



ORANGE COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Meeting Notes

July 14th, 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, City of Vidor, Dow, Dow Orange, Honeywell, Industrial Rescue Instruction Systems (IRIS), Invista, Energy Transfer, Orange County OEM, Solvay.
- **Present non-voting members:** CERT, OMI, Red Cross, SETRPC, TCEQ, U.S Coast Guard.

May 12th, 2021 meeting minutes approval:

- Motion: P. Willis; Second: R. Guillory.

Approval of May and June Treasurer's Report :

- Motion: A. Cappen; Second: S. Tew

Committee Reports:

Communications – L. George (No report)

Planning/Programs- Aleta Cappen.

- *The regional preparedness expo has been postponed till next spring*

Warning Signs/ warning signs upgrade- Carolina Devers

- The sign on FM 1006 is still faded.
- The sign on Roundbunch has already been fixed.

Bylaws- Robert Crane (no report)

Industry Group- Paton Willis (No report).

CERT- Lori Nash

- *CERT is working with Joel Ardoin to see the possibilities about getting someone in Orange County to do either the train the trainer or a basic CERT class.*

Public Health- Tracy Peveto (absent/no report)

Membership- Regius Guillory

-Thanks to all the members who have renewed their membership already!

If you need a new invoice or additional documentation to renew your membership please email lepc@co.orange.tx.us

News/Recent Emergencies

- **Orange County receives grant to bring back Health Department:** The county got some good news this week from Jennifer Haney the director of the Social Services Department concerning a \$1 million grant she applied for from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and was approved to receive. Haney has also applied for a \$290,000 grant from the Texas Department of State Health Services. Judge Gothia is looking into the possibility of the county having its own health clinic, which might be possible through the grant. <https://kogt.com/grant-to-bring-back-oc-health-department/>
- **The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is planning to provide lighting for MacArthur Drive** which connects the community with the City of Pinehurst to the north, the City of West Orange to the south, and the City of Orange in the middle of the roadway. Kenneth Wiemers with TxDOT spoke to the City Council in Pinehurst on June 8 about the state agency's highway safety improvement project planned for MacArthur Drive which will include adding illumination **on** both sides of the street. Wiemers said traffic studies have shown between 2015 and 2020 there

have been eight pedestrian fatalities in that area, most of them at night, which points to the need for better lighting on the road. <https://kogt.com/txdot-seeing-the-light/>

Old Business:

- **Hazardous Materials Instructor Training, delivered at no cost by TEEEX:** The Pipeline Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) is offering the Hazardous Materials Instructor Training delivered at no cost. This training is fully funded through a grant from the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (DOT-PHMSA) and satisfies the mandatory DOT-PHMSA training requirement for employers that ship hazardous materials. *The instructor would only need a meeting space for 3 days to hold the training. If interested, contact point is Taylor Hartman who will provide more information and available dates. Any interested party please e-mail LEPC@co.orange.tx.us.*
- **Cops and Kids on Friday, July 16th, 2021 at Claiborne Park from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m** **This event has been re-scheduled for Friday, July 23, 2021.**
- **Pollution Prevention Waste Management Virtual Workshop on September 16th, 2021.** Registration is already open, click <https://web.cvent.com/event/8fa200f6-801c-4c79-b6e9-14f4e470fb1c/summary> for more info and registration.
- **QuickBooks online payments:** Carolina got approval from QuickBooks to receive payments online. There is a charge associated to each transaction: ACH payments are 1% or a \$10 max; Credit cards are 2.9% + \$0.25. The LEPC will be responsible for the charge. Payments might be received faster if credit card payments are allowed. E. Browning made a motion for the LEPC to accept credit cards payments and keep the memberships at their current rate until the next budget is addressed. Second: M. Hennigan; Motion carried.
 - Carolina will send the invoices with access to e-payments
 - R. Crane will update the bylaws to reflect this change

New Business:

- **LEPC Meetings to return to in-person meetings in August:** A. Cappen made a motion to return to in-person meetings and continuing the zoom meetings for those who cannot attend. Second: D. Baggett. Motion Carried.

Announcements/Additional comments:

- *The OC EMC will be providing the 300-400 class on September 27 through October. 1st. If anybody needs this training they need to sign up through Preparingtexas.org. Registration is already open.*
- *Aleta Cappen will be retiring this month. Please see the flyer attached to this e-mail for information about her retirement celebration to be celebrated on Thursday July 29, 2021.*

Training:

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

Presentation: David Baggett, Honeywell.

- **On Deck – Lion Elastomers.**

Meeting adjourned: motion: E. Browning; Second: A. Cappen: motion carried.