

Pima County Local Emergency Planning Committee

Regular Quarterly Meeting Minutes October 14, 2015 Pima County Emergency Operations Center

The quarterly meeting of the Pima County LEPC was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Chairman Scott Laird.

Scott welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Roll call was taken and the following voting members were in attendance:

Bat. Chief John Walka	Rural Metro Fire Department
Brett Heck-Excused/Proxy	162 nd Air National Guard
Carrie Cunningham-Excused	Alcoa Fastening Company
Cheryl Bender – Excused/Proxy	American Red Cross
Chief Randy Karrer	Golder Ranch Fire District
Chris Bohler-Excused	Carondelet Health Network-St. Joe's
Damian Guy-Excused/Proxy	Union Pacific Railroad
John Wisner	Pima County OEM
Joyce Stout	Pima County JTED
Paul Taylor-Excused	Tucson Medical Center
Randy Stevens-Excused	Holy Energy Partners
Scott Laird	Rincon Valley Fire Dept.
Scott Porter	Pima County DEQ
Steve Holland-Excused/Proxy	University of Arizona
Steve Hulland-Excused	Civil Air Patrol
Walter Yosin	Tucson Electric Power Co

The following guests introduced themselves to the members:

Aaron Welch	Central Arizona Program
Antonio Vereen	Pima County Wastewater
Eder Delgadillo	162 nd Air National Guard
Elizabeth Ijimi	American Red Cross-Bender Proxy
Frank Granados	Santa Cruz County OEM
Jason Brei	University of Arizona-Holland Proxy
Kenneth Drozd	National Weather Service
Kris Ahrens	Patriot Environmental-Guy Proxy
Lisa Ramsay	Patriot Environmental
Mark Lytle	Green Valley Fire District
Michael Knutson	162 nd Air National Guard-Heck Proxy
Sandra Espinoza	Department of Emergency & Military Affairs
William Jones	EPA Region 9
William Schaumleffel	Veteran's Healthcare
Yvonne Rodriguez	Arizona DEQ

The minutes from the July 8, 2015 Quarterly Meeting was approved by the membership on a motion by Randy Karrer, seconded by Joyce Stout.

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Funding Committee Report: John Wisner referred members to his Staff Report in their folder:

Our 2016 HMEP Grant Authorization Letter has not yet been received. John has sent a letter to both ADEQ and DEMA requesting an authorization for the funds granted for the up-coming year.

We have received verbal and e-mail authorization for Scott Laird and John Wisner to attend the NASTTPPO Workshop in Houston in October.

No word has been received from ADEQ regarding the Emergency Response Fund.

John reported that the Interstate Struts were purchased, received and training was conducted on their use. These struts are now carried on a Rincon Valley Fire Unit and are available anywhere in the region.

John also reported that the meters purchased for the outlying departments are being distributed and training is being conducted on their use. John hopes to have them all in the hands of the needed department by the end of the year.

Membership Subcommittee Report: John Wisner reported that he had received one application for Non-voting membership: Manny Carbajal from Town of Marana. A motion by Randy Karrer and seconded by Scott Porter to accept Manny as a members was unanimously approved by the membership.

Public Readiness Outreach Subcommittee: No report...the LEPC needs to appoint someone as chairperson of this subcommittee. If any member would like to take the lead for this sub-committee, please let either Scott or John know. The LEPC has an obligation to inform the communities of our role.

Commodity Flow Study Report: John reported that the final report was completed and copies are available. If someone wants an electronic copy, he will furnish them with one. The Study will be posted to the LEPC Website.

HazMat Teams Reports: John Wisner reported

- Chief Walka reported that Rural Metro has not responded to any major incidents
- The other teams had not responded to major incidents in their area
- Training together has been working well
- The three teams continue to coordinate and hold refresher training
- This group has decided that they need to purchase 30 Level A Suits to replace suits with expired "shelf-life". A plan is being developed to share these suits amongst the 3 teams
- The group is refining the training program for the next 3 years

Staff Report: John informed the membership of his hand-out report;

- All Reports for AzSERC are completed and sent in;
- Continue to support the County HazMat Technician Refresher Training Program – obtaining training to support the first responders;
 - Sending up to 10 Technicians to Hot Zone in October
- Tier II information for the HazMat Plan Annex are being updated
- The By-laws are still at the County Attorney's Office being revised
- HazMat Safety Seminar planning has begun...in anticipation that the HMEP Funds will be approved. Wednesday, January 27th is the date.

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- HazMat Statistics since July 1st were presented in John's Report

Old Business:

No Old Business to be discussed

New Business:

No New Business to be discussed

Presentations:

1. Yvonne Rodriguez with ADEQ made a presentation regarding the change-over of the SEERC.
 - a. Training funds will remain with DEMA
 - b. Tier II Data Base is being updated
 - c. We will get an authorizations Letter soon – don't expect any increases
 - i. Awards are being considered this week
 - ii. Some changes to the criteria for the HMEP funds is being considered
 - d. Planning for a SERC Meeting in January at ADEQ Headquarters to explain the changes
 - e. Frank Grandos asked if two LEPCs could pool their money together for a regional project...Yvonne was not aware if this could be done
2. William Jones with EPA Region 9 made a presentation on the Executive Order 13650.
 - a. He explained the role of the LEPCs under this Executive Order
 - b. He reported to the group that Region 9 has had a Working Group meeting via webinars and telephone conference calls regarding the elements of this Executive Order.
3. Antonio Vereen made a presentation to the LEPC membership on the operations within Pima County Wastewater
 - a. He provided an overview of some of the activities within the County Wastewater Department and how they can be of help to the response community

The membership and guests were allowed to ask questions of the presenters on the information they provided

Chairman Laird thanked each presenter for making their presentation to the group.

Public Comment:

The chairman asked for Public Comments:

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Laird at 10:27 a.m. on a motion by Scott Porter and seconded by Walter Yosin.

Guests are always welcome to attend.

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, January 13, 2016 – 9:00 a.m.

Pima County Emergency Operations Center
3434 East 22nd Street (across from Reid Park)
Tucson, Arizona 85713
520-724-9300 Office
(Use Jones Boulevard entrance)

2016 Meeting Dates:

January 13th, April 13th, July 13th, and October 12th

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To our guests: Interested in becoming a member? Complete the application found on our website (www.pima.gov/lepc, Membership Tab), submit the form and a letter from your organization, agency, business or department to John Wisner at the Pima County Office of Emergency Management, 3434 East 22nd Street, Tucson, Arizona 85713 or john.wisner@pima.gov.

For ADA accommodations, please contact the Pima County Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security at 520-724-9300

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