

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

Meeting Title Louisiana Emergency Response Commission Meeting
Date of Meeting December 14, 2011
Where Louisiana State Police Headquarters
7919 Independence Blvd, Conference Room C and D
Baton Rouge, LA
Start Time 10:00 a.m.

1. In the absence of Major Adam White, Captain Taylor Moss called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. Susan Shows, LSP Right to Know Unit, called roll as follows:

Colonel Mike Edmonson, Colonel of 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, 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, LSU Firemen and Emergency Training Institute, NOT PRESENT
Michael Donahue, Representative for LSU Firemen and Emergency
Training Institute, PRESENT
Roland Guidry, Representative of Environmental Interest, PRESENT
Steve Dennis, Representative of the Louisiana Chemical Association, PRESENT
Chief Bobby Black, PRESENT
Mayor Hiram Copeland, NOT PRESENT
Chief Jeremy Cryer, NOT PRESENT
Samuel Halphen, Jr, NOT PRESENT
Sheriff Willy Martin, PRESENT
Paul Naquin, NOT PRESENT
Lieutenant Chris Rushing, PRESENT
Colonel Pat Santos, NOT PRESENT
Senator Mike Walsworth, NOT PRESENT
Representative Mack "Bodi" White, NOT PRESENT

The records reflect that the following visitors were present:

Edward Flynn, Louisiana Chemical Association
David Schlotzhauer, Governor's Office of Homeland Security
Tori Siears, Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Association
Ami Cloutre Johnson, Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Association

The records also reflect that the following LSP-RTK Unit were present:

Gene Dunegan
Wanita Pepper
Susan Shows
Wanda Colletti
Cindy Neames
Niki Yazdani
Paul Schexnayder, LSP, Legal Staff

3. Captain Taylor Moss began the meeting by asking the commission to approve the minutes and the addendum of the September 14, 2011 LERC meeting. **A MOTION** was made by Sheriff Willy Martin to approve the addendum to the minutes of the September 14, 2011 LERC meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chris Guilbeaux. No opposition. The motion passed. **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Roland Guidry to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2011 LERC meeting. The motion was seconded by Chief Bobby Black. No opposition. The motion passed.
4. Captain Moss advised LERC members to review their contact information and update any changes to the information by speaking with Mrs. Susan Shows.
5. **Committee Reports:**

Long Range Planning: No Report

Emergency Plans: Mr. Dave Schlotzhauer, Governor's Office of Homeland Security, reported that Parish Emergency Plans for Acadia, Evangeline and Terrebone have been reviewed with respect to Annex H/ ESF-10 Hazardous Materials Response planning. Mr. Schlotzhauer also reported that GOHSEP Region 8 parishes are in the process of rewriting their Emergency Operations plans and should be finished by the first quarter of 2012. Review of Ouachita, Morehouse, and Madison Parish by the Emergency Plans Review Committee will be postponed until the rewrite of the Region 8 parishes have been complete and finalized plans are submitted. Mr. Schlotzhauer also mentioned that a rewrite of the State Emergency plans is also in progress because the State plan schedule and Parish plan schedule differ.

Training and Resources: Mr. Michael Donahue, Director of LSU FETI effective September 1, 2011, presented the LSU FETI training statistics and classes. Mr. Donahue stated that in the coming year, they will not be able to teach as many training classes due to a lack of funds and supplemental funding. Captain Moss discussed a joint effort between State Police Haz-Mat training and LSU FETI to provide training opportunities for those who volunteer and do not have a means to pay for training.

LEPC Service: Mr. Richard Webre stated that 18 parishes have failed to respond to update their LEPC Point of Contact Forms. He stated that the issue should be resolved by

January by contacting the directors of the LEPCs. Mr. Webre asked for permission to send out a quarterly newsletter, which would keep parishes updated. Captain Moss added that the newsletter should also include upcoming Emergency Response training opportunities as well as direct parishes to the LEPC website. A **MOTION** was made by Lieutenant Chris Rushing to send out a quarterly newsletter to the LEPCs. The motion was seconded by Ms. Peggy Hatch. No opposition. The motion passed.

