



Clermont County Local Emergency Planning Committee

July 16, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Virtual Attendees: Mike Boehmer, Tyler Braasch, Randy Davis, Pam Haverkos, Ed Humphrey, Paul Kamphaus, John Kappesser, John Kiskaden, Hannah Lubbers, Brooke Matzen, Tim Neyer, Jeannette Nichols, Laurie Schlueter, Robert Welch, and Woody Woodmansee.

Guests: Doug Baumgartner, Phil Clayton, Sam Reed, and Rich Stuck.

Call to Order
The meeting began at 1:29 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.
Approval of the Minutes
A motion was made by Ed Humphrey and seconded by Randy Davis to adopt the minutes from the January 23, 2020 meeting. The motion passed. The April 23, 2020 was cancelled due to COVID-19
New Business
COVID-19 Update: EMA facilitates a county-wide Covid-19 coordination briefing virtually every Wednesday. The county continues to have increased confirmed cases. As of 7/15/20, Ohio has: 65,287 confirmed cases with 4,024 probable for a total of 69,311 cases; 2,819 deaths confirmed to be related to COVID with 256 probable for a total of 3,075. Clermont County has 526 confirmed cases with 26 probable for a total of 552 cases; 6 deaths confirmed to be related to COVID with 1 probably for a total of 7. Updated numbers can be found on the Ohio Dept. of Health website at: https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/home Clermont County is currently at Level 3 of the Ohio Public Health Advisory System. Level 3 Public Emergency means that the County has very high exposure and spread. Activities are to be limited as much as possible. For more information, go to: https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/public-health-advisory-system/ . At the time of the meeting, the OPHAS Levels are updated weekly on Thursdays at 2 pm. EMA is receiving shipments of personal protection equipment (PPE) from the State on almost a weekly basis. These PPE shipments include: N95 masks, surgical masks, cloth masks, gloves, gowns, face shields, thermometers, etc. There are also some supplies that have been donated to the county for use by the responders. EMA provides a weekly update of inventory to the local responders so that they can request supplies as needed. Some supplies provided by the State of Ohio and the Federal Government are being shipped directly to certain disciplines/agencies, such as the Hospitals, Long-Term Care Centers, etc.
Board of County Commissioners (BCC) - LEPC Resolution Renewal: The current Resolution between the BCC and the LEPC authorizing EMA to administer and provide services to the LEPC expires as of August 31 st . The Resolution can be renewed for additional two year periods upon approval of both parties. A motion was made Bob Welch and seconded by Brooke Matzen to renew the Resolution between the BCC and the LEPC. The motion passed.
Membership Update: One membership application and two resignations were submitted for LEPC approval.

- Addition - Tyler Braasch, Emergency Response & Special Project Coordinator submitted his application to replace Mackinzie Dickman as the Health Representative from Clermont County Public Health.
- Resignation - Amber Antoni is no longer with The Health Collaborative (Hospital Representative).
- Resignation - Lisa Herzog is no longer with the American Red Cross (First Aid Representative).

A motion was made by Ed Humphrey and seconded by John Kiskaden to approve the membership changes. The motion passed.

Ongoing Business

HazMat Spills:

There have been six reportable spills since the January 23rd meeting.

- 01/12/20 – 6372 Branch Hill Miamiville – Miami Township – Unknown chemicals coming out of sump pump (possible fuel oil, paints, etc.), quantity unknown.
- 02/04/20 – Northbound I-275 & Ohio Pike - Union Township – Tractor trailer traffic accident causing diesel fuel leak – 125-150 gallons.
- 04/03/20 – 32 Hitchcock Lane – Batavia Township – Home Oil Fuel Spill – 200 gallons
- 05/06/20 – 6189 S. Shadow Hill Way – Miami Township – Duke Energy transformer leaked mineral oil – 20 gallons (approx. 2 gallons into storm drain).
- 06/12/20 – Ohio & Indian Railway – City of Loveland – Abandoned drum discovered near railroad – Hydraulic Fluid – 55 gallons
- 06/17/20 – 95 South 4th Street – Batavia Village – Contractor pouring Fuel oil (diluted with water & dish soap) – 100 gallons

EMA continues to work with Clermont County Public Health in regards to the Hitchcock Lane spill that occurred on April 3rd. The spill occurred on private property and did not go into a waterway so it is not considered an enforceable spill by the Ohio EPA. Public Health has labeled the incident as a “Nuisance Violation” to require the homeowner to clean up the spill on their property.

