



**ORANGE COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Welcome & Self-Introductions**

- Meeting Started at 9:00 a.m by L. Brown.
- Quorum determined by L. Brown
- **Present Voting members:** Acadian, Arlanxeo, Baptist Hospital, Chem 32, Chevron Phillips, City of Orange, City of Vidor, Honeywell, Industrial Rescue Instruction Systems (IRIS), Invista, Jefferson Railport, Orange County OEM, Orange County Sheriff's Office, Sabine River, Solvay West Lake Chemical.
- **Present non-voting members:** CERT, HAM Radio, Orange County Public Health, TCEQ.

**August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting minutes approval:**

- Motion: W. Browning; Second: G. Williams

**Approval of August Treasurer's Report :**

- Motion: S. Tew; Second: G. Williams

**Committee Reports:**

**Communications** – L. George (No report)

**Planning/Programs-** (Vacant)

- L. Brown suggested to change the frequency of the monthly presentations to once a quarter starting next year, and if someone has something that they'd like to present in any particular month, they can just bring it up. R. Crane will check the bylaws to see if any modifications have to be made in regards the presentations, and members will vote on this motion next meeting.
- R. Guillory nominated S. Tew from Solvay to lead the Planning and Program Committee. They will further discuss this position offline and will report next meeting.

**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.
- R. Guillory will follow up with these issues to see how they can be fixed.

**Bylaws-** Robert Crane

- There are no provisions in the by-laws about accepting payments or payment types. So the motion to start using QuickBooks and the addendum to cover the fee in the dues would suffice. Also, the fee schedule for the dues is not addressed in the by-laws so any adjustments made to compensate for the Quickbooks fee would only require passage through the LEPC and simple majority vote.

**Industry Group-** Paton Willis

- This is the last meeting for P. Willis.
- Regius volunteered to take over the industry group as long as someone takes charge of the membership committee. E. Browning volunteer to take over membership. The industry group and membership committee will be lead by R. Guillory and E. Browning respectively.

**CERT-** Lori Nash (no report)

**Public Health-** Tracy Peveto (absent/no report)

**Membership-** Regius Guillory (no report)

## News/Recent Emergencies

- **Orangetober Festival:** the City of Orange Convention and Visitors Bureau will be doing a fall festival on October 1-2 at the River Side Pavillon. The festival will feature a pumpkin village, vendor market, live entertainment, food vendors, and much more.
- **National Night Out on Bridge City:** The Bridge City Chamber of Commerce will be celebrating National Night Out on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 from 6:00-9:00 p.m at the Bridge City Park on 105 Parkside Drive. It is a free family event that will feature local vendors and first responders.

## Old Business:

- **Planning and Program, and Industry Group Committee vacancy:** both vacancies were discuss above. R. Guillory will take over the Industry Group and E. Browning will replace R. Guillory on the Membership Committee. S. Tew was nominated for the Planning and Program Committee, but it needs further discussion before he accepts.
- **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>
- **First Financial Authorized Signatures:** L. Brown checked with First Financial and the authorized members for the LEPC account are L. Brown, G. Williams, and E. Browning. R. Guillory was listed as one of the online users for the account but he was taken off of it.

## New Business:

- **2021 Texas Industrial Fire Department and Fire Brigade Survey.** The Texas A&M Forest Service, TEEEX, TDEM, the State Firefighters' and Fire Marshal's Association of Texas , and several industrial partners are working together to update section 4 of the State Code that lists all the mutual aid organizations. With the purpose to guide private industry resource response to catastrophic industrial fire(s) or emergency incidents of state significance involving fire, and one that is beyond the capabilities of local resources which require state assistance. It hasn't been updated in a few years. It is a very simple survey, it is voluntary but your input will be greatly appreciaty. Please follow this link to complete this survey: <https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/2d43a53671c54c30bf3352ddc8ef0bd6>
- **South East Texas Regional Planning Commision Community Survey:** The Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission has begun working on the SETRPC FY2022-2026 Five Year Regionally Coordinated Public Transportation Plan. They have created a survey get input from the community. It only takes a few minutes to complete: <https://www.research.net/r/SETRPCCCommunitySurvey>
- **Regional Infusion Center opens in Jefferson County:** With support and collaboration from the State of Texas through the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM), the Offices of Emergency Management from Jefferson, Orange, Hardin and Jasper Counties, Baptist Hospital, Christus Hospital, Medical Center of Southeast Texas and Mid Jefferson Medical Center is pleased to announce that a Regional Infusion Center serving Southeast Texas opens Monday August 23rd. The infusion center is located at 5500 Eastex Fwy in Beaumont. It serves as an outpatient infusion treatment center for adults and children ages 12 and up. The infusion center for COVID-19 patients is operational seven days a week from 7:00am through 7:00pm. They are treating an average of 165 patients a day.
- **TX Environmental Excellence Awards (TEEA):** this program will return on May 11, 2022. The Office of the Governor and TCEQ Commissioners will honor and celebrate the efforts of our citizens who conserved, protected, and preserved the environment in Texas. Local communities, small businesses, individual citizens, and teachers who conducted projects in 2020 and 2021 will be celebrated with a ceremony and banquet. Use the following link for nominations: <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/p2/events/tea/how-to-apply>

## Announcements/Additional comments:

- ***E. Browning: Thanks to everyone/ any organization that supported the help over Louisiana.***

## Training:

- Check [www.preparingtexas.org](http://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.