

Rapides Parish Louisiana Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

April 25, 2024

The Rapides Parish Local Emergency Planning Committee, hereafter referred to as LEPC, comprised of representation by and from the following disciplines:
Mr. Jeff Michiels, Rapides OEP/ LEPC Chairman; Ms. Sherry Ledington, Emergency Management - Rapides OEP; Captain Greg Timberlake, RPSO Hazmat; Sr. Tech - James Rougeou, LSP Hazmat; Mr. Dylan Derbonne, Fire Communications Chief (AFD); Parish President - Mr. Joe Bishop, Parish Elected Official; Council Women - Lizzie Felter, City Elected Official; Mr. Jeff Pogue, Emergency Medical Services(Acadian Ambulance); Ms. Mary Tarver, Hospital Official (Christus St. Francis Cabrini); Ms. Patricia White, Public Health- (La. DHH/OPH Official); Mr. Jerry Edwards, Facility Representative- (P&G); Mr. Joey Montalvo, Assistant District Administrator LA DOTD (Transportation); Mr. Bennett Roland, Media (KALB); Mr. Wesley Brownlee, Community Group (ARC); Mr. Joe Hamner (England Airpark Fire Chief); Mr. Roy Rachal, Rapides Parish School Board; Ms. Michele Stafford, Private Facility Representative – (Hexion); Mr. Brian Johnson, Private Facility Representative (Boardwalk Pipelines) Mr. Ryan Spiller, Fire Representative(Rapides Parish FD2); Barrett Dezendorf, City of Alexandria Water

The above members met at the Rapides Parish LEPC, (Rapides Parish Communication District/Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness), 4216 Ellis St Alexandria, La. on Thursday, April 25, 2024, at 11:00 a.m., for the transaction of business.

Mr. Michiels called the meeting to order and asked for roll call:

Present: Jeff Michiels, Sherry Ledington, Greg Timberlake, James Rougeou, Jeff Pogue, Mary Tarver, Patricia White, Jerry Edwards, Joey Montalvo, Wesley Brownlee, Roy Rachal, Michele Keys, Ryan Spiller. Barrett Dezendorf, Dylan Derbonne

Absent: Joe Bishop, Lizzie Felter, Bennett Roland, Joe Hamner, Brian Johnson

Also present: Jamie Timberlake, Water Works District #3
Amanda Fuglaar, Region 6 Healthcare Coalition
Kevin Kees, England Airpark Fire Dept.
Randy Anthony, Boardwalk Pipelines
Alison Poston, Boardwalk Pipelines
Teresa Basco, GOHSEP – Region 6
Carl W. Wilmer Sr, Hexion Chemicals
Rebecca Beaman, LDH/OPH
Michael Vu, LDH/OPH
Christina Lord, LDH/OPH
Nick Mikulas, Cenla Weather
Doug Cramer, NWS- Lake Charles

Mr. Michiels began by introducing the guest in attendance.

Mr. Michiels continued with the agenda starting with Old Business.

- Reports:
 - Briefly reviewed the goals and objectives from the last LEPC “Kick Off” meeting held on December 5th, 2023.
 - Provided the Committee with a Tier II/ Treasury Report advising the committee of the number of facilities within the Parish that have been reported to the local LEPC and number that still need to report to the local LEPC.
 - Reported to the Committee on the number of Reportable Incidents and Courtesy Notifications/Releases as reported by LSP Right to know and
- Mr. Michiels recognized Sr. Tech James Rougeou of LSP he gave the committee a demonstration/ PowerPoint about the LEPC, and when it was created. He showed several slides explaining the LEPC, the threshold for Facilities and how/when incidents should be reported.
Discussion was held after the presentation and questions were asked/ answered by various Committee Members and guests.
- Mr. Michiels recognized Mr. Doug Cramer from the NWS as a guest speaker. Mr Cramer presented to the Committee several slides from NWS with how predictions are made about hurricanes, the upcoming season, and the new weather App called Slack and how it works with local agencies.
Discussion was held and several Committee Members and guests asked him questions regarding the upcoming Hurricane Season.
- Mrs. Michele Keys with Hexion was recognized. She gave a brief overview of the Table Top exercise that was conducted at their plant where parish officials and first responders were invited and included on December 7, 2023. She highlighted strategic points and a few of their take aways.
- The next item was ESF 10 portion of the Parish Emergency Operations Plan. Each committee member had been provided a copy prior to today's meeting. Discussion was held and the changes that were agreed upon will be made, then a final version provided to all Committee Members.

Motion made by Greg Timberlake and seconded by Patricia White to approve the updated ESF 10 – Haz Mat Plan, with changes/corrections noted. On vote, motion carried.

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- Mr. Randy Anthony with Boardwalk Pipelines was recognized and called on to review the upcoming Mock Drill that they are hosting on 5/14/2024. During his overview of their company he also welcomed other agencies/responders interested in testing their response capabilities to reach out to him so that it can all be coordinated, if feasible.

The Chairman thanked Boardwalk for providing the Working Lunch and invited everyone to enjoy the meal while the meeting continued.

There was no other Old Business, so Chairman Michiels moved on to New Business:

- ***Motion made by Patricia White and seconded by Sherry Ledington nominating Greg Timberlake as the Committee Vice-Chair. There being no other nominations, vote was taken and all in favor, Greg accepted. Motion carried***
- Public Comments:
 - Boardwalk provided a direct contact report that each attendee at the meeting was asked to complete, and Allison with Boardwalk then collected each.
 - Chairman Michiels reminded the Committee that these meetings are being held bi-annually and strongly encouraged attendance so that community relations can be maintained, and everyone informed. In the event any significant event should occur he will reach out to the committee to keep them informed prior to the meeting.

No Further Business,

Motion was made by Ryan Spiller and seconded by Sherry Ledington, meeting adjourned.



Jeff Michiels, Chairman
Rapides Parish LEPC



Greg Timberlake, Vice-Chairman
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