Information Requests:

EMA has received five information requests since September 26, 2019.

- 01/27/20 – 483, 485, & 491 Ohio Pike – Union Township – Alt & Witzig Engineering
- 01/31/20 – 396 Wards Corner Rd – Miami Township - Westech Environmental Solutions
- 04/07/20 – 1006 Old SR 74 – Union Township – AEI Consultants
- 04/20/20 – Wood St & SR 28 – Goshen Township – Intertek-PSI
- 05/12/20 – 4126 Half Acre Rd – Williamsburg Township - TriLeaf

Tier II Reports:

- EHS Filers: 44 includes 4 first time filers
- HS Filers: 88 includes 3 first time filers (1 filer considered new due to ownership change)
- Government Filers: 3 (all EHS)
- Total Filers: 132
- Sent 8 First Non-Filer Letters – all have responded (1 was below threshold in 2019).

All-Hazard Mitigation Plan

Clermont County received official approval from FEMA for the All-Hazard Mitigation Plan (AHMP) on June 15th. The Board of County Commissioner’s adopted the Plan on April 22nd. EMA will be sending out information to all jurisdictions regarding adopting the plan. All Cities and Villages must adopt the AHMP Plan, within one year of the FEMA approval date to continue to be eligible for Public Assistance and Mitigation Grants. Townships are not required to officially adopt the Plan, however EMA will be suggesting they adopt it as well. All Cities, Villages, and Township adopted the 2014 AHMP Plan with the exception of the Village of New Richmond. The AHMP Plan is valid for five years, so Clermont County will not be due for an update until 2024.

We anticipate that Mitigation funding will be made available following the COVID-19 Emergency Declaration. The timing for this funding is unknown at this time.

2020-2021 LEPC Exercise – Full Scale:

July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 is the fourth year of the Ohio Four-Year Exercise Cycle. During the four year cycle each LEPC is required to complete one Tabletop, one Functional, and one Full-Scale Exercise. Clermont completed Tabletop exercises the first two years and a Functional exercise the third year. We will be required to complete a Full-Scale Exercise during the 2021 state fiscal year.

A Full-Scale exercise requires eight or more objectives be tested. Of the thirteen objects, Clermont County has three that must be tested in the Full-Scale exercise: Response Personnel Safety, Emergency Medical Services, and Hospital Services.

Due to the current COVID-19 crisis, OEMA has suggested that all counties wait until the first half of 2021 to hold any exercises. Currently OEMA staff is unable to go into the field to facilitate and/or evaluate exercises due to COVID-19.

During the 2019-2020 cycle, SERC waived any penalties for County LEPCs not able to hold exercises. It is unknown at this time is such an allowance will be made for the 2020-2021 cycle.

Budget - A copy of the 2020 LEPC budget and an overview of the SHSP Grants are attached to the minutes.

State Emergency Response Commission Grant:

The SFY21 SERC Grant period is July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. The exact funding amount is unknown at this time. Funding should be received in August or September 2020.

FY16, FY17, & FY18 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) - Law Enforcement Grant:

The Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office is the Programmatic and Fiscal Agent for the SHSP Law Enforcement Grants. The point of contact is Captain Ted Sampson at the Greater Cincinnati Fusion Center.

FY17 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant:

The FY17 SHSP grant performance period is September 1, 2017 through March 31, 2020. The southwest region was slated to receive \$706,713.45. Hamilton County EMA is the Grant Administrative Agency.

FY18 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant:

The FY18 SHSP grant performance period is September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2021. The southwest region is slated to receive \$677,546.91. Hamilton County EMA is the Grant Administrative Agency.

FY19 State Homeland Security Program Grant:

The FY19 SHSP grant performance period is September 1, 2019 through December 31, 2021. The southwest region is slated to receive \$644,037. Hamilton County EMA is the Grant Administrative Agency.

FY20 State Homeland Security Program Grant:

The performance period is September 1, 2020 through March 31, 2022. It is anticipated the southwest region will receive \$644,037. Project applications were submitted to OEMA however no approval has been received yet.

Department Reports

Greater Cincinnati HazMat Unit: GCHMU provided an Activity Report for May/June 2020 and June/July 2020 for GCHMU and Command 400.

