



BRAZOS COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 7, 2009

C & J's Barbeque, Bryan, Texas

PRESENT:

Rodney Mayerhoff, Honeywell Elec. Chem. (Chair)
Curt Sterner, ARC
Victoria Riddle, CSMC
John Salsman, TAMU EHSD
Brian Brumfield, CSEM
Hector Silva, CSISD
Paula DeLaCruz, 211/United Way
Bill May, Blinn College
Jim Yeager, Search Dog Network
Amy Zaragoza, CSEM
Randy McGregor, BFD
Chuck Frazier, BCEM
Leslie Lutz, TAMU
Linda McGuill, BVCOG
Ashley Wesp, Brazos Animal Shelter
Patti Stepp, Bryan Animal Control
Michael Pratt, Brazos Co. Pct. 4
P.J. Vargas, Jr, TXDOT-Bryan Dist.

Jennifer Wiginton, ARC
Charles Booker, Jr., DPS
Brian Hilton, CSEM
Mike Paulus, BCHD
Brett Blankner, CS IT
Michele Meade, BCEM
Grizelda Martinez, Blinn College
Jerry Henry, BEM
Ronnie Perry, Search Dog Network
Mike Donaho, BFD
Richard Gahagan, Honeywell
Monica Martinez, TAMU
Chris Meyer, TAMU
Betsy Godwin, BCECD
Mika Smith, Bryan Animal Control
Alison Smith, 211/United Way
John McGuill
Joe D. Warren, CSFD

1. **NETWORK TIME**
2. **CALL TO ORDER:** Rodney Mayerhoff, LEPC Chairman, called the meeting to order at 12:01p.m.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion from Chuck Frazier to approve the minutes of the last meeting's minutes and was seconded by Michele Meade. Motion carried.
4. **RECOGNITION & INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS:** Brett Blankner with City of College Station IT Department, Griselda Martinez with Blinn Police Department, John McGuill, and Paula DeLaCruz with 211-United Way.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None to report.
6. **COMPANY PROFILE:** None to report.
7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
 - a. **Hazardous Materials:** Rodney Mayerhoff said that he would head this committee until the committee is able to nominate a chair for it.
 - b. **Membership:** No report.

- c. **Emergency Management:** Michele Meade made mention that the dam breach at Leisure Lake did not happen. The overflow appliance that was installed in this dam some 40 years ago is the same type of appliance that TCEQ has been failures in around the State. The dam's rating was raised to high by TCEQ because of the development downstream that has taken place in the years since it was built. Michele also mentioned that the Emergency Management Academy and the Disaster Volunteer Academy have been completed.

Monica Martinez mentioned that she would soon be sending out information about an upcoming Hurricane Kick-off Meeting. She mentioned that the meeting should be scheduled either the first or second week of June.

- d. **Medical:** Mike Paulus said that there had been no reported cases of the H1N1 virus in Brazos County, but there are a couple of probable cases. Mr. Paulus said that this strain of the flu is no worse than the regular seasonal flu. He mentioned that the Brazos County Health Department was aware of 101 flu-like visits to the area ER's. There has also been between 50-60 lab samples sent to the lab for normal precautions. He said that the H1N1 will more than likely be a long term virus then a short lived virus. He said that the Brazos County Health Department will continue to monitor the situation and report accordingly.
- e. **Public Awareness Grant:** No report.
- f. **Search & Rescue:** No report.

8. **PROGRAM:** Richard Gahagan with Honeywell Electronics went over their Risk Management plan. Mr. Gahagan said that there has not been a major or small gas release in over 10 years. He mentioned that the worst case release is near impossible due to the triple safety system that they have in place. He also mentioned that the company built a state-of-the-art facility in 1998.

9. **Other Business/committee concerns**

- By-laws Update – Howard Hart went over the by-laws. The committee met and looked over them. The following changes had been made.
 - Secretary & Treasurer positions have been split into two separate positions.
 - Reviewed who the Committee Report officers are.
 - Elections of officers at 3rd quarter meeting.
 - Information Coordinator should be the Brazos County Emergency Management Coordinator or Deputy Coordinator

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10. **FINAL COMMENTS:** No report.

11. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.