



Clermont County Local Emergency Planning Committee

September 23, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Attendees (In-Person): Bonnie Batchler, Mike Boehmer, Randy Davis, Pam Haverkos, Brooke Matzen, Andrew McAfee, Tim Neyer, Kevin Riley, and Laurie Schlueter

Attendees (Virtually): Tyler Braasch, Jill Ernst, Robert Hirsch, John Kappesser, John McManus, and Chris Stratton.

Guests (In-Person): Andy Braasch and Jennifer Haley.

Guests (Virtually): Jessie Wiederhold.

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 Tim Neyer and seconded by Brooke Matzen to adopt the minutes from the July 22, 2021 meeting. The motion passed.
New Business
2021-2023 Memberships: The LEPC received an application for Membership from John McManus, District Administrator for the Clermont Soil & Water Conservation District. John would represent the Environmental Discipline. Randy Davis made a motion to approve the application for John McManus for the 2021-2023 Membership period and Tim Neyer seconded the motion. The motion passed.
2022 Meeting Dates: The tentative meeting dates for 2022 are for the fourth Thursday of January, April & September. July will be held a week earlier due to the Clermont County Fair. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 01/27/2022• 04/28/2022• 07/21/2022• 09/22/2022 A motion was made by Brooke Matzen and seconded by Randy Davis to accept the 2022 meeting dates as listed. The motion passed.
Ongoing Business
HazMat Spills: There has been two reportable spills since the 07/22/2021 meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 07/01/2021 – 6177 Newtonsville Road/Carney Farm – Wayne Township – Unknown quantity of cattle manure into Moore’s Fork Waterway – Cattle manure exceeded containment area and released into Waterway.• 08/25/2021 – 3259 Martin Road – Wayne Township – 50 gallons of transformer oil – Tree knocked pole mounted transformer loose.

John McManus provided a brief update on the status of Carney Farm incident. The discharge was reported on 07/01/2021, however, it is an ongoing situation. The Ohio Department of Agriculture has taken responsibility for monitoring the situation and completes regular visits to inspect the progress. The situation has improved but each time there is a significant rainfall, additional leaking occurs.

Information Requests:

EMA received two information requests since the 07/22/2021 meeting.

- 08/06/2021 – Batavia Road, James E. Sauls Sr Drive, Front Wheel Drive, Curliss Lane, Clark Street – Batavia Township – Hull and Associates
- 09/08/2021 – 1849 SR28 – Goshen Township – Advantage Environmental Consultants

Chief Riley asked if anyone knew the reasoning behind the request from Hull and Associates for the Batavia Township area. No one in attendance was aware of the purpose. The request covered all of the area from Batavia Road to Curliss Lane and from SR 32 to Old SR 32.

Tier II Reports:

2021 Tier II Reports are due 03/01/2022.

COVID-19 Update:

The COVID-19 Defense Team’s meets virtually the first Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is 10/06/2021.

Tyler Braasch provided some updates on the current COVID-19 status:

- Clermont County has seen an increase in COVID-19 cases. On 9/7/2021 we peaked at 205 daily cases.
- The current vaccination rate is 51.9% which is just below the State rate at 53.85%.
- Public Health and the local Hospitals are advising people that the Emergency Room is not for testing. A large number of people are going to the ERs to get tested for COVID. Currently the Urgent Cares and some pharmacies have testing capabilities.
- Free at-home test kits will be available at the YMCA Clermont Branch and the 10 Clermont County Library branches.
- Booster shots for Pfizer have been approved by the FDA for 65 and older as well as others with certain health concerns. Public Health is waiting for the CDC and the Ohio Department of Health to give recommendations and guidance.
- Third doses of Pfizer and Moderna have been approved for those that are immunocompromised. However, they should speak with their Primary Care Physicians first to ensure, one) the necessity of the third dose, and two) if there were any concerns with any medications they are receiving. Public Health is only able to offer Pfizer third doses at this time.
- Public Health is currently holding vaccination clinics on Tuesdays and Thursday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Walk-ins are only from 9:00 am to 11:30am. CareSource is offering a \$100 incentive for Medicaid recipients on Tuesdays from 9:00 am to 11:30am.
- The Vaccination Call Center Hotline 513-735-8500 is once again being advertised for citizens to call with questions or to schedule a vaccination. EMA staff will be taking the calls from the Hotline.
- Public Health is holding a cache of testing kits for Emergency Responders. If any agency needs test kits, they can contact Tyler Braasch.
- They are seeing some breakthrough cases with the Delta variant.
- Public Health did get a shipment of J&J vaccines, however they are only giving those for some morning appointments to ensure they have some for homebound citizens. Fitzgerald’s Pharmacy in Williamsburg also has J&J vaccines as well.

