



ORANGE COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2026

Welcome & Self-Introductions

- Meeting Started at 9:03 a.m. by Elgin Browning
Quorum determined by Elgin Browning
Present Voting members: Acadian Ambulance, Chem 32, Chevron Phillips, City of Orange, Energy Transfer, Industrial Rescue, Little Cypress-Mauriceville CISD, Orange County ESD #2, Orange County Emergency Management, Orange County Sheriff Department, Orion Engineered Carbons
Present non-voting members: CERT, Enterprise Products, Ham Radio, Orange County ESD #1, Orange County Health Services, SETRPC, TDEM, Texas GLO

January 2026 meeting minutes approval:

Motion: Jerry Ziller; Second: Payton Smith; Motion carried.

Approval of January and February Treasurer's Report:

Expenditures; \$3,684.06 Income; \$21,725.25 Balance \$64,788.19
Motion: Joshua Taylor; Second: Jerry Ziller; Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Communications - Leon George

Leon asked for our input on developing an app for the LEPC. He noted that grant funding may become available next year and plans to conduct further research on the possibility.

Warning Signs/ Warning Signs - Regius Guillory (not present) - No Report

CERT - Lori Waldrum

Looking into offering a CPR class and a Stop the Bleed class.

Bylaws - Robert Crane (not present) - No Report

Planning/Programs - Vacant

Position is now vacant. Please get with Elgin Browning or Mary Low if interested.

Membership - Elgin Browning - No Report

Public Health - Sandee White - No Report

Industry Group - Jerry Ziller - No Report

TDEM - Lathan Gould

Training opportunities are available. See training at end of minutes. Several training courses are getting closed, but TDEM is attempting to get step up to off classes in-house. Elgin Browning mentioned there is an Active Shooter class in the works in Bridge City. The date has not been determined.

News/Recent Emergencies:

Burn ban has been lifted.

### **Old Business:**

- Budget adopted for 2026.
- Acadian Ambulance has requested landing zone updates from members. Get with Sharon Patton with any questions. Forms were available at the meeting and can be returned to either Mary or Sharon.
- Discussion on Industry partners drills and exercises being pushed out through STAN. Currently it gets posted to the STAN website and the information is also sent to Emergency Management. Emergency Management will decide if it should be pushed out to the public due to the level of importance. LEPC members would like to see it set up where the push out can go to other Industry partners.
- We have our 501(c)(3) status. Tax documents will need to be filed every year.
- Hazmat tabletop exercise-Joel Ardoin would like to have a committee set up. TEEX has been contacted and it is costly. Alex Dorgan indicated the exercises could be done through TDEM at no cost. Joel is looking at the September or October time frame for class. Let Joel know if you are interested.

### **New Business:**

- Planning/Programs Committee is vacant.
- All Hazards Tabletop Exercise is scheduled after the regular meeting on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Lunch will be provided.
- Reguis Guillory received information regarding a sign maintenance software program. Our current system, BlinkLink, is expected to be retiring within the next one to two years. The new, more interactive system is called Smart Hub.
- Two options are available, and both include upgrades to the cabinet for five signs, 10 years of Smart Hub service for each site, and labor included in the upgrade. **Option 1:** A one-time cost of \$28,500, which includes a three-year warranty on parts only. Annual preventive maintenance (PM) is not included. **Option 2:** An annual fee of \$7,750 (billed every year for 10 years), which includes an annual visit with preventive maintenance, a 10-year warranty on parts, and a labor warranty only if the work is performed during the maintenance cycle. Elgin Browning asked the group for a consensus on whether they preferred the one-time fee of \$28,500 or the annual fee of \$7,750. The group expressed more interest in the annual fee option. Elgin will have Reguis Guillory obtain a contract proposal for the annual service option.
- The TDEM Conference will be held in May. We are looking to sponsor two members to attend. If you are interested, please email Mary Low as soon as possible. The first two requests will be accepted unless the individuals have previously received sponsorship. Preference will be given to first-time applicants; however, if no first-time requests are received, members who have been sponsored before will be considered.

**Presentation:** No presentation.

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

Joel Pace with Enterprise Products advised they will be putting their second refrigeration train that has been under construction since last year in-service at this location between April 15, 2026, and May 5, 2026.

### **Training:**

- Check <https://tdem.geniussis.com/PublicWelcome.aspx> for more training in our area.
- T-ETN200 Emergency Tracking Network on March 18, 2026, at EOC in Orange.
- L-950 AH Incident Commander at the City of Beaumont EOC on March 23-27, 2026.
- L-967 AH Logistics at the Orange County Expo on April 6-9, 2026.
- Resilience Strategies for First Responders at the Grove Fire Department on April 21, 2026.
- G-288 Local Volunteer and Donation Management on April 28-29, 2026, Civic Center in Beaumont.
- TCEQ Annual Environmental Trade Fair, May 19-20, 2026, Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center in San Antonio, TX [www.tceq.texas.gov](http://www.tceq.texas.gov)
- TDEM Emergency Management Conference in Fort Worth, TX on May 26-29, 2026.

**Meeting adjourned: Motion:** Payton Smith;

**Second:** Tommy Wells;

**Motion carried.**