



ORANGE COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

August 11th, 2021

Welcome & Self-Introductions

- Meeting Started at 9:00 a.m by L. Brown.
- Quorum determined by L. Brown
- **Present Voting members:** Acadian, Arlanxeo, Chem 32, Chevron Phillips, City of Orange, Honeywell, Industrial Rescue Instruction Systems (IRIS), Lion Elastomers, Orange County OEM, West Lake Chemical.
- **Present non-voting members:** CERT, HAM Radio, Orange County Public Health, SETRPC.

July 14th, 2021 meeting minutes approval:

- Motion: L. George; Second: R. Guillory.

Approval of July Treasurer's Report :

- Motion: E. Browning; Second: J. Ardoin

Committee Reports:

Communications – L. George (No report)

Planning/Programs- (No Report)

Warning Signs/ warning signs upgrade- Carolina Devers

- The sign on FM 1006 is still faded, and the test sign magnet is not working
- The light on the left side of the sign on Roundbunch is facing sideways and not towards traffic.
- We will check on those deficiencies and will report during our next meeting.

Bylaws- Robert Crane (absent/no report)

Industry Group- Paton Willis

- Paton needs to step down from this committee. The vacancy for this committee will be discussed during our next meeting. if you'd like to volunteer for this committee, please email lepc@co.orange.tx.us
- It was asked if facilities are taking any measures due to the recent increase on Covid cases and the new variant. Arlanxeo, Chevron, and Honeywell said they were going back to requiring employees to wear masks. In addition, Chevron is asking employees to be vaccinated if they need to attend certain trainings and conferences.
- Just a reminder, the industry group can utilize the LEPC room to host support team in the event of a weather event. It is asked for everyone to be mindful of the space. Regius will reach out to the industry group to get an approximate head count and contact information for those who decide to use the LEPC room.

CERT- Lori Nash (no report)

Public Health- Tracy Peveto (absent/no report)

Membership- Regius Guillory/ Carolina Devers

-Thanks to all the members who have renewed their membership already! The invoices for those who haven't renewed yet were already sent out with an option for online payment. If you need a new invoice or additional documentation to renew your membership please email lepc@co.orange.tx.us.

-We are trying to keep our distribution list updated, and we have sent the list out asking members to confirm is their information is correct or report any change. The contact information will be sent our again for those who haven't replied. If at any moment the information for your facility changes please email lepc@co.orange.tx.us with the updated information.

News/Recent Emergencies

- There's been a lot of traffic accidents lately, just be extra cautious while driving.

- **Orangetober Festival on Oct. 1-2 in Orange, TX.** The City of Orange Convention & Visitors Bureau is THRILLED to announce the inaugural Orangetober Festival! This event will be held October 1 & 2 at the Riverside Pavilion, located at 708 Simmons Drive. The Orangetober Festival will feature a pumpkin village, vendor market, live entertainment, food vendors, gumbo cookoff and much more! Watch our Facebook page – Explore Orange – for updates and additional information. <https://www.facebook.com/events/149979133832525/?ref=newsfeed>

Old Business:

- **Orange County Health Clinic Update:** Orange County Public Health Services have been provided for years through a grant ran by Hardin County. After Covid, the County looked into options to have its own Health Department and received a grant that will allow to open up a clinic and to hire about twelve (12) people. We are currently looking at locations for the clinic. Health services will continue to run through the Hardin County until the end of the grant.
- **Cops and Kids:** because of weather related issues, the event was moved to Friday, July 30th. There was a much lighter crowd than previous years, but it was still a good experience and we were able to reach out a good number of people.
- **300-400 class on September 27 through October. 1st.** If anybody needs this training they need to sign up through Preparingtexas.org. Make sure you have your prerequisites uploaded and that you **register for both courses**. Registration is already open. These link will take directly to the registration for the course. If you have any additional questions or need any help with registration you can call OCOEM at (409) 882-7895.
G-300: <https://www.preparingtexas.org/DeliveryDetails.aspx?classid=a9ad7da5-ed26-4307-8c3a-27ac5f05c7d0>
G-400: <https://www.preparingtexas.org/DeliveryDetails.aspx?classid=3a0a645f-2c4e-430b-906e-cbda26eafb8c>

New Business:

- **Covid-19 County update:** The Orange County Covid-19 testing results are being released weekly on the Orange County Office of Emergency Management Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/OCEmergencyManagement>
 -Based on the number of vaccines that have been provided, it is estimated that about a 30% of the county has been vaccinated. The Orange County Covid Clinic is moving to 1502 Strickland Dr. unit 6-7.
 -Remember to always wash your hands and if possible practice social distance.
- **Planning and Program Committee Vacancy:** as Aleta retired last month, we are in the need of a volunteer for this committee. If you are interested, please e-mail lepc@co.orange.tx.us. This nomination will be presented during our next meeting along with the Industry and group committee.

Announcements/Additional comments:

- ***The LEPC Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 8th, will be only hosted via zoom at 9:00 am.***

Training:

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

Presentation: Billy Phillips, Lion Elastomers.

- **On Deck – Orange Fire Department.**

Meeting adjourned: motion: E. Browning; Second: L. George: motion carried.