



Clermont County Local Emergency Planning Committee

January 26, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Attendees (In-Person): Steve Armstrong, Mike Boehmer, Tyler Braasch, Bruce Crase, Randy Davis, Pam Haverkos, Robert Hirsch, Brooke Matzen, John McManus, Tim Neyer, Jeannette Nichols, Laurie Schlueter, Jeff Smith, Jessie Wiederhold, and Rob Wing.

Attendees (Virtually): Jill Ernst, John Kappesser, Hannah Lubbers, Andrew McAfee, and Chris Stratton.

Guests (In-Person): Angel Burton, Rob McClelland, and James Taylor.

Guests (Virtually): Sam Reed and Mike White

Call to Order
The meeting began at 1:32 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and Introductions
Approval of the Minutes
A motion was made by Rob Wing and seconded by Jeanette Nichols to adopt the minutes from the September 22, 2022 meeting. The motion passed.
New Business
2022-2023 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. EMA received an exercise exemption from SERC for the 2022 State Fiscal Year (7/1/21 to 6/30/22). This means that the LEPC will need to test all 13 objectives in the next three years. The intent is to do a Tabletop Exercise for the 2023 State Fiscal Year in spring 2023. It was discussed testing contamination of the drinking water. EMA will reach out to the local Fire Department to see if they are interested in completing an exercise. Tim Neyer, Brooke Matzen, and Pam Haverkos volunteered to be on the Exercise Sub-committee.
Emergency Operation Plan Annual Review: Pam Haverkos provided a brief presentation of the County's Emergency Operations Plan. A copy of the Base Plan is on the EMA website. The Base Plan must be reviewed every year.
Ongoing Business
HazMat Spills: There have been three reportable spills since the 09/22/2022 meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 09/29/22 – 20 Madagascar Drive (Tradewinds MHP) – Pierce Township – Unknown qty. of natural gas released when Contractor hit natural gas line while trenching.• 10/06/22 – 5327 SR 132 – Stonelick Township – 50+ gallons of diesel fuel spilled on roadway from US 50 to address.

- 1/18/23 – 1342 Norma Ln. – Goshen Township – 100+ gallons of home fuel oil entered the sanitary sewer through a sump pump. A letter was sent to the Homeowner to disconnect the sump pump.

Rob McClelland from Duke Energy reported that due to a surge in contractors cutting gas lines, they have been marking their gas lines themselves and then double checking that all lines are marked correctly. This has caused a bit of a backlog in the job tickets. They have enlisted on some of their subcontractors to assist.

Information Requests:

EMA received four information requests since the 09/22/2022 meeting.

- 10/20/22 – 106 W. Loveland – City of Loveland – Patriot Engineering & Environmental, Inc.
- 11/17/22 – 2401 Old SR 32 – Batavia Township – Arcadis, Inc.
- 12/06/22 – 3751 US 50 – Jackson Township – Intertek-PSI
- 01/11/23 – 1082 SR 28 – Miami Township – Westech Environmental

Tier II Reports:

2022 Reports are due March 1, 2023.

The State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) has updated the Facility and Reporting Compliance Manual for the annual Tier II reporting and sent out reminders to all reporting facilities.

COVID-19 Update:

Tyler Braasch provided a presentation to the committee on COVID-19 Lessons learned.

- Clermont County Public Health is still offering the COVID-19 Vaccine.
- Test Kits are still available. If you need Kits, please contact Public Health.
 - Those using the COVID-19 Test Kits should check the FDA website for the Lot# on the test kits as the expiration dates have been extended for many of the kits. <https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/coronavirus-covid-19-and-medical-devices/home-otc-covid-19-diagnostic-tests>

Pam Haverkos stated that there is still PPE available if it is needed. If anyone is in need, please contact EMA.

Clermont County Tornadoes Update:

The LTRC (Long Term Recovery Committee) continues to meet for the July 6, 2022, storms/tornadoes that occurred in Clermont County.

The Committee has expended \$191,274.11 in funds with an additional \$11,534.52 encumbered and \$781.37 remaining assisting residents of the County with damages that occurred from these events.

The LTRC is working with the Clermont County Dept. of Community and Economic Development to expend \$100,000 of CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) Funds for tornado relief as well. Due to the challenging requirements of the CDBG, these funds may be used to reimburse some of our faith based partners like food pantries and volunteer organizations for their expenses.

The Ohio EMA received Letters of Intent and Cost Documentation paperwork from the agencies requesting reimbursement from the SDRP (State Disaster Relief Program) funds on 1/2/23. Ohio EMA will be working directly with each of these agencies to review this documentation.

Budget – A copy of the 2022 Final Budget and the 2023 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: Grant performance period: 10/1/2022 through 03/31/2025
Funding unknown at this time.
Clermont County submitted two projects. Both were unfunded.

Department Reports

EMA:

- EMA continues to update the Emergency Operations Plan. The Base Plan was approved, but we need to update the functional and hazard specific annexes.
 - A Flood Plan Stakeholder meeting will be held in February to review the Flood Annex.
 - An After Action Meeting will be held in the near future for the July 6, 2022 Tornado & Storms Event.
- The Safe Room Rebate Program is open. The program provides a rebate to Ohio homeowners for the purchase and installation of tornado safe rooms. Homeowners that are selected are eligible for a rebate of 75% of the cost to purchase, install and/or construct a safe room up to a maximum of \$4,875.00. Homeowners have until 2/20/23 to apply for the program. To apply go to: <https://ema/ohio/gove/mitigation-recovery/safe-room-rebate>
- EMA continues to work on the buy-up of the repetitive loss property in Pierce Township. EMA is currently seeking a company to complete the appraisal of the property.
- Andy Braasch has left his position with EMA. We will be posting the position soon.
- Hamilton County continues to publish a regional training bulletin. To access the current training opportunities – go to: <https://mailchi.mp/fd1c94e71c4d/6Intbtm0zg-16089404?e=9c6540589e>

Building Department:

- Bruce Crase reported that the Building Dept. has been receiving an increasing number of complaint calls regarding Mobile Home Parks. In 2019 mobile homes were taken out of the residential building code and are no longer regulated by the County Building Departments. The Ohio Department of Commerce Division of Industrial Compliance is now responsible for all building concerns and violations within the Mobile Home Parks.

Public Health:

- Tyler Braasch stated that there had been a number of calls regarding sewage issues at Mobile Home Parks as well. Enforcement for sewage issues within the Parks is also the responsibility of the Ohio Department of Commerce.

Greater Cincinnati HazMat:

- GCHMU has had a number of white powder runs recently.

Duke:

- John Kappesser thanked County agencies for the support they provided after the attacks that happened in North Carolina. All Duke staff are keeping an eye out for any possible problems in our area. If anyone sees anything, such as a gate open or anything concerning going on, on Duke property, please report it.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 04/27/2023 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

Steve Armstrong made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Brooke Matzen seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:22 p.m.