



## BRAZOS COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 1, 2008

C & J's Barbeque, Bryan, Texas

### PRESENT:

Ralph Day, Honeywell Elec. Chem. (Chair)

Chuck Frazier, Brazos County EM

Ronnie Perry, Search Dog Network

Andrew Davis, BFD

Ernie Pyle, TDCJ

Rodney Mayerhoff, Honeywell Elec. Chem.

Leslie Lutz, TAMU Safety & Security

Katie Conner, Brazos Co. Auditor

Kate Jackson, BCHD

Jerome Losack, BCSO

Wayne Thompson, Brazos Co. Constables Pct. 3

Curt Sterner, Brazos County LEPC

Donna Gomez, St. Joseph's EMS

Justin Springer, Volvo Rents of BCS

Tom Thornhill, Volvo Rents of BCS

Randy McGregor, BFD

Brian Hilton, CS EM

Howard Hart, City of Bryan

Jim Yeager, Search Dog Network

Billy Parker, TTF1

Charles Booker, TX DPS

Victoria Riddle, College Station Med. Ctr.

Monica Martinez, TAMU Safety & Security

Betsy Godwin, Brazos Co. 9-1-1 Comm. Dist.

Mike Paulus, BCHD

Archie Clark, Brazos Co. Constables Pct. 1

Khrista Thurmond, Red Cross

Jerry Henry, City of Bryan EM

Patrick Braly, St. Joseph's EMS

Bruce Brenton, Volvo Rents of BCS

Matt Rushing, Texas A&M EMS

Brock Street, Texas A&M EMS

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Ralph Day, LEPC Chairman, called the meeting to order at noon.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion from Betsy Godwin to approve the minutes of the last meeting's minutes and was seconded by Brian Hilton. Motion carried.
3. **RECOGNITION & INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS:** Katie Connor, Brazos County Auditor's Office; Tom Thornhill, Justin Springer, and Bruce Brenton, Volvo Rents of BCS; Brock Street and Matt Rushing, TAMU EMS, and Ernie Pyle, TDCJ.
4. **COMPANY PROFILE:** None.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Volvo Rents gave a brief synopsis about their rental equipment company that is new to the Bryan/College Station area. The company is very service oriented and Tom invited everyone to come by and visit them at their new location at 1395 N. Harvey Mitchell Parkway in Bryan (<http://ftp.volvorents.com/bryan/home.html>). Tom offered to give a more in depth profile at a later date.
6. **REPORTS:**
  - a. Hazardous Materials: no report.
  - b. Membership: Ralph Day reported that membership letters would be sent out in next several weeks.
  - c. Emergency Management: Chuck Frazier reported that the new Community EOC was operational. He proposed that one of the LEPC meetings be held there to give everyone a chance to tour the facility. The Governor's Division of Emergency Management's State

Hurricane Conference is set for May 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> in Galveston. Additional information can be found at their website (<http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem/pages/index.htm>). The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Health and Safety Expo for city and county employees is set for June 5<sup>th</sup> at the Brazos Center. If anyone is interested in manning a booth for LEPC, contact Michele Meade. Howard Hart reported that there will be an “Olympics” theme and that a backhoe rodeo is planned.

- d. Medical: There was shelter training at College Station Medical Center yesterday to fulfill the requirement of the shelters being set up at least once yearly.
- e. Grant Update: The PSA Grant has been awarded and received. There is enough money to buy radio and TV airtime. Howard Hart requested volunteers to work on the Public Service Announcements. Monica Martinez and Michele Meade offered to assist Howard.
- f. Search & Rescue: Randy McGregor reported that this new committee is continuing to meet and develop a communications plan. Texas Parks & Wildlife has added an airboat to their response arsenal.

7. **BY-LAWS:** None.

8. **PROGRAM:** Mike Paulus did a presentation on the Brazos County Sheriff’s Office Special Emergency Response Group (SERG). The team is a cooperative effort between the Sheriff’s Office and the Brazos County Health Department. Other organizations are represented by personnel, such as medically trained personnel from St. Joseph EMS and PHI. The team currently has 3 medics and are actively looking to add another one. The group can respond for incidents including counter terrorism incidents, barricaded subjects, hostage situations, sniper incidents, high risk warrants, manhunts and searches, rural rescue, and more. The team members have received specialized training for hazmat detection and identification, hazmat incident security and investigation, “white powder” calls, epidemiological investigations, hazmat casualty extrication, decontamination, and treatment.

9. **BUSINESS/COMMITTEE CONCERNS:** None.

10. **FINAL COMMENTS:** none.

11. **ADJOURNMENT:** Curt Sterner made a motion and Jim Yeager seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 1 p.m.