



## ORANGE COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

### Meeting Minutes

March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021

#### Welcome & Self-Introductions

- Meeting called to order 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, Energy Transfer, Invista, Industrial Rescue Instruction Systems (IRIS), Orange County OEM, Wilson Warehouse.
- **Present non-voting members:** CERT, HAM Radio, Orange County Public Health, Shell Pipeline, TCEQ, Texas GLO, U.S Coast Guard.

#### February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting minutes approval:

- Motion: R. Guillory; Second: A. Cappen; Approved by Acclamation

#### Approval of February Treasurer's Report :

- Motion: P. Willis; Second: L. George; Approved by Acclamation

#### Committee Reports:

Communications – L. George (No report)

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

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

- The sign on FM 1006 is really faded.
- Image 360 is still working on the upgrade of the blinklink system and the sign repair.
- G. Williams made a motion to approve an expense of up to \$2,700 to replace the solar panel that was stolen from Roundbunch. Motions second by R. Guillory. Motion approved.
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Bylaws- Robert Crane (no report)

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

D. Wene asked if the covid procedures in the plants have changed recently, it looks like all the facilities haven't ease restrictions and are still following the C.D.C's guidelines.

CERT- Lori Nash (*No report*).

Public Health- Tracy Peveto (absent)

-Liz Smith: Public Health is still encouraging everyone to wear mask and keep social distance. If you are interested in getting the Covid-19 vaccine you can register at <https://vaccine.beaumonttexas.gov/> or by calling (409) 550-2536. If you want to register by phone, the best time to call is in the afternoon, because mornings are busier and there's only one person attending the phones, If you had covid before you need to have no symptoms before being able to take the shot. You can take the covid-19 and the flu shot but they need to be 14 days apart.

Membership- Regius Guillory (no report)

#### Old Business:

- **Tier II reports Due March 1<sup>st</sup>.** Due to the power emergency throughout the state, the TCEQ will be offering enforcement discretion for all the Tier II reports that are due March 1, 2021. All the Tier II reports must be submitted no later than April 1, 2021, to receive enforcement discretion. There are no other requirements for requesting enforcement discretion during this time period.
- **Orange County Judge John Gothia has removed all restrictions in the covid-19 vaccination portal for Orange County Residents.** Any Orange County resident who would like to be vaccinated regardless of age or other

previously restrictive factors can now do so. Registration for the Covid vaccination can be done at <https://vaccine.beaumonttexas.gov/> or by calling (409) 550-2536.

- **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

#### **New Business:**

- **US Attorney's Office/USCG Joint Anti-Terrorism Advisory Council & Area Maritime Security Committee Meeting on March 25, 2021- Virtual via HSIN Connect:** You do not need to have a HSIN account to join the meeting. In your guest registration type your name and your organization. Please test your ability to log in to HSIN Connect or Adobe connect before the meeting, and log in a little early for the meeting that day so there's time to let everyone in. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. RSVP to Chris Stuck (409) 981-7903 or [Christopher.stuck@usdoj.gov](mailto:Christopher.stuck@usdoj.gov)
- **Fiscal Year 2021 Port Security Grant Program (PSG), Deadline is May 14, 2021 at 5:00 p.m:** you can contact Jeremy Hansen for questions or guidance: [jeremy.d.hansen@uscg.mil](mailto:jeremy.d.hansen@uscg.mil). 100 billion dollars nationally is available for applications. You must have your initial application which is your SF-424 submitted no more than seven days prior to that application closing period. No major changes in this year's grant program, with the exception of the IJ template which is no longer an Adobe pdf form, it has been moved to an excel spread sheet, and instead of creating a separate IJ and budget for each project, it is now one file with multiple tabs. You can add up to five tabs. Your budget narrative as well as your broken-down budget detail are the two key components to success. There's not longer a free text area for the budget narrative. There's an individual comment section next to each budget line item where you can do your detail in description to what you are applying for. National priority is enhancing cyber security. If you have a successful application for your cyber security project you will receive a 20% increase in score. In addition to that is also enhancing the protection of soft targets in crowded places, addressing emerging threats, affective planning, training and awareness campaigns, equipment and capital projects and exercises all remain priorities in the program. The notice of funding is now available, just Google search 2021 Port Security Grant Program and it will bring you to the document session, you'll see the notice of funding opportunity and frequently asked questions. Make sure you download a copy of the latest version of the preparedness grant's manual so you are able to successfully write a grant this year.

#### **Announcements:**

- D. Wene: Chem32 has had an ownership change. PQ Corporation has bought the company. The name is going to stay the same and there's not changes being made immediately.
- Sunday March 14<sup>th</sup> is Daylight savings times. We have to remember to change the clocks and also to change the batteries in our detection systems.
- The replacement of the warning signs could be covered through the PSG Grant, we need a regulated facility to apply for the grant. Some of the regulated facilities in the area are Dow, Sabine River, Invista, The Port of Orange, and Jefferson Energy. The SETRPC could also help with the signs repair if they could be upgraded to be connected with STAN. Regius and Lee Anne will get together to see if they can get more people involve and apply for the grant.

#### **Training:**

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

#### **Presentation:**

- **On Deck – Hope Davila, TCEQ.**

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