



# Clermont County Local Emergency Planning Committee

## July 22, 2021 Meeting Minutes

**Attendees (In-Person):** Mike Boehmer, Tyler Braasch, Randy Davis, Charlie Hall, Pam Haverkos, John Kappesser, Hannah Lubbers, Tim Neyer, Laurie Schlueter, Woody Woodmansee

**Attendees (Virtually):** Bonnie Batchler, and Jeannette Nichols.

**Guests (In-Person):** Renee Wilson.

**Guests (Virtually):** Toni Carmichael, Phil Clayton, Robert Hirsch, and Sam Reed.

### Call to Order

The meeting began at 1:34 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Introductions were made

### Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made by Charlie Hall and seconded by Hannah Lubbers to adopt the minutes from the April 22, 2021 meeting. The motion passed.

### New Business

#### 2021-2023 Memberships:

The current Membership period ends as of 08/14/2021. The next Membership period will be From 08/15/2021 through 08/14/2023. EMA received twenty-four (24) applications for membership.

Those applications included:

- Fire –
  - Kevin Riley, Chief - Clermont County Fire Chief's Alliance and Central Joint Fire & EMS
  - Mark Baird, Chief - Clermont County Fire Chief's Alliance and Milford Community Fire Department
- Law –
  - Robert Hirsch, Lieutenant – Clermont County Police Chiefs and Sheriffs Association and Miami Township Police Department
  - Chris Stratton, Chief Deputy – Clermont County Sheriff's Office
- Elected Official –
  - Bonnie Batchler, Commissioner – Clermont County Board of Commissioners
  - Tom Peck, Trustee – Clermont County Trustee's Association and Monroe Township
  - John Thebout, Mayor – Clermont County Mayor's Association and Batavia Village
- Emergency Management –
  - Pam Haverkos, Director – Clermont County EMA
  - Laurie Schlueter, Program Manager – Clermont County EMA
- Hospital –
  - Chris Butler, EMS Coordinator – Mercy Anderson, Clermont/Mt. Orab
  - Jill Ernst, Readiness & Response Facilitator – The Health Collaborative
- First Aid –

- Steve Armstrong, Government Operations Lead – American Red Cross
- Health –
  - Tyler Braasch, Emergency Response Coordinator – Clermont County Public Health
- Environmental –
  - Randy Davis, Assistant Director of Operations – Clermont County Water Resources
  - Hannah Lubbers, Director – Adams-Clermont Solid Waste District
  - Brooke Matzen, Office Administrator – Greater Cincinnati Hazardous Materials Unit
  - Tim Neyer, Assistant Director – Clermont County Water Resources
- Transportation –
  - Woody Woodmansee, Highway Superintendent – Clermont County Engineer’s Office
- Media –
  - Mike Boehmer, Communications Coordinator/PIO – Clermont County Office of Public Information
- Community Group –
  - Andrew McAfee, Director of Government Affairs – Clermont County Chamber of Commerce
- Other – Communications –
  - John Kiskaden, Director – Clermont County Dept. of Public Safety Services
- Other – Attorney –
  - Jeanette Nichols, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney – Clermont County Prosecutor’s Office
- Other – Building Official –
  - Bruce Crase, Building Official – Clermont County Building Dept.

Randy Davis made a motion to approve the applications for the 2021-2023 Membership period as proposed and Tim Neyer seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**LEPC Exercise:**

During the July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 Exercise Cycle, SERC waived any penalties for County LEPCs not able to hold exercises. SERC approved Clermont County’s Exercise Exemption request at the June 9, 2021 meeting.

July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 is the first year of a new 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. Due to the COVID-19 response we anticipate completing a Tabletop Exercise in spring 2022.

**Ongoing Business**

**HazMat Spills:**

There has been three reportable spills since the April 22, 2021 meeting.

