



Clermont County Local Emergency Planning Committee

January 25, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Attendees (In-Person): Steve Armstrong, Mike Boehmer, Pam Haverkos, Robert Hirsch, Hannah Lubbers, Brooke Matzen, Robert McLelland, John McManus, Jeanette Nichols, Laurie Schlueter, Jeff Smith, Jessie Wiederhold, and Rob Wing.

Attendees (Virtually): Kathy Bailey, Bruce Crase, Jill Ernst, Mike Mills, and Chris Stratton.

Guests (In-Person): Jessie Bocks, and Claudia Kadon.

Guests (Virtually): Sam Reed, Mike White, and Neil Yockey.

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| 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 Brooke Matzen and seconded by Hannah Lubbers to adopt the minutes from the September 28, 2023 meeting. The motion passed. |
| New Business |
| Memberships: The Clermont County Mayor’s Association submitted a change in representation. Village of Batavia Mayor, John Thebout’s term ended on December 31, 2023. Kathy Bailey, Mayor of the City of Loveland and President of the Clermont County Mayors’ Association submitted an LEPC application to fill the vacancy. A motion was made by Robert Hirsch and seconded by Brooke Matzen to approve the changes in membership. The motion passed. |
| Ongoing Business |
| HazMat Spills: There have been 3 reportable spills since the 09/28/2023 meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10/11/23 – Half Acre Rd. and SR 276 – Williamsburg Township – 200 gallons diesel fuel – Combine with diesel tank caught fire in field.• 10/19/23 - Eastbound SR 125 @ I-275 – Union Township – 120 gallons diesel fuel – Flatbed truck overturned spilling fuel onto grass.• 10/28/23 – 5653 Happy Hollow Road – Miami Township – 9 gallons mineral oil – Duke Energy reported mineral oil spilled into creek bed across from the address. |
| Information Requests: EMA has received 3 information requests since the 09/28/2023 meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10/05/23 – Countywide – List of EHS facilities/high risk chemical – The Health Collaborative (Chemical Surge Draft Plan)• 10/05/23 – Countywide – Verification of facilities with UN3278/Organophosphates – GCHMU• 01/05/24 - 930-940 O’Bannonville Road – Miami Township – PSARA Technologies, Inc. |
| Tier II Reports: |

2023 Tier II Reports are due March 1, 2024. The State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) has changed the address to submit filing fees. Filing fees can also be submitted electronically. The updated information is on the EMA website - <https://ema.clermontcountyohio.gov/lepc/epcra/> If anyone is aware of any facilities that should be reporting but are not, please let EMA know.

2023-2024 LEPC Exercise:

The LEPC 2023-2024 Exercise is scheduled to be completed before June 30, 2024. We are in Year 3 of the 4 year cycle. We received an exemption in Year 1 and completed a Tabletop in Year 2. Within this cycle we still need to complete a functional and a full-scale exercise.

EMA has contracted with Erie Emergency Planning and Consultants to facilitate a functional exercise (FE). We will be testing the backup EOC at New Richmond Exempted Village School District. The initial planning committee meeting has been scheduled for 1/30. We are tentatively looking at testing 7 objectives: EOC, resource management, communications, population protective actions, emergency public information, traffic and access control, and shelter management.

The exercise will most likely be held in April. EMA will be sending out a save-the-date notice once the date/time is finalized. We will be recruiting evaluators if any members are interested in assisting.

Budget – A copy of the 2023 Budget is attached.

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
Amount unknown at this time. Each County EMA submitted their own projects for funding.

FY23 State Homeland Security Program Grant: Grant performance period: 09/01/2023 through 10/31/2025
Amount unknown at this time. County EMAs, Law Enforcement, and County Board of Elections are eligible to apply.

FY24 State Homeland Security Program Grant: Has not been released yet as the Federal Budget has not been approved.

Department Reports

American Red Cross:

ARC will be completing their smoke alarm program again this year.

Public Health:

Health continues to offer Covid-19 and Flu vaccines and they still have at-home Covid-19 test kits available.

GCHMU:

GCHMU will be holding *Incident Response Considerations for Lithium Battery Emergencies* Training on March 6, 2024 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Colerain Township Senior Center. Registration can be done on the Hamilton County EMA Website under LEPC Training.

If any agency is in need of any HazMat Training please contact Brooke Matzen at 513-779-1200.

Ohio EMA:

OEMA has updated the Crosswalk for the Ohio Hazardous Materials Planning and Exercise Guidance Booklet. This document is used to ensure that the HazMat Plan has all required content each year.

The OEMA Southwest Division is onboarding a new Emergency Management Specialist. Neil Yockey has been in training since the beginning of January.

EMA:

- The NWS has updated their weather briefing page. For minor incidents, they will be issuing “One Pager” reports that EMA will be emailing out to the Storm Distribution Group. If an incident rises to a certain threshold then they will use the new briefing page: <https://www.weather.gov/media/iln/ILNBriefing.pdf>
- The Solar Eclipse will be Monday, April 8, 2024. Clermont County is outside the totality zone. Timing for Ohio is between approximately 1:54pm and 4:29pm (partial eclipse). Totality will be between 3:08pm and 3:15pm. The main concern within Clermont County will be increased congestion including traffic, cellular networks, hotel accommodations, and camping days leading up to and around April 8th.
- Clermont & Brown County EMA’s are sponsoring Weather Spotter Training on Wednesday, February 28th at 6:00pm at Grant Career Center in Bethel. To register, call 513-732-7661 or email clermontema@clermontcountyohio.gov.
- 2024 Emergency Response Guide Books will be coming out sometime this year.
- FEMA is now requiring the most current versions of the ICS training to be taken. ICS 100.c, 200.c, 700.c & 800.c can all be taken online. ICS 300 & 400 must be taken in person.
- If anyone has any PPE needs please contact EMA. There is still a warehouse full of equipment, with some items reaching their expiration dates.
- Hamilton County continues to publish a regional training bulletin. To access the current training opportunities – go to: <https://mailchi.mp/fd1c94e71c4d/6lntbtm0zg-16089404?e=9c6540589e>

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2024 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 Jeanette Nichols seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 2:21p.m.