



ORANGE COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes January 13th, 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, City of Pinehurst Dow Orange, Dow Pipeline, Honeywell, Invista, Industrial Rescue Instruction Systems (IRIS), Orange County OEM, Sabine River Authority, Solvay, Wilson Warehouse.
- **Present non-voting members:** American Red Cross, CERT, SETRPC, Orange County Public Health, Texas GLO, U.S. Coast Guard.

November 18th, 2020 meeting minutes approval:

- Motion: R. Guillory; Second: L. George; Approved by Acclamation

Approval of November and December Treasurer's Report :

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

Approval of 2021 Proposed Budget as presented:

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

Committee Reports:

Communications – L. George

-Jeremy Hansen: For the upcoming grant season, any port security grant applicants applying for funds related to interoperable communications will be required to certify that their agency is fully compliant with the Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan and local communications interoperability standards as set forth by the Southeast Texas Regional Radio System stakeholders group. Specifically, this means all users must have 100% of their subscriber units properly programmed and labeled for regional interoperability, to include the TalkGroups "INTEROP 1-12", and other Nationwide interoperability programming as set forth in the "National Interoperability Field Operating Guide" or "NIFOG". Further details are available by referencing the "SAFECOM" recommended guidance for interoperable communications. As always, I remain available to answer questions and provide guidance jeremy.d.hansen@uscg.mil.

Planning/Programs- Aleta Cappen (*absent*).

-Carolina: The 2021 Monthly presentation schedule has been filled. We are looking forward to all the presentations!

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.
- Image 360 is getting started on the repairs and upgrading the system.
- Unfortunately, the solar panels of the Roundbunch sign were stolen, and the LEPC will need to get new ones for the sign to work. Image 360 will provide us with an estimate soon.
- I have not been receiving the monthly tests reports. I will be reaching out individually to each facility who is in charge to send a reminder and to ensure the information I have on file is still correct.

Bylaws- Robert Crane (no report)

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

CERT- Lori Nash (*No report*).

Public Health- Tracy Peveto (*absent*)

-Lee Anne: Covid-19 is still here and there's been an increase in cases in the area, please remember 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

- **Fire Sends Child to Burn Unit, January 7, 2021.** <https://kogt.com/fire-sends-child-to-burn-unit/>
- **Natalie Warren**, American Red Cross: anybody who needs fire alarms, batteries, or any station who needs blankets can reach out to Natalie (409) 313-3704.

Old Business:

- **Walraven Folders and Magnets:** we displayed during the presentation the sample of folders and magnets we had received from Walraven. We also received an envelop full of letters from students from the West Stark Elementary, thanking the LEPC for providing them with the folders this year.
- **TCEQ Emissions Inventory Workshop on January 21, 2021.** Registration is open for the 2021 Emissions Inventory Workshop on January 21, 2021! The event will be virtual this year. *There is no cost* for participating in the online workshop. Gain insight on common emissions sources and rule requirements. Learn to report emissions inventories online, and receive updates from the 2020 reporting year.

New 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>

Training:

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

Presentation:

- **On Deck – Elgin Browning, IRIS.**

Meeting adjourned: Motion: L. George; Second: S. Tew; Motion carried.