- 05/15/21 – 546 Wards Corner Road (BP Oil) – Miami Township – Approx. 40 gallons of oil, leaked from a rusting oil drum onto ground and into a storm drain.
- 05/31/21 – 3680 Hopper Hill Road – Pierce Township – Unknown amount/25+ gallons of diesel fuel, leaking from damaged fuel tank.
- 06/29/21 SR 32 Between Stonelick Olive Branch Rd & Bauer Road – Batavia Township – Approx. 50 gallons of diesel fuel leaking from semi truck.

Toni Carmichel from Ohio EPA informed the committee that a spill was reported July 1, 2021 at a Dairy Farm in Goshen Township on Newtonsville Road. The spill involved cattle manure impacting a waterway. The Ohio Department of Agriculture has taken lead on the response. EMA will contact ODA to get additional details for the September meeting.

**Information Requests:**

EMA received two information requests since the April 22, 2021 meeting.

- 06/03/21 – 3202 Marshal Drive – Monroe Township – Westech Environmental Solutions
- 07/13/21 – Tier II Facility Locations – OKI (Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana) Regional Council of Governments

**Tier II Reports:**

2020 Tier II Reports were due March 1, 2021.

- EHS Filers: 39 includes 1 first time filer, and 3 Government filers
- HS Filers: 96 includes 6 first time filers
- Total Filers: 135
- Sent twelve Non-Filer Letters with response from all.

The Hazard Vulnerability Analysis information has been submitted to the Fire Departments for verification for inclusion in the HazMat Plan.

**COVID-19 Update:**

The COVID-19 Defense Team’s meets virtually the first Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is August 4, 2021.

Clermont County has seen a slight increase in COVID-19 cases this week (17 new cases as of 7/19/21). The County has approximately 46.35% of the population have received the full doses of vaccine (1 for Johnson & Johnson, 2 for Moderna & Pfizer). This is approximately 2% lower than the State average. We are seeing a slight increase in cases of the Delta variant as well.

Clermont County Public Health is continuing to hold COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics. They Clinics are held at the Nursing Division on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Clinics are also being held in the communities, including at the local County Libraries.

Public Health held an After Action meeting on June 29th to discuss lessons learned from this event so far.

The Clermont County Chamber of Commerce held their annual Salute to Leaders Awards on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Several personnel and agencies involved with the COVID-19 incident were honored, including: Clermont County Public Health, Clermont County EMA, and Dennis Brown. Dennis Brown is a member of the Clermont County Board of Health and volunteered as the County’s COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic Call Center Volunteer Manager earlier this spring.

COVID-19 vaccinations continue to be offered through Clermont County Public Health, Mercy Clermont Hospital, HealthSource of Ohio, and several local pharmacies.

<p><b>All-Hazard Mitigation Plan</b>  Clermont County received official approval from FEMA for the All-Hazard Mitigation Plan (AHMP) on June 15, 2020. The AHMP is valid for five years. Clermont County will be due for an update until 2024. EMA will most likely begin the process for the update in about two years.</p> <p>The Cities and Villages within the County are required to adopt the County’s AHMP within one year of approval (or adopt their own plan) in order to continue to be eligible for Public Assistance and Mitigation Grants. All Cities and Villages, as well as several Townships and the Clermont County Park District, have adopted the AHMP.</p>
<p><b>HazMat Plan Update:</b>  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.</p>
<p><b>Budget – A copy of the current budget is attached.</b></p>
<p><b>State Emergency Response Commission Grant:</b>  The SFY22 SERC Grant period is July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021. We anticipate receiving the funding in July or August 2021. The amount of the funding is unknown, but we received approximately \$23,000 for SFY21.</p>
<p><b>FY18, FY19, and FY20 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>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.  Hamilton County EMA is the Grant Administrative Agency.</p>
<p><b>FY21 State Homeland Security Program Grant:</b>  Grant performance period: October 1, 2021 through March 31, 2024  \$591,422.  Butler County EMA is the Grant Administrative Agency for the 8 county region.</p>

The Ohio EMA released the FY21 SHSP Grant Application and Clermont EMA distributed the Guidance and Executive Summary to our local partners on July 21<sup>st</sup>.

