



**ORANGE COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**Meeting Minutes**

**November 8, 2023**

**Welcome & Self-Introductions**

- Meeting Started at 9:02 a.m. by Elgin Browning.
- No Quorum determined by Elgin Browning
- **Present Voting members:** Arlanxeo, Chevron Phillips, City of Orange, Colonial Pipeline, DOW, Industrial Rescue, Orange County ESD #2, Orange County Emergency Management
- **Present non-voting members:** CERT, Denbury, Inc., Ham Radio/CERT, Orangefield IDS, Texas GLO

**September 2023 meeting minutes approval:**

*As there was not an quorum present, voting on approval of minutes of September 2023 meeting minutes was tabled for the time being.*

**Approval of September and October Treasurer’s Report** – Leon George

Expenditures: \$855.98      Income: \$100.00      Ending Balance: \$53,742.56

*As there was not quorum present, voting on approval of treasurer’s report of September and October 2023 reports were tabled for the time being.*

**Committee Reports:**

**Communications** – Leon George - No report

**Warning Signs/ warning signs upgrade** - Regius Guillory

- One sign was knocked down, fixed and reinstalled, but is now on the ground again. Battery is also dead and should be installed this week.
- Image 360 has billed for \$2,945.24 but will hold payment until repairs are acceptable.
- **Please e-mail all the reports and direct any questions to [regius.guillory@arlanxeo.com](mailto:regius.guillory@arlanxeo.com)**

**CERT** - Lori Nash

- Last class will be on November 18<sup>th</sup>. New classes will start in January.

**Bylaws** - Robert Crane (not present) – No report

**Planning/Programs** - Stephen Tew (not present) – No report

**Membership** - Elgin Browning – No report

**Public Health** – Joel Ardoin

- There are 35 active COVID cases.
- Increase in Flu type B and RSV across all ages. It’s encouraged to vaccinate for Flu and RSV in children and the elderly.

**Industry Group** - Jerry Ziller – No report

**TDEM** – Caci Groom (not present) – No report

### **Old Business:**

- Burn ban signs distributed. There are four new Highway signs distributed within the county. Joel Ardoin explained these signs will be used as emergency signs and will be stored in a designated POD warehouses within each precinct.

### **New Business:**

- Budget discussed. It is requested that Conference budget be increased from \$10,000 to \$15,000 since TDEM is no longer sponsoring fees and Advertising budget be increased from \$8,000 to \$10,000 due to Walraven's increase in prices. Budget changes will be sent to all members and voted/adopted at the January meeting.
- Burn ban update-Judge Gothia approved an additional 45 days on November 7, 2023.
- Walraven requesting to renewal contract for the folders sent to local elementary schools. The Early Bird Discount is \$288.40. Funds are budgeted and it is okay to proceed.

**Presentation:** Elgin Browning presented on the Interaction of the Industrial Fire Chief and Public/Private EOC's.

### **Announcements/Additional comments:**

- Mark Armstrong is new with Denbury, Inc and introduced himself to the group. He will be working with Joel Ardoin to plan training and a drill. They will inform us when the date is scheduled.
- Joel Ardoin indicated that our area should be in good shape since Hurricane season is coming to an end.
- Joel Ardoin reported that the Orange County Expo Center is in the process of getting an audio visual upgrade. The screen in the LEPC room is larger and there is a new projector. Audio is now available in the LEPC room as well. The EOC and Ballroom has also been upgraded.
- Brian Ousley with Orangefield ISD spoke about the \$42.9 M bond that pass and what improvements that will be made.

### **News/Recent Emergencies**

None reported.

### **Training:**

- Check [www.preparingtexas.org](https://www.preparingtexas.org) for more training in our area! <https://www.preparingtexas.org/Schedule.aspx>
- G300-Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents scheduled for 2/26/2024-2/28/2024 at the Beaumont EOC.
- G400-Advanced ICS scheduled for 2/29/2024-3/1/2024 at the Beaumont EOC.
- AWR 940 Surveillance Detection Course scheduled for 3/21/2024 at the Beaumont EOC and Virtual.
- AWR 167 – Sports and Event Risk Management scheduled for 4/16/2024-4/17/2024 at LIT and Eagle's Nest.
- Planning Section Chief Course scheduled for 6/25/2024-6/28/2024 at Beaumont EOC.
- AWR 934-V2 & V15 Mass Casualty Course scheduled for 7/31/2024 Virtual.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:55 am.**