



Clermont County Local Emergency Planning Committee

July 21, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Attendees (In-Person): Steve Armstrong, Mike Boehmer, Tyler Braasch, Randy Davis, Pam Haverkos, Hannah Lubbers, Andrew McAfee, John McManus, Laurie Schlueter, and Jessie Wiederhold

Attendees (Virtually): Chris Butler, Bruce Crase, Jill Ernst, Robert Hirsch, John Kiskaden, Brooke Matzen, Kevin Riley, and Woody Woodmansee

Guests (In-Person): Andy Braasch, Jennifer Haley, Toni Carmichael

Guests (Virtually): Sam Reed

Call to Order
The meeting began at 1:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and Introductions
Approval of the Minutes
A motion was made by Brooke Matzen and seconded by Mike Boehmer to adopt the minutes from the January 27, 2022 meeting. The motion passed.
New Business
BCC-LEPC Resolution Renewal: The BCC-LEPC Resolution authorizes EMA to administer and provide services on behalf of the LEPC. This resolution is a requirement to utilize the Emergency Management Performance Grant Program (EMPG) to reimburse EMA staff time dedicated to LEPC activities. The current resolution 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 by Hannah Lubbers and seconded by Tyler Braasch to renew the resolution between the BCC and the LEPC. The motion passed.
Emergency Warning Siren Policy Update: Jessie Wiederhold and John Kiskaden gave a brief overview of the changes to the County Outdoor Warning Siren Policy. The update changes the procedures on how the sirens are activated by the Department of Public Safety Services (DPSS). In the past, the sirens were activated in a two step process, first setting of the sirens in the northern portion of the County and then the southern portion of the County. The change will allow all outdoor warning sirens to be activated at the same time. A motion was made by Randy Davis and seconded by John McManus to approve this change to the Outdoor Warning Siren Activation Policy. The motion passed.
LEPC Memberships: EMA received one resignation and two applications for membership to the LEPC. John Kiskaden, Director of the Dept. of Public Safety Services, is retiring in August 2022 and has submitted his resignation. Jessie Wiederhold, the Assistant Director has submitted an application to assume the vacancy on the LEPC.

A motion was made by Brooke Matzen and seconded by Mike Boehmer to accept John Kiskaden's resignation and Jessie Wiederhold's application for the LEPC. The motion passed.

An application was also received from a Clermont County resident, Robb Wing. Robb is a local business owner, Wing Media, Inc. and a former firefighter/EMT-A. Jennifer Haley stated that Robb is an acquaintance of Commissioner Batchler and wanted to get more involved in the community and local government. There was a concern that should anything be discussed at the meetings that was not intended to be shared outside of the committee that having someone from the media on the committee may be an issue. With research it was determined that Wing Media is a marketing company and not a media outlet. It was also discussed that the LEPC Meetings are generally open to the public. Sam Reed from OEMA, stated that per ORC 3750.03 (B), should there ever be a concern with any member of the committee, the LEPC, by a two-thirds vote, may at any time remove a member for "misfeasance, malfeasance or nonfeasance", or at the request of the LEPC, the SERC may remove a member for any of those reasons.

A motion was made by John McManus and seconded by Steve Armstrong to approve Robb Wing's application to the LEPC. The motion passed.

Clermont County Tornadoes Update:

On July 6, 2022, there were multiple weather events within the region. It has been confirmed that an EF1 tornado occurred within Miami Township, an EF2 tornado started in Miami Township going into Goshen Township and an EF1 started at the Clermont County line and went into Brown County primarily in the Lake Lorelei area. The EF2 tornado was approximately 750 yards wide and the length of the path was at least 2.5 miles, possibly longer.

EMA and the local Fire Departments have been working to complete the damage assessment. EMA will be cross referencing the list with the Building Department to get a more in depth picture. It has to be determined which properties are either destroyed or have major damage, which have insurance, and which are resident owned or are rental property. In order to receive the State Individual Assistance Program or US SBA (Small Business Administration) funding there has to be a minimum of twenty-five properties that are either destroyed or have major damages that are uninsured. We continue to receive property reports with roofs leaks and other structural damage. Currently the county is at twenty-two residents and business that are major or damaged and uninsured.

