



Clermont County Local Emergency Planning Committee

September 26, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Attendees (In-Person): Mark Baird, Randy Davis, Jill Ernst, Pam Haverkos, Robert Hirsch, Hannah Lubbers, Brook Matzen, Robert McLelland, John McManus, Tim Neyer, Tom Peck, Jeff Smith, and Jessie Wiederhold.

Attendees (Virtually): Tyler Braasch and Bruce Crase

Guests (In-Person): Neil Yockey

Guests (Virtually): None

Call to Order
The meeting began at 1:37 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and Introductions
Approval of the Minutes
A motion was made by Tim Neyer and seconded by Hannah Lubbers to adopt the minutes from the July 18, 2024 meeting. The motion passed.
New Business
2025 Meeting Schedule The group reviewed the proposed 2025 meeting dates and selected the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• January 23, 2025• April 24, 2025• July 17, 2025• September 25, 2025 <p>The meetings will be held at 1:30 pm with a virtual option via Microsoft Teams. The meeting schedule will be posted on the Clermont County EMA website.</p> <p>A motion was made by Tom Peck and seconded by Brooke Matzen to accept the 2025 meeting dates. The motion passed.</p>
Ongoing Business
HazMat Spills: There have been 0 reportable spills since the July 18, 2024 meeting. The LEPC received 4 reports of spills that did not meet the reporting thresholds.
Information Requests: EMA has received 0 information requests since the July 18, 2024 meeting.
Tier II Reports: Tier2 submissions are due by March 1, 2024, for hazardous substances used, stored, or manufactured for greater than a 24-hour period in calendar year 2023. We have received 136 reports to date. We have completed the Hazard Vulnerability Analysis for all facilities. The HazMat Plan Update is due to the SERC by October 17th. Neil Yockey, Ohio EMA EM Specialist will be reviewing all plans for compliance this year.

2025 LEPC Exercise:

Entering year 4 of the cycle with 4 objectives that must be tested (6 – Communications, 7 - Response Personnel Safety, 12 – EMS, and 13 – Hospital Services). For a full-scale exercise 8+ objectives will be tested. We will be working with Williamsburg Township Emergency Services and Purina on a full-scale exercise in late spring/early summer 2025. We will be securing a contractor to assist the exercise planning team with facilitating the exercise.

2024 Hazardous Materials Annex (#10)

Pam Haverkos provided the annual review of the Hazardous Material Annex update.

A motion was made by Brooke Matzen and seconded by Jill Ernst to adopt the 2024 Hazardous Materials Annex as presented. The motion passed.

Budget

The 2024 SERC Budget was e-mailed to LEPC members and included in the packet.

FY23 State Homeland Security Program Grant: Grant performance period: 09/01/2023 through 10/31/2025

County EMAs, Law Enforcement, and County Board of Elections were eligible to apply.

FY24 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)

City of Cincinnati – Hamilton County is slated to receive \$1,476,785. The performance periods ends 12/31/25.

FY24 State Homeland Security Program Grant:

Ohio released the grant guidance for this competitive application process. The information was sent out to all stakeholders.

- Applications were due to Ohio EMA by 9/20/24.
- Eligible applicants - County EMA, Local Law Enforcement Agencies, & Local Department of Public Safety (fire departments that are primary host agency for a specialty response team)
- Ohio Priorities: Communications, Early Warning/Notification, Exercise, Planning, Sustainment of Specialty Response Teams, and Mass Casualty & Fatality Management

Department Reports

Public Health:

- Public Health continues to offer Covid-19 and Flu vaccines. At-home Covid-19 test kits are available.
- Regional Public Health will be providing CHEMPACK Training for the Public Health Emergency Response Coordinators and other public safety officials. A tabletop exercise is also required.

The Health Collaborative

- ASPR/HPP grant cycle:
 - Deliverables include updates to all plans/annexes including CBRNE related and completing an HVA.
 - The regional cache in Butler County (contract with Atrium) has been officially relocated north of the old facility. This new facility is still within Atrium Medical Center property and the existing contract.
- CHEMPACK training:
 - Required to provide training to Hospital and Fire/EMS personnel. Training will be provided on February 11, 2025 at the Hamilton County Educational Service Center and April 22, 2025 at Southern State Community College. The training will be done by the Ohio Department of Health. Fire/EMS personnel are encouraged to attend one of the trainings as Mercy Health Clermont Hospital has a CHEMPACK. CHEMPACK is a program maintained by ODH and the CDC. Save the date emails have been sent out to the coalition listserv.

Water Resources

- Water Resources celebrated the ribbon cutting on the Newtonsville wastewater treatment plant.
- Drought impact – the water system has had limited impact from the drought. Water Resources saw a spike in water usage in May (26 million gallons).

Greater Cincinnati HazMat Unit:

- Training will be provided on the Ludlum 3001 (Multi-Detector Digital Survey Meter) at the end of the month
- All are welcome at the Team Trainings held on Saturdays.
- Seats are still available for the HazMat IQ training in St. Bernard.
- GCHMU is supporting the Styrene release in Whitewater Township (Hamilton County)

Clermont County Fire Chiefs' Alliance

- Styrene release response - Milford Community Fire Department provided the light truck and the New Richmond Fire and EMS Department provided the Air Trailer.

Ohio EMA:

- The updated HazMat Plan, crosswalk, and documentation, that the LEPC approved, are due to the SERC by October 17th of each year. Neil Yockey will be reviewing the hazmat plans this year.
- The next SERC Meeting is scheduled for October 9, 2024
- The rainfall from the remnants of Hurricane Helene has improved the drought status for 14 of the 18 counties previously designated Level 3 drought.

EMA:

- EMA has been working with the Board of Elections to draft Emergency Action Plans for the polling locations. The draft is out for review/comment.
- School response plans have been added to the CAD system as a premise hazard.
- The All-Hazard Mitigation Plan update will begin in 2025 once we receive the mitigation grant from Ohio EMA. Our current plan is valid until June of 2025.
- The comprehensive Emergency Operation Plan (EOP) is available for download from the County FTP site. If you need access, let EMA know.
- 2024 Emergency Response Guidebooks (ERG) are available

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. at the Clermont County Emergency Operations Center at 2279 Clermont Center Drive in Batavia. We encourage everyone to participate in person. We will continue to offer a virtual option in 2025 via Microsoft Teams.

Adjournment

John McManus made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Brooke Matzen seconded the motion. The motion passed.