



LaSalle County
 Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Meeting
October 6, 2020
 Minutes

Attendees:

- Julie Kerestes – LaSalle County Health Department
- Dave Parrott & Michelle Kohr – Sabic
- Amanda Los – OSF Saint Elizabeth Medical Center
- Sarah Stuepfert – Illinois Valley Community Hospital
- Trent Goodale- Flint Hills Resources
- Andy Borkowski – Ottawa Fire Department
- Mark Nienhuis – American Red Cross
- Connie Brooks & Fred Moore – LaSalle County Emergency Management

Old Business

Did not have quorum, so previous meeting minutes were not approved.

Tier II Update

No updates on Tier II’s or EHS - Extremely Hazardous Substance Summary

There was a handout on the spill reports received during the last quarter:

Spill Reports July-September 2020				
Date Reported	Location (City)	Substance	Spill Cause	Report Number
9/15/2020	Seneca	Gasoline & Diesel (Amount unknown)	LUST	H-2020-0781

There were no FOIA requests received during the 1st, 2nd, or 3rd quarters of 2020.

No updates to FFY 2019-2021 HMEP Grant

LEPC Support Update – reminder that due to COVID19 and some companies experiencing reduced revenues, LaSalle County LEPC will forego sending annual support invoices this year and will resume in 2021.

Citizen Corps

- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) – this year’s in-person Prairie State CERT Challenge (PSCC) has been cancelled due to COVID19 and instead moving to a virtual (cyber) challenge via Zoom on October 24, from 10am-2pm.
- IL CERT Train-the-Trainer is looking to move to a virtual training delivery as well, but still in development; there’s a new Hybrid version of CERT training that was developed in Utah and it consists of 12 hours online then 16 hours of in-person skills check. The current in-person version is minimally 20 hours, the hybrid version is 28 hours.

- Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) – Julie Kerestes informed the group that MRC Volunteers recently helped with a drive thru flu clinic that was held at the end of September and will likely be tapped into for COVID vaccine distributions

LaSalle County Emergency Management Advisory Committee (EMAC) – nothing new to report other than the next meeting will be cancelled due to no documents to be worked on; current plans of Recovery, Continuity of Operations, Continuity of Government and the ILCATT all have to be done and turned in by January 15, 2021.

New Business

Plant/Pipeline/LaSalle Peru Utica Community Advisory Panel (LPU CAP) Updates

- Sabic – Recordable where an employee was handling sheet metal and cut and broke their finger; Working thru IL River outage; No spills or releases during last quarter; Business is increasing; currently hiring for operators and health & safety engineers
- FHR – no recordables; working thru IL River outage; couple of environmental issues with flares & worked through the process with the state on that; updating emergency response plan; transitioning to Epsilyte as FHR company is sold at the end of October
- LaSalle County Health Department – Julie also gave out information regarding COVID community base testing sites in Bloomington and Joliet for companies that have outside contractors that need testing; she also informed the group about COVID vaccine coming in 3 types, refrigerated, freezer and ultra-cold (dry ice) versions; she said they're going to look at conducting closed Points of Dispensing (PODs) to healthcare workers, nursing homes and 1st responders; mass vaccination clinics they have an MOU with IVCC but afraid with the winter elements they're looking for somewhere with drive thru options with minimal safety issues, since 80% of the county's population is to be vaccinated according to IDPH which is 88,000 people
- OSF Saint Elizabeth Medical Center – more rapid tests coming available soon; working on multi-year training and exercise plan; current census is about 50%
- Illinois Valley Community College – continuing the fight against COVID with testing 7 days/week; offering flu shots; conducting a mass vaccination exercise with flu shots with employee's families
- American Red Cross – busiest response season since 1916 with all the wildfires and hurricanes; hiring a new disaster services planner; services continue virtually
- 2021 LEPC meetings will continue on the first Tuesday at 11:00am at LaSalle County EMA and the schedule is as follows:
 - January 5th
 - April 6th
 - July 6th
 - October 5th

Fred discussed the county's Hazardous Materials Annex to EMA's Emergency Operations Plan and asked if there were any questions. Attendees were asked to complete a participant feedback form as there will be an after-action report completed for this seminar in order for the LEPC to get exercise credit for this calendar year. Connie will email out the participant feedback form so

participants could review the Annex and complete the feedback form and email it back to her no later than Tuesday, October 20th.

The LEPC Vice-Chairman and Secretary will be up for election at the January meeting. Please submit your name to Fred Moore, fmoore@lasallemounty.org if you're interested in serving as LEPC Vice-Chairman or Secretary no later than **Monday, December 28, 2020.**

No members of the public were in attendance for comments

Next Meeting January 5, 2021 @ 11:00am

Meeting adjourned @ 11:55am.

Respectfully,



Connie Brooks

LEPC Secretary/Treasurer

LaSalle County Emergency Management Agency Director