workforce back on site. They are still practicing social distance and requiring everyone to wear a mask.

CERT- Lori Nash (*No report*).

Public Health- Tracy Peveto (absent/no report)

Membership- Regius Guillory

-Carolina will be sending out a notice to the organizations that have not resubmitted their dues for this year.

-The contact list for the LEPC needs to be updated. If the information for your organization has changed, please email lepc@co.orange.tx.us , otherwise, Carolina will be sending an e-mail to ensure the information we have on file is correct.

Old Business:

- Memberships for 2021 are due for renewal. Carolina will be sending out a notice to those members who have not submitted their membership yet.

New Business:

- **SNCA Golf Tournament, Friday April 23, 2021:** you can check their website for more info: <https://www.snychiefs.com/>
- **RESL/OSC Classes hosted by Beaumont OEM, funding assistance:** Charlie Cox, Beaumont Emergency Management Specialist, has reached out to the LEPC to ask for help funding the Operation Section II Class (OSC). There are several people from the county, that will be attending. The class is scheduled for mid-June. Beaumont Fire Department, Jefferson County LEPC, and Port Arthur Fire department have already collaborated. The request made is for \$1,200 to help cover the remaining cost. There is no cost for students, but anybody who wants to attend needs to sign up through **Preparingtexas.org**. E. Browning made a motion to give \$500 to support this class. Second: R. Guillory. Motion passed.
- **SETRPC Household Hazardous Waste and Scrap Tire Collection Event, Saturday, May 15, 2021 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.:** It is open to everyone, even outside Orange County and Jefferson County if they show up. See the announcement on our Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/OrangeCountyTexasLEPC>

Announcements:

- Pete De La Cruz, SETRPC: This week is National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. The 911 program puts together a goodie bag for the call takers in the three-county region. We have about 150 call takers that are employed either by the sheriff's department, the police department, and the volunteer fire departments, and Lamar. So if you have an opportunity this week or next week to thank them in anyway, just to let them know that we appreciate the work that they do... Every emergency call starts with that call taker, we can have the most advanced system in place, but it is really that person in front of the screen who really makes the system shine. Let them know you support them.
- Joel Hardin: the number of Covid-19 cases in Orange County are dwindling. On April 14, the state is pulling the nurse team that is in the County to assess, and we have a contract nursing group that is here as well. They are going to be here through May 7. We had a meeting with the Department of State Services and they are going to send a vaccination beginning on the 10th, and it will probably be cut back to two days a week instead of five days a week. Probably around Mid-June, if the state funding comes through, it will be transition into a private/public group.
- The Heritage House in Orange contacted the OEM. They are going to do a hurricane readiness expo on May 15th. They would like the LEPC participation with a booth as well as Emergency Management.

Training:

- Check www.preparingtexas.org for /more training in our area! <https://www.preparingtexas.org/Schedule.aspx>

Presentation:

- **On Deck – Roger Erickson, National Weather Service.**

Meeting adjourned: motion: P. Willis; Second: M. Hennigan; Motion carried.