



ORANGE COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2025

Welcome & Self-Introductions

- Meeting Started at 9:06 a.m. by Joel Ardoin
- No Quorum determined by Joel Ardoin
- **Present Voting members:**
Acadian Ambulance, Arlanxeo, Chem 32, City of Orange, Golden Triangle Polymers, Golden Pass LNG, Lion Elastomers, Orange County Emergency Management, Orange County Sheriff Department
- **Present non-voting members:**
CERT, National Weather Service, Orange County Health, Orangefield ISD, SETRPC, TCEQ, TDEM, Texas GLO, U.S. Coast Guard, Veolia

January 2025 meeting minutes approval:

As there was not a quorum present, voting on approval of minutes for the January 2025 meeting was tabled for the time being.

Approval of March and April Treasurer's Report:

Expenditures; \$2,121.92 Income; \$16,200.00 Balance \$61,966.14.

As there was not a quorum present, voting on approval of the Treasurer's report for January 2025 and February 2025 was tabled for the time being.

Committee Reports:

Communications - Leon George (not present)

Warning Signs/ Warning Signs upgrade - Regius Guillory (not present)

CERT - Lori Nash

Grant was received. Disaster kits have been ordered consisting of field resources for CERT team.

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 (not present)

Public Health - Sandee White

Currently there are 223 identified cases of measles. Only five of those cases are fully vaccinated. One hundred and fifty-six of those are in Gaines County. There has been one death in Texas. Vaccination is the best prevention. If you were born before 1970, two MMR vaccines are recommended. There are zero active cases in Orange County.

Industry Group - Jerry Ziller (not present)

Requested facilities alone FM 1006 to see if their plant was listed on a spreadsheet.

TDEM - Lathan Gould

North region may be hit with some weather, but we should be in the clear. All-Hazards Planning Section Chief course will be held in Nacogdoches, TX on April 8, 2025.

News/Recent Emergencies:

Doug Cramer with the National Weather Service indicated that winter is pretty much over. It will be warm the next 7-10 days. The more severe weather this weekend will be on the Louisiana side.

Old 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.

New Business:

- Consideration of sponsorship for Texas Emergency Management Conference-Regius Guillory (Arlanxo), Dane Trahan (OCESD #1), Derek Coveney (OCESD #1), Lori Waldrum (CERT). Funds are allocated in the budget. With no objections from those in attendance all four will be sponsored.

Presentation:

Billy Moore with the Orange County Fireman's Association presented regarding Burn Ban Signs. In November, Daniel Eaves presented a request for signs holders to the group. At that time, the request was for replacement holders. It was suggested that a proposal be put together and presented to the group. Mr. Moore has received approval from TXDOT to attach metal signs to existing TXDOT sign post. He received bids from three companies. The best price as well as customer service is Sign Doctor in Orange for \$9,828.00, which includes sign and mounting bracket for a two-inch post. Members ask him to check with OCARC as well as the prison for pricing. No vote due to no quorum.

Mr. Moore also mentioned that he took over as President of the Association two years ago and has since formed several committees. In June, they will host a Fire Academy given by Kilgore College and plan to have the academy annually.

Announcements/Additional comments:

- Joel Ardoin said the POD warehouses are in process. Currently Precinct 2 and Precinct 3 have begun work. Also, the Public Health building next to the Expo Center is laying rebar today and hopefully pouring concrete tomorrow.
- Eric Robertson with Texas GLO said they have relocated to Port Neches. Next Wednesday, they are having an Air Committee Planning meeting in Lake Charles. The meeting will be in person as well as virtual.

Training:

- Check <https://tdem.geniussis.com/PublicWelcome.aspx> for more training in our area.
- Texas CAMEO for Planning-Free for Tier II Data Managers and Local Emergency Planners (see attached Flyer for information)
- L-958 NIMS ICS All-Hazards Operations at Beaumont EOC on 4/1/2025

Meeting adjourned at 9:52 am.