

Rapides Parish Louisiana Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

January 28, 2025

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. Joe Hamner (England Airpark Fire Chief); Mr. Roy Rachal, Rapides Parish School Board; Ms. Michele Keys, 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 Tuesday, January 28, 2025, 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, Dylan Derbonne, Jeff Pogue, Mary Tarver, Patricia White, Jerry Edwards, Joey Montalvo, Michelle Keys, Nick Mikulas

Absent: James Rougeou, Joe Bishop, Lizzie Felter, Bennett Roland, Joe Hamner, Roy Rachal, Brian Johnson, Ryan Spiller.

Also present: Amanda Fuglaar, Region 6 Healthcare Coalition
Angie Branton, Rapides 911/OEP
Christina Lord, LDH/OPH
Destini Kirkland, American Red Cross
Steven Blackwell, Proctor & Gamble
Eric Hilton, Oak Hill Fire Dept.
April Ward, Cotile Fire Dept.

Mr. Michiels began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

- ***Motion made by Ms. Tarver and seconded by Mr. Timberlake to adopt and approve the minutes of the October 24th, 2024, LEPC Meeting. Members were provided with a copy prior to the meeting.***

- **Reports:**

- Mr. Michiels provided the Committee with a Tier II report advising the committee of the number of facilities within the Parish that have been reported to the local LEPC and the number that still need to report to the local LEPC.
- Mr. Michiels briefed the committee on any notable incidents reported from LSP within Rapides Parish since the last LEPC Meeting. He had no notable incidents to report.
- Mr. Michiels recognized Mr. Nick Mikulas of Cenla Weather to brief the committee on the recent winter weather that was experienced across Rapides Parish and surrounding areas and what is to be expected going into February.

- **Past Events:**

- Trevicia Vigus was recognized. She gave a brief overview of the drill that occurred at their plant where Parish Officials and First Responders were invited and included on October 24th, 2024. She highlighted strategic points and a few of their takeaways.

Chairman Michiels thanked Arkema for attending and briefing the committee on the take aways regarding that drill that occurred at their facility.

- **Presentation:**

- Introduction of Mr. Kris Roberson (Chief Operating Officer with Capture Point LLC) Michael Alletag, Sherry Tucker, and Forrest Hudson all with Capture Point LLC for a demonstration to include slides, etc. on the Capture Point, Cenla Hub Project potentially coming to Rapides Parish in the future.

Chairman Michiels thanked Capture Point for attending and for the informative demonstration on the project

- Upcoming Drills/Presentations/Exercises
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 - After discussion, Chairman Michiels and Committee Member Patricia White discussed with Committee Member Jerry Edwards about participation in the P&G in house drill that will occur at their plant in April 2025. Mr. Edwards and Mr. Michiels will be working on that soon.

- Public Comments/Discussion
 - Chairman Michiels reminded the Committee that these meetings will be held quarterly 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 Jeff Pogue and seconded by n, meeting adjourned.

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Jeff Michiels, Chairman
Rapides Parish LEPC

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Greg Timberlake, Vice-Chairman
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