



ORANGE COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes
February 10th, 2021

Welcome & Self-Introductions

- Meeting called to order by Lee Anne Brown
- Quorum present determined by L. Brown
- **Present Voting members:** Acadian, Arlanxeo, Chem 32, Chevron Phillips, City of Orange, Dow Orange, Dow Pipeline, Energy Transfer, Invista, Industrial Rescue Instruction Systems (IRIS), Orange County OEM, Sabine River Authority, Westlake Chemical, Wilson Warehouse.
- **Present non-voting members:** CERT, Orange County Public Health, Phillips 66, Shell Pipeline, TCEQ, Texas GLO,

January 13th, 2020 meeting minutes approval:

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

Approval of January Treasurer's Report :

- Motion: M. Hennigan; Second: F. Hanauer; Approved by Acclamation

Committee Reports:

Communications – L. George (No report)

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

Warning Signs/ warning signs upgrade- Carolina Devers/Regius Guillory

- The sign on FM 1006 is really faded. The LEPC received a quote from Image 360 to replace the sign but the cost was high. The LEPC should be looking at other options to see who could replace it.
- The parts for the system upgrade arrived last week. Image 360 is we going through the assembly training over the next few days and hopefully will be able to begin installation next week.
- Still waiting on a quote to replace the solar panel that was stolen from the Roundbunch location.
- Sites haven't been completing their monthly report except for Chevron.

Bylaws- Robert Crane (no report)

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

CERT- Lori Nash (*No report*).

Public Health- Tracy Peveto (absent)

-Liz Smith: Cases in Orange County are still on the rise. Keep wearing a mask, wash your hands and continue to follow all the safety guidelines.

Membership- Regius Guillory.

Dues statements for 2021 have already been sent out. Carolina will be sending a confirmation once the dues have been received. For any further questions please e-mail LEPC@co.orange.tx.us.

Recent Emergencies

With the Cold Weather approaching our region, Don't forget to check your pipes and to take precautions.

Old Business:

- **Tier II reports Due March 1st.**
- **Tier II chemical reporting training classes are now available online.** You can follow this link for schedule and availability. <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/tier2/training.html>

New Business:

- **National Terrorism advisory System:** the Acting Secretary of Homeland National Security has issued a National Terrorism Advisory System Bulletin in effect from January 27-April30, 2021. This is due to a heightened threat environment across the United States, which DHS believes will persist in the weeks following the successful Presidential Inauguration. Information suggests that some ideologically-motivated violent extremists with objections to the exercise of governmental authority and the presidential transition, as well as other perceived grievances fueled by false narratives, could continue to mobilize to incite or commit violence.
- **The Counties of Orange, Jefferson, and Hardin have officially become a large HUB provider:** Anyone can register at They can register at Vaccine.beaumonttexas.gov . Also by calling (409) 550-2536, option 5 for Orange County. **People are instructed to not show up to any vaccination sites until they have received a confirmed appointment time from the Public Health Department. No one will be served without an appointment.**
- **Old Orange Historic District 1st Annual Yardi Gras:** Yardi Gras will be held February 1-16. Citizens and visitors are encouraged to explore the Old Orange Historic District in downtown Orange for a little Mardi Gras fun. For more details: <https://www.facebook.com/505366402983791/posts/1607550109432076/?sfnsn=mo>
- **26th Annual Community Trash-Off sponsored by Invista on February 27, 2021 from 8:00 a.m to 12:00p.m. registration: <https://starkculturalvenues.doubleknot.com/.../2774992>**
 This year, each registered participant will be provided with their own kit of tools to effectively participate in the clean-up efforts throughout their community, not for just one day, but year-round. Each kit will contain: one reusable bag, one trash grabber, one safety vest, one pair of gloves, and four garbage bags. Our hope is to empower our community to continue clean-up efforts year-round. If nothing else, this event will bring us together, from a distance, for a day of good clean fun!
 Participants will head out into their neighborhood or anywhere they like to walk, collect the litter they see, and post a photo on Shangri La Gardens Facebook page or on their personal profile with the hashtag **[#VirtualCommunityTrashOff2021](#) [#TrashOffFlashOn](#).**
- **IRIS Industrial Fire Brigade Emergency Response Training on May 3-7.** All classes are TFS HB2604 eligible for Volunteer Firefighters. All classes are TIFMAS eligible for Paid Fire Department Members. Please refer to the additional file attached to his e-mail for more information.

Training:

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

Presentation:

- **On Deck – Sherriff Keith Reneau, Orange County Sheriff Department.**

Meeting adjourned