On July 13th, the Governor declared a state of emergency declaration in Brown and Clermont counties for the tornadoes. This declaration opens it up so that State agencies can provide additional assistance to the locals beyond their normal scope. For example, agencies such as ODOT can provide cleanup assistance.

There has been a number of requests for assistance with local residents for cleanup of storm debris. Over 200 homes have requested assistance with woody debris. Local Public Works crews have been picking up debris from the right-of-way and taking it to one of three staging areas (Miami, Goshen & Wayne). Several volunteer organizations are assisting homeowners with debris cleanup on private properties. The volunteer organizations include the American Regulators, Crossroads Church - Masters of Disaster, Goshen Community Church, and the Southern Baptist Disaster Response.

The Adams-Clermont Solid Waste District has contracted with Bzak Landscaping to provide a tub grinder to mulch the debris at the staging areas. As of this meeting there were still over 100 properties to be assessed for debris cleanup. Most insurance companies will only cover woody debris cleanup if it directly on a structure.

EMA has been operating a hotline to capture unmet needs, volunteers and donations. The number of calls for volunteers or donated items is beginning to drop off, but the unmet needs calls are continuing at a steady pace. The VRC (Volunteer Reception Center) was activated to support the woody debris cleanup effort. Over 200 volunteers provided assistance with bringing woody debris to the right of way.

The ARC (American Red Cross) will be providing case management for residents who need emergency assistance. ARC is able to provide assistance for those whose properties were destroyed or had major damage. Other residents are being referred to partner agencies. An Unmet Needs Committee has been established to assist, which will be transitioning into a LTRC (Long Term Recovery Committee).

One large concern has been how to handle damages within MHP (Mobile Home Parks). MHP are regulated at the State level, through the Department of Commerce, Industrial Compliance section rather than the local Building Inspection Departments. The Department of Commerce should be having inspectors come down soon to assess the mobile home communities.

The Unmet Needs and Debris Committees are working on how to assist those residents who do not have road frontage. The local Public Works crews are not allowed to go onto private property, including private roads to pick up debris.

EMA will be sending out information to the local jurisdictions for the potential for Public Assistance funds to reimburse for emergency response, debris management, and repair of damaged public facilities. The County has to have a minimum of \$855,264 in eligible expenses in order to qualify for this grant.

EMA has a lot of information on their website regarding storm relief: <https://ema.clermontcountyohio.gov/7-6-2022-storm-relief/>

Emergency Operations Plan:

Pam Haverkos gave a brief overview of the County's Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). Over the next year, EMA is planning to update and refine the functional and hazard specific annexes that have not been updated recently.

Ongoing Business

HazMat Spills:

There has been five reportable spills since the 01/27/2022 meeting.

- 04/29/22 – 1166 Deblin Drive – Miami Township – Approximately 10 gallons of motor oil dumped into storm drain flowing into small creek behind Deblin Drive.
- 05/08/22 – 2184 Wilshire Circle – Stonelick Township – Approximately 40 gallons of Fuel Oil discharged into ditch line from crawlspace by sump pump.
- 05/13/22 – 3544 Turnberry – Pierce Township – Unknown substance/unknown quantity in Rumpke Recycling Truck, Driver transported to Hospital.
- 06/19/22 – 1041 Old US 52 – New Richmond Village – Approximately 30-40 gallons of non-PCB oil due to downed Duke electric pole and transformer.
- 07/07/22 – 6576 SR 48 – Goshen Township – 12 gallons 25 KBA Oil from transformer from downed Duke electric pole found in creek due to tornado.

Toni Carmichael stated that there was another spill not on the list. On 7/9/22, 6331 Manila Road had a 35 gallon non-PCB oil spill in Goshen Township. EMA will add it to the list of spills.

Information Requests:

EMA received three information requests since the 01/27/2022 meeting.

- 05/16/22 – City of Loveland within Clermont County – City of Mason Fire Department (Working with Loveland/Symmes, Sharonville & Blue Ash on PUCO Grant)
- 05/31/22 – 6380 Branch Hill Guinea Pike – Miami Township - Intertek-PSI
- 06/21/22 – 1218-1260 W. Ohio Pike – Batavia Township – PSARA Technologies, Inc.

