

Lavaca County LEPC Meeting

10-18-2022

Yoakum Community Hospital

1. The meeting was called to order by Chief Herchek at 14:02. Attendance records attached.
2. Lavaca County has been selected to for a Commodity Flow study. A presentation was given by Dr. David Bierling and Brad Trefz from Texas A&M Transportation Institute. The study will be done to get an idea of transportation flow of hazardous materials through Lavaca County. After a presentation of how the study is done, the group was asked for recommended sites for observation. The committee suggested the railways, US 77, US 77A, 90A, ST Hwy 111, ST Hwy 95, and FM 530. The study will be done during the Winter and again in late Spring. A report should be ready by Summer 2023. Anyone who would like to learn how to collect the data to do a study are welcome to observe and learn.
3. LEPC Member Updates-
 - a) Egon requested contact information for anyone not in attendance the committee would like invited. Chief Herchek will get with him to go through old LEPC invite list to try to get updated information.
 - b) Hazardous Materials Training- Egon informed the group of an upcoming TCQ training. TDEM also offers many different trainings. Anyone interested can contact Egon for more information. He also informed the group on the ASKRAIL app. This app can be used by responders for information on material in train cars.
 - c) Chief Herchek spoke about the fire department. They are currently still looking for continued training opportunities on anhydrous ammonia. A conversation was had with Eddy Packing and Shiner Brewery on the amount of anhydrous ammonia in stock at each facility. Both places have a contract with Horizon in the event of a leak. The YFD role in this case would be a support role in helping with evacuation, road containment, and DECON.

- d) Rachel Warns gave an update for DSHS. They are currently working with the local EMCs to establish a receiving location in the event of a radiologic event. COVID numbers are currently low in our area.
- 4. Sub-Committee Updates- Information was given to the group detailing the responsibilities of each committee. The group was asked to take the information for review. Committee chairs will be selected at the next meeting.
- 5. Other Business-
 - a) TDEM 151- any members who are new or did not sign the registration log at the last meeting were asked to please do so at this meeting. Egon will update the information with new members added.
- 6. Meeting was adjourned at 14:50 by Chief Herchek. The next meeting will be held in January. Once a location and date has been selected, the group will receive the invite.



Project:	LEPC Lavaca County - Q4 Meeting	Meeting Date:	10/18/2022
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