



# Clermont County Local Emergency Planning Committee

## April 25, 2024 Informal Meeting Notes

**Attendees (In-Person):** Tyler Braasch, Pam Haverkos, Hannah Lubbers, Brooke Matzen, Andrew McAfee, John McManus, Tim Neyer, Laurie Schlueter and Rob Wing.

**Attendees (Virtually):** Steve Armstrong, Kathy Bailey, Bruce Crase, Jill Ernst, Robert Hirsch, Michael Mills, Chris Stratton.

**Guests (In-Person):** Wesley Gutridge, Claudia Kadon, and Mike White.

**Guests (Virtually):** Mike Callinan

### Call to Order

The meeting began at 1:35 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and Introductions. Although a virtual option is available, only members attending in person can vote and/or be counted towards the quorum, which is ten members per the LEPC By-Laws. Only nine members were in attendance so the meeting was held informally and all votes postponed until the July 18, 2024 meeting.

### Approval of the Minutes

Approval of the January 25, 2024 minutes was postponed until the July 18, 2024 meeting

### New Business

#### Emergency Operations Center Plan Review:

Pam Haverkos gave an overview on the County's EOP Base Plan to the Committee.

EMA will be taking the updated Base Plan to the Board of County Commissioner's for approval. The last time it was updated was in 2021.

The EOP is available for download on the EMA's FTP site. The plans are not intended for public distribution, however, you can share them with public safety personnel. <https://clermontcountyohio.gov/ftp/EMA/>

### Ongoing Business

#### HazMat Spills:

There have been 3 reportable spills since the 01/25/2024 meeting.

- 1/25/24 – 4330 Batavia Rd. – Batavia Township – 5 to 10 gallons of transformer oil – non PCB spilled into storm drain causing a sheen on a waterway.
- 3/15/24 – Wolfpen Pleasant Hill Rd. – Miami Township – Unknown quantity Gasoline - Vehicle Fire; Gasoline leaked into storm drain during severe weather.
- 3/15/24 – 55 W. Techne Center Dr. – Miami Township – Approx. 15 gallons mineral oil – Duke Energy – mineral oil spilled into parking lot, less than 1 gallon into storm drain.

Information has gone to the local jurisdictions to be sure everyone is aware that it is the responsibility of the spiller to report any hazardous chemical spills to the OEPA Spill Line, the LEPC & the local Fire Department. EMA has also asked the local Fire Departments to report spills to the LEPC as some facilities, transporters, etc. are not aware of the reporting requirements.

**Information Requests:**

EMA received no information requests since the 01/25/2024 meeting.

**Tier II Reports:**

2023 Tier II Reports were due March 1, 2024.

- EHS Filers: 46 includes 2 first time filer, and 2 Government filers
- HS Filers: 90 includes 2 first time filers
- Total Filers to Date: 136

Pam Haverkos noted that she had received word that there was to be a new commercial fireworks retail location within the County. She believes they may be required to report but it is unknown at this time. 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 for tomorrow April 26, 2024. We are in Year 3 of the 4 year cycle. This Functional Exercise will include a full activation of the backup EOC at the New Richmond Exempted Village School District. The objectives being tested include: EOC, resource management, population protective actions, emergency public information, traffic and access control, and shelter management. EMA is anticipating approximately seventy-five attendees from several disciplines.

The next exercise in the 2024-2025 cycle will need to be a Full-Scale Exercise. If any jurisdiction is interested in participating, please contact EMA.

**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. This grant should have closed, but EMA has not received any details as of yet.

**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:** FEMA has released this Grant, however, OEMA is still reviewing the documentation and has not distributed the applications yet. It is anticipated that the cost categories and capabilities will be the same as the previous grant year.

**Department Reports**

**Soil and Water Conservation District:**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Soil and Water Conservation District has nominated Wayne Township Fire Department to receive grain bin response equipment and training.</li> </ul>
<b>Chamber of Commerce:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Chamber is holding their 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Banquet on 05/22/24 at 5pm.</li> </ul>
<b>Public Health:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Health was recently re-accredited.</li> <li>They continue to see measles cases in the area. Vaccines are available in the Nursing Division of Public Health in Batavia. Those born before 1957 are considered immune and do not need to get the vaccine.</li> </ul>
<b>GCHMU:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GCHMU will be operating Command 400 during Milford Frontier Days on 05/30, 05/31 &amp; 06/01.</li> <li>Ohio EPA is partnering with Battelle to collect and destroy toxic per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in firefighting foam. Please see the attached flyer for more information.</li> <li>If any agency is in need of any HazMat Training please contact Brooke Matzen at 513-779-1200.</li> </ul>
<b>Water Resources:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Water Resources is planning for the changes in US EPA regulations in regards to forever chemicals.</li> </ul>
<b>Health Collaborative:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Health Collaborative has a regional medical surge exercise scheduled for 05/01/2024. They will be testing surge capacity.</li> </ul>
<b>EMA:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The 2024 Emergency Response Guidebooks (ERG) are out. EMA will be receiving a supply soon. Brooke Matzen stated that she had a one page sheet that listed all of the changes within the Guide as there had been a number of them.</li> <li>Pam introduced EMA's new Program Manager I, Wesley Gutridge. Wesley started with EMA in April and comes from Licking County Health Department.</li> <li>If anyone has any PPE needs please contact EMA. There is still a warehouse full of equipment, with some items reaching their expiration dates. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tim Neyer stated that they could take any gloves that were available. Pam Haverkos stated she would get them to him.</li> <li>It was asked what was to be done with all of the equipment as most is no longer needed. Pam stated that when Matthew 25 is again available to take the supplies, we will be giving them a large portion of the PPE.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Hamilton County continues to publish a regional training bulletin. To access the current training opportunities – go to: <a href="https://mailchi.mp/fd1c94e71c4d/6lntbtm0zg-16089404?e=9c6540589e">https://mailchi.mp/fd1c94e71c4d/6lntbtm0zg-16089404?e=9c6540589e</a></li> </ul>
<b>Next Meeting</b>
<p>The next meeting is scheduled for July 18, 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.</p>
<b>Adjournment</b>
<p>The meeting was adjourned at 2:26p.m.</p>