Tier II Reports:

2021 Reports were due March 1, 2022.

- EHS Filers: 37 including 3 Government filers
- HS Filers: 92 includes 3 first time filers
- Total Filers to Date: 129

EMA is working on the Hazard Vulnerability Assessment for the HazMat Plan. Due to the tornadoes there has been a delay getting that out for the Fire Departments to verify the information. The intent is to have it sent out within the next few weeks.

It was discussed that there was a company called Burd Brothers that transports chemicals may be required to be a hazardous materials reporter. The company may be also storing chemicals onsite. EMA will reach out to the company to remind them that if they are storing chemicals for more than one twenty-four hour period that they are required to submit a Tier II report.

COVID-19 Update:

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

- Case rates and hospital occupancy have been trending upwards within the County and the State
- CCPH is offering Pfizer and Moderna vaccinations on Mondays and Thursdays.
- Moderna and Pfizer have just been recently approved for the 6 month old to 4 year old age group. CCPH has the Pfizer vaccine available to those age groups right now.
- CCPH will be at the County Fair handing out test kits and other materials. They will also be directing attendees to the Owensville Library for vaccinations if requested.
- They are not doing a public distribution of test kits, but if any Public Safety agency requests any they can contact CCPH.
- It is unknown when/if a fourth dose for the under 50 age group will be released.
- The County still has PPE available for agencies including: surgical masks, N95s, KN95s, gloves, cloth masks for kids, gowns and face shields.
- The CCPH website has locations for testing and vaccines on their website:

- Testing: <https://ccphohio.org/covid-19-testing-locations/>
- Vaccinations: <https://ccphohio.org/covid-19-vaccine-info/>

2021-2022 LEPC Exercise:

The four-year exercise cycle started on 07/01/2021. The LEPC is required to complete 1 Full-Scale, 1 Tabletop and 1 Functional Exercise as well as test all 13 objectives during the four-year period.

Pierce Township had an incident on 05/13/22 that EMA attempted to submit for exercise credit. The incident was denied due to the fact that the chemical released was unable to be determined.

EMA submitted an exercise exemption letter to SERC for the FY22 Exercise. That exemption was approved by SERC at the June 14, 2022 meeting.

Budget – A copy of the 2022 budget is attached.

FY20 State Homeland Security Program Grant: Grant performance period: 09/01/2020 through 03/31/2022. \$644,037. Hamilton County EMA is the Grant Administrative Agency.

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.

FY22 State Homeland Security Program Grant:

The information for the FY22 SHSP Grant should be released soon. If any agency has any projects that they are interested in requesting through this grant, please contact EMA.

UASI (Urban Area Security Initiative)

The Cincinnati Region has been selected to be added back into the UASI program. This will open up additional homeland security funding, but it is unknown at this time how much will be received in the region. The City of Cincinnati will be the Grant Administrative Agency.

Department Reports

Public Information:

The Building Department will be providing Office of Public Information (OPI) with information on how to submit permits for tornado related damage. That information will be posted on the County’s website.

Health Collaborative:

- Hospitals continue to struggle with capacity issues.
- The Health Collaborative started their ASPR (US Dept of Health and Human Services Office of the Assistant Secretary Preparedness and Response) Budget Period 4 on 7/1/22.
 - The focus this year will be on radiation planning.
 - There will be a joint CCPH & Health Collaborative Tabletop Exercise next year which will be facilitated by the Ohio Department of Health. This exercise will be similar to the one held in March for anthrax.

- In June 2023 a regional COVID 19 After Action Report will be due.
- In the process with a new/updated Hazard Vulnerability Analysis. The goal is to have a draft by end of August.
- The regional caches are in the process of being re-organized with distribution of various supplies/equipment to entities across the region (permanently), including placing generators at strategic locations across southwest Ohio counties.

Public Health:

CCPH will need to complete a radiation exercise within the next year. A response plan will also need to be written.

Greater Cincinnati HazMat Unit:

If any agency needs assistance with Command 400, they need to be sure to contact the Hamilton County Communications Center at 513-825-2280.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 09/22/2022 at 1:30 p.m. at the Clermont County Emergency Operations Center at 2279 Clermont Center Drive in Batavia. The meeting will also be available over Zoom.

Adjournment

Brooke Matzen made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Tyler Braasch seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:54 p.m.