- The County still has an inventory of PPE available to those agencies with need. Please contact EMA to get supplies.

HazMat Plan Update

The 2021 HazMat Plan is due to SERC by 10/17/2021. The only changes made to the plan are updating the Tier II Facilities, LEPC Memberships, Spill History, and the Plan dates.

Kevin Riley made a motion to approve the 2021 Clermont County HazMat Annex (#10) and submit it to SERC. The motion was seconded by Brooke Matzen. The motion passed.

Copies of the plan will be sent out to all Fire/EMS and Law Enforcement Agencies. If any other agency needs a copy, please contact EMA.

2021-2022 LEPC Exercise:

07/01/2021 through 06/30/2025 begins a new four-year exercise cycle. The LEPC will be required to complete 1 Full-Scale, 1 Tabletop & 1 Functional Exercise during that period.

Due to the COVID-19 response, the intent is to complete a Tabletop Exercise during the 07/01/2021 to 06/30/2022 period. EMA will be contacting the LEPC to put together an Exercise Subcommittee to plan the Exercise. EMA will also be contacting the local jurisdictions to see which agency the exercise will be based in. If anyone is interested in being on the Subcommittee, please contact EMA.

Budget – A copy of the current budget is attached.

State Emergency Response Commission Grant:

The SFY22 SERC Grant period is 07/01/2021 through 06/30/2021. The SFY22 funding was received 07/30/2021 in the amount of \$23,384.00.

FY18 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant:

Grant performance period: 09/01/2018 through 08/31/2021.

\$677,546.91

Hamilton County EMA is the Grant Administrative Agency.

FY19 State Homeland Security Program Grant:

Grant performance period: 09/01/2019 through 12/31/2021.

\$644,037

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FY20 State Homeland Security Program Grant:

Grant performance period: 09/01/2020 through 03/31/2022.

\$644,037.

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FY21 State Homeland Security Program Grant:

Grant performance period: 10/01/2021 through 03/31/2024

\$591,422.

Butler County EMA is the Grant Administrative Agency. However, each individual County will be the Fiscal Agent for projects within their county.

Department Reports

Chamber of Commerce:

The Chamber will be hosting a roundtable on 10/12/2021 at 3:45 with Governor Mike DeWine on COVID-19. It is free to the public. You can register for this Zoom meeting on their website. <https://clermontchamber.com/registrationcalendar/#id=1749&cid=243&wid=301&type=Cal>

Clermont EMA:

- Pam Haverkos introduced Andy Braasch, the new EMA Program Manager.
- Clermont County submitted an application for the FY21 Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Grant Program. The application is a request for FEMA to provide funding to purchase a repetitive loss structure in Pierce Township on Old SR 52. EMA is working with the Clermont County Park District and Clermont County Water Resources as the property is adjacent to the Water Resources Well-fields and the Park District may be looking at expanding the bike path on that property.

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>

Ohio EMA:

The Ohio LEPC Conference is scheduled for 10/21/2021. The Conference will be held virtually this year. If any LEPC member would like to attend, please contact EMA for information.

Water Resources:

In regards to the algae bloom at Harsha Lake, the levels are returning to normal for this time of year.

Clermont Soil & Water Conservation District:

Soil & Water has a project in progress to set up wetlands at the old reservoir at East Fork Lake. The wetlands will help remove the nitrogen and phosphate in the Lake water.

Duke Energy:

- Duke anticipates having staff back in-person in October.
- Crews were sent to assist with the Hurricane Ida.

The Health Collaborative:

- The hospitals in the region are seeing a severe staffing shortage due to COVID.
- The Collaborative has received a request from Mercy Clermont Hospital to set up a mass casualty tent.
- They will be holding a Tabletop Exercise for Infectious diseases.
- The Collaborative will be required to hold a Med Surge Response Exercise before the end of the year. They are still waiting for additional guidance.
- They will be receiving new ventilators from the State. It is not known at this time what will be done with the old ventilators.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be 01/27/2022 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

Brooke Matzen made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Tim Neyer seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:36 p.m.