



ORANGE COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2025

Welcome & Self-Introductions

- Meeting Started at 9:10 a.m. by Elgin Browning
Quorum determined by Elgin Browning
Present Voting members: Acadian Ambulance, Arlanxeo, Chem 32, Chevron Phillips, City of Pinehurst, Colonial Pipeline, Dow Pipeline, Dow, Golden Triangle Polymers, Industrial Rescue, Lion Elastomers, Orange County Drainage District, Orange County Emergency Management
Present non-voting members: CERT, Ham Radio/CERT, Little Cypress CISD, Orange County Health, SETRPC, TDEM, Veolia

November 2024 meeting minutes approval:

Motion: Regius Guillory; Second: Andrew Speece; Motion carried.

Approval of November and December Treasurer's Report:

Expenditures; \$3,084.33 Income; \$8,650.00 Balance \$47,888.06.
Motion: Jerry Ziller; Second: Elgin Browning; Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Communications - Leon George (not present) - There will be a Regional Communication meeting next week and Leon will have an update for us at the next meeting in March per Joel Ardoin.

Warning Signs/ Warning Signs upgrade - Regius Guillory

As of this morning, all the lights are functioning. No repairs needed at this time. An email will be sent out to get correct contact information. Requesting a team to be established to identify where to put the new lights. This will be discussed next week the Traffic Management Task Force meeting. Funding will be needed for the new signs. The deadline for the LEPC grant has expired. Regius will reach out to TXDOT and the Coastguard to see if they have any grants available. Bobby Wiley with GTP mentioned that GTP will contribute to the cost of the signs, but not sure of the amount at this time.

CERT - Lori Nash

Grant was received. Disaster kits have been ordered. CERT currently has twenty members.

Bylaws - Robert Crane (not present) - No Report

Planning/Programs - Stephen Tew (not present) - No Report

Presentations for 2025 needed. Please contact Stephen or Mary to be added to the calendar.

Membership - Elgin Browning - No Report

Public Health - Sandee White

It is upper respiratory season. Influenza A is high this season. There one confirmed case of Pertussis (Whooping Cough) in the school district on a child who has been vaccinated.

Industry Group - Jerry Ziller

The LEPC meeting room will be available if needed during the pending freezing weather next week.

TDEM - Lathan Gould

Our region is expected to have an Artic Blast next week with snow and icy conditions possible. Lows 20° and highs 40°. Maintain situational awareness.

News/Recent Emergencies:

Elgin Browning said ESD 2 has had a lot of heart and breathing problem calls, as well as wrecks due to the increase in traffic.

Old Business:

- Approval of 2025 Budget
- Committee Member Re-Structure Nomination and Vote
- Orange County Fireman's Association requesting more Burn Ban signs and metal brackets totaling \$1800.
- Presentation from OCESD #2 (Bridge City Volunteers) on seeking funding for a fire prevention trailer to be used in educational programs at Orange County schools.
- Walraven renewal-total \$9097.31, increase of \$601.

New Business:

- Dominion Forms will be handling the Elementary folders, saving approximately \$1600.
- 2025 Membership invoices have been emailed.
- All membership fees paid for 2024 except Flint Hills and SETX Air Rescue. Flint Hills Resources requested to be removed from membership.
- LEPC will hold a Traffic Management Task Force meeting next week, January 22nd at 9:00 am in the LEPC room. Law Enforcement and Industry members along Chemical Row are encouraged to attend.
- The TDEM conference is scheduled for May 27-30, 2025. If anyone is interested in being sponsored, please contact Mary Low so it can be put on the March agenda.

Presentation:

Bobby Wiley with GTP presented regarding plant population progression, proposed evacuation procedures and what gates are active. Staffing will begin to increase in population this year beginning in January. Population will be as follows: January-3150 contractors, February-4500 contractors, March-4350 contractors, April-4650 contractors, May-4800 contractors, June-4400 contractors, July-3500 contractors. There is an aggressive demobilization of personnel going to occur as you can see from the dates. September 2025 is down to 2750 contractors and continues to drop rapidly expecting to be around 1000 contractors early in 2026. Contractors' start times have been staggered to assist with traffic flow: 6:00 a.m. Poly, 6:30 a.m. OSBL, 7:00 a.m. Ethy. During a site evacuation the project plans to open all gates and use Foreman, 1006, and Hwy 87 all to evacuate the project as quickly as possible.

Announcements/Additional comments:

- LCMCISD may need to make changes due to the increase in the student population.

Training:

- Check tdem.geniussis.com for more training in our area.
- PER-211: Medical Management of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) on 1/27/2025-1/28/2025 at Orange County Expo Center

Meeting adjourned: Motion: Regius Guillory;

Second: Jerry Ziller;

Motion carried.