



# Clermont County Local Emergency Planning Committee

## April 22, 2021 Meeting Minutes

**Virtual Attendees:** Bonnie Batchler, Tyler Braasch, Randy Davis, Charlie Hall, Pam Haverkos, Paul Kamphaus, John Kappesser, John Kiskaden, Hannah Lubbers, Brooke Matzen, Jeannette Nichols, Laurie Schlueter and Wood Woodmansee.

**Guests:** Doug Baumgartner, Robert Hirsch, Phil Clayton, Sam Reed, and Renee Wilson.

<b>Call to Order</b>
The meeting began at 1:38 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.
<b>Approval of the Minutes</b>
A motion was made by Jeanette Nichols and seconded by Randy Davis to adopt the minutes from the September 24, 2020 meeting. The motion passed.
<b>New Business</b>
<b>2019-2021 Memberships:</b> There are three resignations and two new memberships to the LEPC for the 2019-2021 membership period: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Resignation<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kevin Cooper, EMS Coordinator – Mercy Health Clermont Hospital – Hospital Discipline</li><li>• Ed Humphrey, County Commissioner – Clermont County Board of Commissioners – Elected Official Discipline</li><li>• Carl Lamping, Director/Building Official – Clermont County Building Inspection Department – Other: Building Official Discipline</li></ul></li><li>• Application<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bonne Batchler, County Commissioner – Clermont County Board of Commissioners – Elected Official Discipline</li><li>• Charlie Hall, Director Plant Operations - Mercy Health Clermont Hospital – Hospital Discipline</li></ul></li></ul> <p>We do not currently have a replacement for the Building Official Discipline. We will confer with the new Building Official, Bruce Crase, to see if he or a member of his staff are interested in applying for membership in the next Membership period.</p> <p>A motion was made by Brooke Matzen and seconded by Jeanette Nichols to approve the changes in Membership as presented. The motion passed.</p>
<b>2021-2023 Memberships:</b> The current Membership period ends as of 08/14/21. We will need to receive the applications and approve the new memberships at the July 22, 2021 meeting.
<b>2020-2021 LEPC Exercise – Full Scale:</b> 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 were required to complete a Full-Scale Exercise during the 2021 state fiscal year.

During the 2019-2020 cycle, SERC waived any penalties for County LEPCs not able to hold exercises. On 12/21/20, Governor DeWine signed into effect Ohio House Bill 412 allowing exemptions from the completion of the 2020-2021 Exercises as conducting exercises at this time could have an adverse effect on the public health and safety, or negatively impact, the environment of the planning district. To receive this exemption the LEPC must submit a request for exemption.

A motion was made by Randy Davis and seconded by Brooke Matzen to submit the Clermont County FY21 Exercise Exemption as authorized in HB412 to SERC. The motion passed.

**EOC Base Plan:**

Pam Haverkos gave brief review Clermont County Emergency Operations Plan. The Clermont County EOP Base Plan is updated and reviewed by the LEPC on an annual basis. However, the EOP has not been promulgated the Board of Commissioners since 09/23/2015. Once the LEPC approves this year's update, EMA will submit the EOP for approval by the BCC.

A motion was made by Jeanette Nichols and seconded by John Kiskaden to approve submission of the Clermont County EOP to the Board of County Commissioners. The motion passed.

**Ongoing Business**

**HazMat Spills:**

There has been seven reportable spills since the September 24, 2020 meeting.

- 08/25/20 – 1781 US 52 (Zimmer) – Washington Township – Discharge of approx. 900 gallons of Sulfuric Acid, believed to be from internal pipe corrosion.
- 09/14/20 – 2023 SR 131 (UDF) – Stonelick Township – Spill of approx. 15 gallons of Diesel fuel into storm sewer.
- 09/15/20 – 2598 SR 222 (Hudson & Hudson Oil) – Monroe Township – Spill of approx. 20 gallons of water/diesel fuel mix from water oil separator.
- 10/09/20 – 3285 SR 131 (J. R. Jerguson) – Wayne Township – Spill of approx. 40-60 gallons of unknown type of oil.
- 11/05/20 – 934 SR 28 (Laurels of Milford) – Miami Township – Spill of approx. 30 gallons of Non PCB Oil due to tree hitting pole mounted transformer.
- 01/04/21 – Ohio River (Duke Energy) – Washington Township – 20 ft x 20 ft sheen of Fuel Oil on Ohio River from Receiver Tank.
- 04/20/21 – 6649 Gaynor Rd. (Hudson Oil) – Goshen Township – 1,850 gallons of Diesel fuel, due to overfill of above ground storage tank.

**Information Requests:**

EMA received five information requests since the September 24, 2020 meeting.

- 11-03-20 – 1152 US 50 – Miami Township – Environmental Resources Management
- 11-03-20 – 3250 SR 133 – Williamsburg Township – Environmental Resources Management
- 02-16-21 – 617 Ohio Pike – Union Township – Westech Environmental Solutions
- 03-02-21 – 3710 SR 133/3825 Bootjack Corner Rd. – Williamsburg Township – Westech Environmental Solutions
- 03-22-21 – 509 Ohio Pike – Union Township – Intertek PSI

**Tier II Reports:**

2020 Tier II Reports are due March 1, 2021.

- EHS Filers: 44 includes 2 first time filers

- HS Filers: 77 includes 2 first time filers
- Total Filers to Date: 131
- Sent eleven Non-Filer Letters. Seven of those submitted their Tier II reports, one facility was below threshold. The final three will be sent a second Non-Filer letter if the reports are not received.