If any agency is interested in receiving HazMat Training through GCHMU, please contact Brooke Matzen.

Public Health –

Public Health continues to work on the COVID-19 event. They are encouraging all citizens to wear masks and practice the Governor’s guidelines including social distancing to assist with keeping the number of infected down.

U.S. Coast Guard:

- **Riverfest** – The USCG has cancelled the Riverfest celebration due to COVID-19 restrictions. They are currently planning on hold the fireworks with.
- **Staffing** – USCG is working with minimum staffing levels at this time. They are moving a number of ships to Louisville to consolidate services.

Office of Public Information –

Staff are assisting Public Health with providing updated information to all citizens.

Ohio EMA – Phil Clayton provided information offline for the Committee

- **PPE –**
 - Each County submits a survey with their PPE needs. OEMA’s next push of PPE supplies will be the week of July 27th. To date Clermont County has received 3,300 N95 masks, 115,700 surgical & procedural masks, 2,800 Eye/Face Shields, 41,000 gowns & coveralls, and 5,602,400 gloves. The local health departments have been encouraged to connect with the local EMAs to determine any projected needs for the surveys.
 - FEMA will be shipping another push of PPE supplies to the nursing homes. These supplies will be direct shipped to fifteen nursing homes in Clermont County.
 - The Ohio Hospital Association and the State of Ohio has deployed a statewide Hospital PPE Readiness Stockpile to ensure that there is a reliable supply of PPE to meet the needs of COVID-19 patients and health care workers where the need is the greatest, particularly in nursing care facilities and hospitals. The Stockpile is not to replace these provider’s need for procuring PPE, but to handle gaps/supply shortages.

Clermont EMA

- **Radiological Meter Exchange** – Ohio EMA in the process of discontinuing the old radiological meters. Clermont County will be receiving fourteen new units, which will be going to Bethel-Tate, Central Joint, Miami Township, and Union Township Fire Departments. If any agency has any of the old rad units please return them to the County EMA as soon as possible.
- **Schools -**
 - EMA is working with the schools to update their School Response Plans. Most schools will be completing the updates in early August.
 - EMA is also working with the schools and Public Health on re-opening plans and the distribution of PPE.

- **ERGs** - The 2020 Emergency Response Guides have been completed. They are waiting to distribute them until the electronic version is completed.
- **Elections** – EMA has been working with the Board of Elections on Plans for the November elections. The Secretary of State has required all County BOEs to have updated plans.
- **UnMet Needs Committee** – The County’s Unmet Needs Committee is meeting every other week on Wednesday to ensure that the most vulnerable populations are assisted during this crisis. There has been a lot of requests for assistance with rental and utility assistance. There have also been a larger than average number of calls to the Crisis Hotline Line. The Mental Health & Recovery Board requests that everyone share the Crisis Hotline number 528-SAVE.
- **Regional Training** – Note: Microsoft Teams is the preferred platform for all OEMA virtual trainings.
 - Tank Truck Emergency Response Workshop – September 9 & 10 – Contact Doug Witsken 513-263-8013 or doug.witsken@hamilton-co.org
 - G108 Community Mass Care & Emergency Assistance was originally scheduled for October 8 & 9 to be held in Clermont County. The training is now a webinar and will be held on October 5 & 6, 2020. OEMA will be pushing the information out statewide for registration. You can register on the OEMA Training Website at: <https://trainingcampus.dps.ohio.gov/CourseMill/home.html?orgid=ODPS>
 - ICS 300/400 was scheduled to be held in Clermont in April and May but was cancelled due to COVID-19. EMA is working with OEMA to schedule those courses for January and February 2021
 - Matt Moynihan, Hamilton County EMA, has a regional training distribution list. He sends out a [training bulletin](#) every 2 weeks.
- **CGHMU Training** – (Contact Brooke Matzen at GCHMU to register)
 - HazMat Containers – August 11
 - Pipeline Emergencies – August 11
 - Managing Gas Emergencies – September 22

Presentations

Pam Haverkos provided presentations on the Emergency Operations Plan – Base Plan and the Emergency Operations Plan – HazMat Annex. The LEPC will be voting on the HazMat Annex/Plan at the September meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be September 24, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. EMA will let attendees know before the meeting whether it will be in the EOC or virtually through Zoom.

Adjournment

Ed Humphrey made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Brooke Matzen seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.