



ORANGE COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2025

Welcome & Self-Introductions

- Meeting Started at 9:01 a.m. by Elgin Browning
No Quorum determined by Elgin Browning
Present Voting members: Acadian Ambulance, Arlanxeo, Chem 32, Chevron Phillips, City of Orange, Colonial Pipeline, Dow, Energy Transfer, Golden Triangle Polymers, Honeywell, Industrial Rescue, Little Cypress-Mauriceville CISD, Lion Elastomers, Orange County Emergency Management, Sabine River Authority
Present non-voting members: CERT, National Weather Service, Orange County ESD #1, Orange County ESD #3, Orange County Health Services, SETRPC, TDEM, U.S. Coast Guard

January 2025 meeting minutes approval:

Motion: Joel Ardoin; Second: Jeremy Carlock; Motion carried.

March 2025 meeting minutes approval:

Motion: Payton Smith; Second: Elgin Browning; Motion carried.

Approval of January, February, March and April Treasurer's Report:

Expenditures; \$4,847.31 Income; \$19,200.00 Balance \$62,240.75.

Committee Reports:

Communications - Leon George

Previous grants for radio systems are no longer available. Senate Bill 34 will provide more grant funding if passed for County and City level.

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

Joel Ardoin mentioned Pat Grimes taught a class recently and wanted to address the process with sign activation and STAN. The facility activates the lights, then they would contact STAN to push out a message if needed.

CERT - Lori Nash - No Report

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

We currently have 38 member in the organization. Most have paid 2025 membership fees. Get with Mary if you are unsure. He will work on a presentation for the members regarding as the emergency grows, do we grow with it and where to reach out for resources.

Public Health - Sandee White

- Currently in Orange County, we have 2 confirmed cases of pertussis and 2 presumed positive cases involving 2 families - both contained: All unvaccinated.
Also, we had a recent Covid19 outbreak (a sudden increase in cases) in a local nursing home - contained; No recent positives noted in the facility in 2 weeks.

- Continued precautions and monitoring for Measles - it's not an "if" issue, but a "when" issue that it reaches Orange County. Continuing to provide countywide immunization education via social media, school education, immunization clinics, etc.
- If you were born before 1989, you most likely only received 1 MMR as a child; To be considered to fully immunized for MMR it requires a 2 dose to reach the 95% immunity that is recommended.
- First Responder Immunizations - Td/ Tdap, Hepatitis A & B; Best to immunize prior to the need; It takes approximately 2 weeks for an immune response to start to take effect.
- IMMTRAC2 Registry - Orange County Health Services can help enter your vaccines in the registry for a secure and easy access to your immunization record. Pamphlet issued.

Industry Group - Jerry Ziller (not present)

TDEM - Lathan Gould

TDEM conference is coming up on May 27-30.

Addition training is currently scheduled with TEEEX and are DHS/FEMA funded as part of the Critical Infrastructure Protection Certification Program. Courses will be held at Stephen F. Austin University:

- AWR-213-Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience Awareness on November 18, 2025
- MGT-310-Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment on November 19-20, 2025

News/Recent Emergencies:

Elgin Browning said the recent church fire at 900 Lansing was ruled arson.

David Hulsey stated that Arlanxeo will be doing a demo project removing one of the units in the next few months, which will cause lots of noise.

Old Business:

Consideration of sponsorship for Texas Emergency Management Conference-Regius Guillory (Arlanxeo), Dane Trahan (OCESD #1), Derek Coveney (OCESD #1), Lori Waldrum (CERT). With no objections from members, all four members will attend the conference. Derek Coveney (OCESD #1) has been replaced by Aidan Neireiter (OCESD #1) due to scheduling conflict.

New Business:

Cops -N-Kids is scheduled for June 6, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Promotional items ordered through Dominion Forms. Volunteers are welcome to help with the LEPC booth.

Presentation:

Reggie Norton from First Line Technology presented on hybrid decon development and the current best practice in the Industrial setting. Power point file was too large to attach. Email Mr. Norton at rnorton@firstlinetech.com for more information.

Doug Cramer from the National Weather Service presented about the 2024 season. The Weather Service was spot on with their forecast last year with the number of hurricanes expected. The forecast for this year is due to come out tomorrow. We are in ENSO-neutral conditions meaning we are neither El Nino nor La Nina.

Announcements/Additional comments:

No comments.

Training:

- Check <https://tdem.geniussis.com/PublicWelcome.aspx> for more training in our area.
- TCEQ Environmental Trade Fair and Conference (ETFC) in San Antonio, TX on June 3-4, 2025. Register at tceq.texas.gov
- Phillips 66 Industrial Emergencies for Municipal-Based Responders in College Station on November 8-9, 2025. Deadline to sign up is October 24, 2025. Register at <https://tx.ag/P66NOV2025>

Meeting adjourned: Motion: Payton Smith;

Second: Jeremy Carlock;

Motion carried.