All Grant projects must support terrorism preparedness. The state has expanded the scope to include projects that support combating domestic violent extremism, cyberattacks, and other emerging threats. Allowable project categories include:

- Communications
- Warning/Notifications
- Exercise
- Planning
- Sustainment of Specialty Teams (limited to teams identified in the Ohio Fire Chiefs' Emergency Response Plan, FBI Accredited Bomb Teams, and Mission Ready Packages in the EMAC Operating System)
- Mass Care and Fatality Management

The applications are due back to each County's EMA Office by August 13, 2021. The Grant Advisory Team will review the projects and submit them to OEMA by the August 28<sup>th</sup> deadline.

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office will be sending out the Law Enforcement Grant Application information to the local law enforcement agencies.

#### Department Reports

##### Duke Energy:

- Duke anticipates having staff back in-person in September. They will not be mandating employees to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.
- Approximately 300 crews were sent to assist with the Hurricane Elsa recovery efforts.
- Duke will be holding a Level 3 Response Team Midwest Storm Drill.

##### Clermont EMA:

- If any agency needs copies of the 2020 Emergency Response Guides please contact EMA.
- Ohio EMA has discontinued the old radiological meters. EMA has distributed the new units. OEMA has not picked up the old meters, so if any agency has any you can still return them to the EMA office. If anyone wants to keep one for historical purposes, please contact EMA.
- Doug Baumgartner, EMA Program Manager has resigned. EMA has posted for the position and hopes to hire a replacement soon.
- Tri-State CART has dissolved. The County will be taking the F350 Box Truck that has supplies to shelter upwards of 20 animals in an emergency. We will be updating the Mass Care Annex to reflect this change. CART also had a trailer with supplies that was given to Hamilton County EMA. Both vehicles will be available regionally if needed.
- **Regional Training** – Note: Microsoft Teams is the preferred platform for all OEMA virtual trainings.
  - An ICS 400 course is scheduled for August 11<sup>th</sup> through 13<sup>th</sup>. To register go to the Ohio Dept. of Public Safety Training website:  
<https://trainingcampus.dps.ohio.gov/cm/cm710/pstc/pstc.html>

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>

**PIO/Communications:**

The PIO committee, which includes PIOs from five different government agencies, have been meeting periodically. The recently completed a Tabletop Exercise and received a refresher training on WebEOC.

**Chamber of Commerce:**

- The Clermont County Chamber of Commerce has almost 700 members from the community currently.
- The Chamber is seeing a large number of businesses having trouble getting employees.

**Mercy Clermont Hospital:**

On June 29<sup>th</sup>, for the first time since COVID-19 began, Mercy had 0 patients within the Hospital. However, they are seeing a resurgence now.

**Water Resources:**

There is currently an active algae bloom at Harsha Lake, however, this does not cause any issues with the drinking water processed from the Lake.

**Public Health:**

Tyler reminded the Committee that there is currently a Public Health advisory not to swim in Harsha Lake.

**Adams-Clermont Solid Waste/OEQ:**

OEQ is holding a two-day Tire Collection Event in Jackson Township. <https://oeq.net/2021-tire-amnesty-days-9-24-9-25-8am-1pm/>

**Ohio EMA:**

- SERC has updated the Ohio Hazardous Materials Exercise and Evaluation Manual.
- SERC will be updating the LEPC Member Handbook. The anticipate it to be completed by October this year.

**Presentations**

Pam Haverkos gave brief review Clermont County Hazardous Materials Plan.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be September 23, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. Emergency Operations Center at 2279 Clermont Center Drive in Batavia. Members are strongly encouraged to attend the meeting in person however, the meeting will be available by Zoom as well.

**Adjournment**

Tim Neyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Woody Woodmansee seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m.