



HAMILTON COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

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MINUTES

LEPC Meeting Minutes, November 12, 2008

A meeting of the Hamilton County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) was held November 12, 2008 at Wally's Restaurant, 6521 Ringgold Rd., East Ridge, TN. The following constitutes the minutes of that meeting.

Those in attendance were:

Bruce Garner, CFD; LEPC Chairman
Robert Hadden, THP
John Leach, HEPACO
Chris McCormack, SRT Safety,
Vice/Chair
Nathan Hollingsworth, NA Industries
Leon Connor, NA Industries
Mike James, MEI
John Piotter, Env. Waste Svcs,
Vice/Chair
Dawn Ford, CHC Health Dept.,
Vice/Chair
Steve Massey, Norfolk Southern
John Moorshead, DPC Enterprises
Girish Patel, Alco Chemical, Vice/Chair
Marian Bernal, QVS, Inc.
Mike Poe, SOFIX Corp.
David Darnell, BASF Corp., Vice/Chair
George Sivils, INVISTA

Gerald Clayton, INVISTA
Tim Arnold, USCG AUX.
Matt Taylor, Chattem Chemicals
Mike Edwards, McKee Foods
John Bennett, JIT Chemical Corp.
Robert McCain, Chattanooga Gas
Mark Starrett, Chattanooga Gas
Dusty Rominger, W.R. Grace
Dan Coleman, Adtech Ceramics
Jason Combs, Adtech Ceramics
Larry Martin, McKee Foods, Vice/Chair
Tim McDonald, Hamilton County
Karen Dale, INVISTA
Nathan Warren, Highway Transport &
Chemical
John Hitchens, American Red Cross
Bill Tittle, HCEM, Vice/Chair
Tim Hawkins, DHS-ISCD
Clifford Faveream, DHS-ISCD

Introductory Remarks: Chairman Garner began by welcoming all in attendance and asked for personal introductions.

Chairman Garner then asked if there was anyone in attendance who wished to become a member of the LEPC. There being none, Mr. Garner referred to the recent passing of long-time LEPC Caroline Williams. A sympathy card for her survivors was passed around for members to sign, which would accompany a \$100 donation from the LEPC to Caroline's charity of choice, the Ridgedale Baptist Church Library Fund.

Vice Chair David Darnell observed that Caroline was a founding member of the LEPC and certainly made important contributions to this organization and several others. Mr. Darnell said she was also a member of the League of Women Voters and the BASF Community Advisory Panel (CAP). In honor of Caroline's contributions, Mr. Darnell presented a check for \$100 to the LEPC from the BASF CAP.

Old Business:

Approval of Minutes for Last Meeting

Chairman Garner asked for a motion to approve Sept. 17, 2008 meeting minutes. Motion made by Larry Martin and seconded by John Bennett to approve the minutes. No discussion. Motion carried.

Financial Report

In the absence of the Secretary, Chairman Garner read the Financial Report. Following the reading of the financial report Chairman Garner asked for a motion to approve. David Darnell made a motion to approve the financial report. Larry Martin seconded motion. There was no further discussion. Motion carried.

Follow-up on LEPC Exercise and Reverse 911

Chairman Garner said that Don Allen with Hamilton County Emergency Services has expressed his desire to upgrade the county's Rapid Public Notification System (Reverse 911). This is in direct response to the LEPC exercise held last April. Bruce said the upgrade might involve the LEPC purchasing the software, which among other things, would enable the public to enter their cell phone numbers online. The 911 Board would in turn spend up to \$40,000 to advertise the new initiative. More meetings will need to be held to work out the numerous details.

New Business:

Vice Chair Bill Tittle with Hamilton County Emergency Management talked to the membership about InfraGard, saying efforts are being made to beef up InfraGard in Hamilton County. At its most basic level, InfraGard is a partnership between the FBI and the private sector. InfraGard is an association of businesses, academic institutions, state and local law enforcement agencies, and other participants dedicated to sharing information and intelligence to prevent hostile acts against the United States. Mr. Tittle said he would like to see five or six LEPC members join the InfraGard organization in Hamilton County. Any members who would like more information about InfraGard can call Mr. Tittle at (423) 240-3626.

Chairman Garner then introduced the guest speaker, Tim Hawkins with the Department of Homeland Security. Mr. Hawkins, and his partner, Clifford Faveream, work in the Investigation and Enforcement Branch of DHS in Knoxville, Tennessee. Mr. Hawkins provided an update on the DHS Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS). Mr. Hawkins said CFATS covers more than just chemical facilities. It also covers agricultural facilities, universities, etc. There are about 7,000 facilities across the country that must comply with CFATS. Of those, 219 are Tier I facilities. A few of them are in Hamilton County.

Mr. Hawkins answered a number of questions, and provided contact information where members can obtain more information on CFATS. A toll-free number is 1-866-323-2957. A Help Desk e-mail address is CSAT@DHS.gov. For frequently asked questions on CFATS, visit www.DHS.GOV/ChemicalSecurity.

Other Business: None

Date and Location of Next Meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2009, 10:30 a.m. at Wally's Restaurant, 6521 Ringgold Rd, East Ridge, Tennessee.

Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,
Bruce Garner for Wayne Stuntz