

LOUISIANA EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION  
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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
LOUISIANA EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION

September 14, 2011  
10:00 a.m.  
Vidalia Conference Center  
112 Front Street  
Vidalia, LA 71373

The regular meeting of the LERC was held at Vidalia Conference Center on September 14, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. In the absence of Major Adam White, Captain Taylor Moss called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. Mrs. Susan Shows, LSP Right to Know Unit, called the Roll. The following members were present: Mayor Hiram Copeland, Mr. Steve Dennis, Mr. Chris Guilbeaux, Mr. Samuel Halphen, Jr., Ms. Peggy Hatch, Sheriff Willy Martin, Captain Taylor Moss, Lieutenant Chris Rushing, Colonel Pat Santos, and Mr. Richard Webre.

The following members were absent: Colonel Mike Edmonson, Chief Bobby Black, Chief Jeremy Cryer, Mr. Jeffrey Gleason, Mr. Roland Guidry, Mr. Paul Naquin, Mike Strain, Senator Mike Walsworth, and Representative Mack "Bodi" White.

Visitors present were: Mr. Richard Browning, LSU FETI, and David Schlotznauer, GOHSEP.

Members of the LSP-RTK Unit present: Mr. Gene Dunegan, Mrs. Wanita Pepper, and Mrs. Susan Shows.

Mrs. Susan Shows, RTK Unit, completed the roll call.

Captain Taylor Moss confirmed that a quorum was present.

A motion was made by Mr. Richard Webre to accept the written minutes of June 15, 2011. Seconded by Sheriff Willy Martin. No opposition, motion carried.

**Committee Reports:**

Long Range Planning: No report.

Emergency Plans Review: No report.

Training and Resources: Mr. Richard Browning , LSU FETI, reported for Mr. Jeffrey Gleason concerning the training schedule. Mr. Browning reported that there will be weeklong, Monday through Friday, training classes scheduled in October.

LEPC Service Committee: Discussion ensued on the distribution of the LEPC Service Committee report by Mr. Richard Webre. The discussion consisted of determining if e-mail would be the appropriate distribution method to the LEPCs as well as getting information back by December 1<sup>st</sup> for the Parish LEPC Points of Contact form. See attached. A motion was made by Mr. Samuel Halphen to approve and distribute the report. Seconded by Mr. Webre. No opposition, motion carried.

Public Information: No report. Colonel Pat Santos made a motion to remove Major Adam White as the Public Information Chairman. Seconded by Mr. Chris Guilbeaux. No opposition, motion carried. Lieutenant Chris Rushing made a motion to appoint Captain Taylor Moss as the new Public Information Chairman. Seconded by Sheriff Willy Martin. No opposition, motion carried.

Emergency Notification: No report. Sheriff Martin made a motion to remove Colonel Wynne as Long Range Chairman. Seconded by Lieutenant Rushing. No opposition, motion carried. Mr. Halphen made a motion to appoint Major White as Long Range Chairman. Seconded by Mr. Guilbeaux. No opposition, motion carried.

## **Old Business**

2010 LERC Annual Report: Report was approved last meeting and was sent out.

Hazmat Task Force: Captain Moss discussed developments with the Hazmat Task Force. Captain Moss explained that EUSAW Task Force is a company that deals with credentialing Task Force responders. Chief Joel Domangue and Captain Moss plan on attending a meeting with EUSAW to discuss funding for the credential program.

## **New Business**

Iberia Parish submitted updates to their membership. Mr. Guilbeaux made a motion to approve Iberia Parish's membership. Mr. Webre seconded the motion. No opposition, motion carried.

Iberville Parish submitted updates to their membership. Colonel Pat Santos made a motion to approve Iberville Parish's membership. Mr. Guilbeaux seconded the motion. No opposition, motion carried.

St. Martin Parish submitted updates to their membership. Sheriff Martin made a motion to approve St. Martin Parish's membership. Mr. Webre seconded the motion. No opposition, motion carried.

Natchitoches Parish submitted updates to their membership. Mr. Chris Guilbeaux made a motion to approve Natchitoches Parish's membership. Sheriff Martin seconded the motion. No opposition, motion carried.

Discussion began regarding a system of sirens or communication to citizens about Hazmat related incidents that are detrimental to the community. The discussion also included how to address the media, being educated and having insight on the Louisiana chemical industry, and compliance from the companies.

Captain Moss also talked of the troubles with compliance from UPS. Ms. Peggy Hatch brought up that CoCo Resources, Inc. is operating again in Baton Rouge. The commission discussed that CoCo Resources is a Tier II problem and that a follow up should be made in order to determine if the company is not in compliance and what steps to take in the future.

The date, location, and time of the next LERC meeting were addressed. Colonel Santos thanked Mayor Copeland for his hospitality and for allowing the commission to hold the meeting in Vidalia. The next meeting was scheduled in Baton Rouge at the Louisiana State Police Headquarters on December 14, 2011, at 10:00 A.M.

**Adjournment:**

Colonel Santos made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Halphen. No opposition, motion carried. Captain Moss adjourned at 11:10 A.M.

Respectfully,

Niki Yazdani