

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Louisiana Emergency Response Commission**

Meeting Title Louisiana Emergency Response Commission Meeting
Date of Meeting September 19, 2012
Where Louisiana State Police Headquarters Building
1st Floor Conference Room A
Baton Rouge, LA 70806
Start Time 10:03 a.m.

1. In the absence of Major Adam White, Captain Taylor Moss called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.
2. Wanda Colletti, LSP Right to Know Unit, called roll as follows:

Colonel Michael Edmonson, Department of Public Safety, NOT PRESENT
Major Adam White, Department of Public Safety, NOT PRESENT
Peggy Hatch, Department of Environmental Quality, PRESENT
Dr. Mike Strain, Department of Agriculture and Forestry, NOT PRESENT
Dr. Brent Robbins, Designee for Department of Agriculture and Forestry, PRESENT
Kevin Davis, Governor's Office of Homeland Security, NOT PRESENT
Chris Guilbeaux, Designee for Governor's Office of Homeland Security, PRESENT
Captain Taylor Moss, Department of Public Safety, PRESENT
Richard Webre, Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Association, PRESENT
Jeffrey Gleason, Carrol L. Herring Fire and Emergency Training Institute, Resigned,
NOT PRESENT
Michael Donahue, Representative for Carrol L. Herring Fire and Emergency Training
Institute, PRESENT, non-voting
Roland Guidry, Representative of Environmental Interest, Resigned, NOT PRESENT
Steve Dennis, Louisiana Chemical Association, Resigned, NOT PRESENT
Edward Flynn, Representative for the Louisiana Chemical Association, PRESENT,
non-voting
Chief Bobby Black, PRESENT
Mayor Hiram Copeland, NOT PRESENT
Chief Jeremy Cryer, Resigned, NOT PRESENT
Chief Samuel Halphen, Jr. PRESENT
Sheriff Willy Martin, Resigned, NOT PRESENT
Paul Naquin, PRESENT
Lieutenant Chris Rushing, PRESENT
Colonel Pat Santos, PRESENT
Senator Mike Walsworth, NOT PRESENT
Senator Mack "Bodi" White, NOT PRESENT

The records reflect that the following visitors were present:

Lennie LaFleur, Governor's Office of Homeland Security

The records also reflect that the following LSP/Right-to-Know personnel were present:

Gene Dunegan
Wanda Colletti
Miklos Gyorgy
Susan Shows
Paul Schexnayder, LSP/Legal Staff

3. Captain Taylor Moss began the meeting by asking the commission to approve the minutes from the May 9, 2012 LERC meeting. A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Paul Naquin to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Chief Samuel Halphen, Jr. No opposition. The motion passed.
4. Captain Moss advised LERC members to review their contact information and relay any changes to Mrs. Wanda Colletti or Mrs. Susan Shows.
5. **Committee Reports:**

Long Range Planning: No Report

Emergency Plans: Colonel Pat Santos referred to the handout in each folder that they provided and he introduced Mr. Lennie LaFleur who reviewed Emergency plans for four parishes: St. Mary, Winn, West Carroll, and East Carroll. All four reviews were satisfactory. Mr. LaFleur stated that four more parishes will be reviewed in the next quarter, they are: Franklin, Acadia, Bienville, and Bossier.

Training and Resources: Mr. Michael Donahue stated that included in the folder is a report about Hazmat trainings. He announced their facility's name changed from LSU Fire and Emergency Training Institute (LSU FETI) to Carrol L. Herring Fire and Emergency Training Institute to honor Mr. Herring's contributions to their facility. Captain Moss asked how their numbers were for trainings. Mr. Donahue responded that they have had an increase in the demand from non-municipal entities. In fact, they are running out of slots for them. Captain Moss questioned what the "Haz Mat Operational Level – 4 hour class" was about. Mr. Donahue explained it was only a module of the Refresher or 24 hour course and it does not come with any certification.

LEPC Service: Mr. Richard Webre indicated that Livingston Parish has submitted a change to their LEPC list.

Captain Moss asked for feedback on a situation concerning callers getting through to the Hazmat HOTLINE. Discussion ensued about how to get "electronic" notification to DEQ and LEPCs after business hours. Mrs. Peggy Hatch stated DEQ is looking at utilizing a blackberry. Mr. Edward Flynn stated that relaying the information person to person could cause errors in the transmission, and it would be better if the report was sent out only one time. Mr. Chris Guilbeaux reminded everyone about the FM System they

have at GOHSEP. Captain Moss was concerned about how we would accommodate the smaller parishes. Captain Moss requested to “Table” the discussion for now, which was agreed upon.

Mr. Richard Webre asked for a motion to approve the updated information from Livingston Parish LEPC. A **MOTION** was made by Lt. Chris Rushing. The motion was seconded by Chris Guilbeaux. No opposition. The motion passed.

Public Information: No report.

Emergency Notification: No report.

Captain Moss stated he will confer with Colonel Michael Edmonson regarding the Governor’s appointment of the replacements for the five vacant LERC positions.

6. Old Business

Captain Moss asked Mr. Rick Webre about the request made by Entergy to disseminate an electronic copy of their *Burned CCA Wood Management Plan LEPC Alert* to all 64 Louisiana LEPCs. Mr. Webre did not recall that document. Mr. Gene Dunegan will send to Mr. Webre.

7. New Business

Captain Moss stated that included in the handouts is an email from Mr. Roland Guidry announcing his retirement and resignation as a member of the LERC.

Captain Moss announced that the 2011 Tier II information has been entered into E-Plan, which is maintained by University of Texas in Dallas. A handout on how to access E-Plan is in each folder.

Captain Moss stated that Act 103 of the 2012 Regular Session, which provides for changes to the Louisiana Underground Utilities and Facilities Damage Prevention Law, became effective 8/1/2012. Copy of the Act is in each folder.

Captain Moss referred to the handout in the folder explaining the summary of changes from ERG 2008 to ERG 2012. Anyone needing ERG books may contact Mr. Gene Dunegan.

Captain Moss asked if there is any other new business:

Mr. Richard Webre and Captain Moss discussed the Oxygen Pipeline that blew in Sorrento.

Mrs. Peggy Hatch commented that she wanted to thank LSP for doing such a great job on securing the Stolthaven site in Braithwaite. Discussion followed about this incident. Colonel Pat Santos questioned whether there is some legal requirement for businesses to

take action to secure or remove hazardous products prior to a hurricane making landfall. Mrs. Peggy Hatch believes there is a Federal requirement. Captain Moss stated there is no State requirement. Discussion continued about this being brought up to the Legislature and whether it should come from LSP or DEQ. Captain Moss stated that this request should come from DEQ. Paul with Legal stated that LSP or the LERC could propose or make a recommendation to the Legislature. Mr. Edward Flynn pointed out that there are two elected officials on this committee who could help us with this process. Mr. Flynn asked if the Plaquemines Parish LEPC contingency plans have been reviewed since the hurricane. Lennie LaFleur stated he could revisit their emergency plans. Captain Moss asked if he could expedite the review and requested a copy of the plan and review. Mr. Samuel Halphen commented that he feels the facilities should immediately present their Contingency Plans, in the form of a check list, to all responders when an event occurs. Captain Moss commented that this was a good discussion.

8. Captain Moss announced the scheduling of the LERC's next quarterly meeting which occurs on the 2nd Wednesday of the 3rd month of the quarter. The next LERC meeting was set for Wednesday, December 12, 2012.
9. **A MOTION** was made by Colonel Pat Santos to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Chief Bobby Black. No opposition. The motion passed.

Respectfully,
Wanda Colletti
11/22/2012