**COVID-19 Update:**

EMA facilitates a county-wide Covid-19 coordination briefing virtually the first Wednesday of each month.

Clermont County Public Health is continuing to hold COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics. Currently they are hosting clinics five days a week and some Saturdays. The primary vaccination location is at UC Clermont College through May 21, 2021. CCPH is working with the school districts within the County to schedule clinics within the schools to reach the 16+ students and local communities. They will also be partnering with some local businesses to hold clinics.

As of 04/22/21, approximately 39% of the population have received their first does of the vaccine. Clermont County is around 37%.

CCPH is currently using the ArmorVax application/website for appointment scheduling. To schedule appointments you can go to the ArmorVax website or contact the CCPH Vaccination Call Center at 513-735-8500. <https://www.armorvax.com/>

Clermont Mercy Hospital is also offering COVID-19 Vaccinations. To find out dates and times and schedule an appointment call 866-624-0366.

**All-Hazard Mitigation Plan**

Clermont County received official approval from FEMA for the All-Hazard Mitigation Plan (AHMP) on June 15, 2020. The AHMP Plan is valid for five years, so Clermont County will not be due for an update until 2024.

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 has suggested they adopt it as well.

As of today's meeting the two cities, nine villages, ten townships, and the Clermont County Park District have adopted the Plan.

**HazMat Plan Update:**

The annual update of the Clermont County Hazardous Materials Plan is due to SERC by 10/17/21. The updated plan will be sent out in August and will be voted on at the September 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

**Budget**

**State Emergency Response Commission Grant:**

The SFY21 SERC Grant period is July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. The funding for this grant was received on 08/10/20 in the amount of \$23,261.00 which is a slight increase from last year.

The SFY22 SERC Grant period is July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021. The application was submitted to SERC by the February 1, 2021 deadline. We anticipate receiving the funding in July or August 2021.

<p><b>FY16, FY17, &amp; FY18 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) - Law Enforcement Grant:</b>  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.</p>
<p><b>FY17 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant:</b>  Grant performance period: September 1, 2017 through March 31, 2020.  \$706,713.45  Hamilton County EMA is the Grant Administrative Agency.</p>
<p><b>FY18 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant:</b>  Grant performance period: September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2021.  \$677,546.91  Hamilton County EMA is the Grant Administrative Agency.</p>
<p><b>FY19 State Homeland Security Program Grant:</b>  Grant performance period: September 1, 2019 through December 31, 2021.  \$644,037  Hamilton County EMA is the Grant Administrative Agency.</p>
<p><b>FY20 State Homeland Security Program Grant:</b>  Grant performance period: September 1, 2020 through March 31, 2022.  \$644,037.</p>
<p><b>Department Reports</b></p>
<p><b>Prosecutor's Office:</b>  Jeanette Nichols reported that we have a new Prosecutor this year, Mark Tekulve.</p>
<p><b>Communications Center/Dept. of Public Safety Services:</b>  John Kisdaden reported that for the month siren test on April 7<sup>th</sup>, the sirens in Batavia did not go off. So a second test was completed successfully on April 14<sup>th</sup>.</p>
<p><b>Greater Cincinnati HazMat Unit:</b>  GCHMU can offer virtual training. If any agency is interested in receiving HazMat Training through GCHMU, please contact Brooke Matzen.</p> <p>Some agencies have been calling the Duty Officer to dispatch GCHMU. Brooke Matzen wanted to remind everyone that they need to contact the Hamilton County Communications Center in order to have GCHMU dispatched.</p>
<p><b>Clermont EMA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ERGs</b> - The 2020 Emergency Response Guides were received and distributed to all agencies that requested them.</li> <li>• <b>Radiological Meter Exchange</b> – Ohio EMA has discontinued the old radiological meters. Clermont County received fourteen new units, which were distributed to Bethel-Tate, Central Joint, Loveland-Symmes, Miami Township, and Union Township Fire Departments. OEMA has not picked up the old meters, so if any agency has any you can still return them to the EMA office.</li> <li>• <b>Regional Training</b> – Note: Microsoft Teams is the preferred platform for all OEMA virtual trainings.</li> </ul>

- An ICS 300 course is scheduled for April 27<sup>th</sup> through 30<sup>th</sup>. The ICS 400 course is scheduled for August 11<sup>th</sup> through 13<sup>th</sup>. As of this meeting there were still a few spots available.
- Matt Moynihan, Hamilton County EMA, has a regional training distribution list. He sends out a training bulletin every 2 weeks.  
<http://www.hamiltoncountyohioema.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Bulletin-01-2019.pdf>

**Presentations**

Pam Haverkos gave brief review Clermont County Emergency Operations Plan.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be July 22, 2021 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**

Randy Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Brooke Matzen seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:02 p.m.