Public Information: No report.

Emergency Notification: No report. Mr. Steve Dennis inquired if any commission member had suggestions or noteworthy problems that need to be addressed concerning statewide Emergency Notification. Mr. Dennis introduced Mr. Ed Flynn, lead representative of Louisiana Chemical Association, and Mr. Dennis discussed the developing relationship between LCA and State Police in improving Emergency Notification. Captain Moss discussed issues which pertain to difficulties in informing and educating the public about the emergency notifications process by contacting Louisiana One Call.

6. Old Business

Captain Moss discussed the submission of the information to be included in the annual report for 2012 and advised the committee to contact Mr. Dunegan or Mrs. Shows.

7. Haz-Mat Task Force: No Report due to the absence of Mr. Joel Domangue, Coordinator of Emergency Services. Captain Moss reviewed the process of credentialing and training of individuals participating in Haz-Mat emergencies.

8. New Business

Captain Moss addressed Governor's request for membership renewals for the upcoming year. Three of the commission members have yet to reply concerning their membership renewals.

An EPA announcement concerning the redesignation of the Baton Rouge area from non-attainment to attainment was discussed. Peggy Hatch stated that they review the standing of the area every five years and it will take hard work to ensure the area remains in compliance. Discussion ensued over the national standard and how they compare to the Baton Rouge area.

Captain Moss started an open discussion concerning holding the next LERC meeting during the same time period of the LEPA workshop in Lake Charles in May. Mr. Dunegan stated that historically the LERC meeting was held during the same time as the LEPA conference, but last year that was not the case. According to the bylaws, we have to hold a quarterly meeting in March and another in June. The issue of approving the annual report before April was brought up. A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Dennis to hold the second quarter LERC meeting in conjunction with the LEPA workshop in Lake

Charles in May of 2012. The motion was seconded by Sheriff Martin. No opposition. The motion passed. Discussion continued on the LEPA workshop and notifying the Haz-Mat hotline about incidents. Mr. Guidry the suggestion of giving a DOTTIE hand out when permits are issued. Mr. Guidry discussed the Oil Spill Coordination Conference held in mid November in New Orleans and the importance of agency participation.

9. Mr. Steve Dennis discussed a free Haz-Mat training opportunity held by LSP/ Baton Rouge Area Mutual Aid Haz-Mat Emergency Response School that is being held on the week of March 26, 2012.
10. Mr. Webre presented his commodity flow study of Ascension Parish done by IEM with the help of Ms. Tori Sears and Ms. Ami Clouatre Johnson. The two objectives of the study were to identify the risk and identify the volume and mode of transportation of the chemicals being transported in the parish. The study also helped document the critical infrastructure of the parish, which contributes to the national economy. The study was done on the commodity flow of materials, specifically top ten chemicals, from four sources: barge, truck, pipeline, and rail. The results showed that the Ascension Parish area exceeded the 5th largest chemical producer, North Carolina. Ms. Sears and Ms. Clouatre Johnson discussed the study with the aid of maps and the actual report. Ms. Clouatre Johnson proceeded to advocate a future study that would document the commodity flow of chemicals for the entire southern region of Louisiana to help inform the region of the risks and volumes of chemicals moving through the region each day. Training opportunities, grant opportunities, and public awareness could stem from a larger study as well. Mr. Webre also continued the discussion by stating that the Ascension Parish study only covered the top ten chemicals, which excludes about five hundred other chemicals that are manufactured, stored, or transported in Ascension Parish. Captain Moss inquired about funding and Mr. Webre stated that the funding came from the HEMP Grant. Commission discussion began on the study as well as state awareness and response to potential incidents.
11. Mr. Edward Flynn, Director of Health, Safety and Security with the Louisiana Chemical Association, spoke of building a better, structured relationship between different agencies, State Police and DEQ, and the private sector. He also spoke about the Right to Know website and suggested an easier way to locate the frequently asked questions, which would in turn help the public use the website as a resource. Discussion ensued on topics and agencies who could participate in LEPA workshop and address risks affecting the state such as hydrofracking, pipeline regulation, and meth labs.
12. The next meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2012 at Louisiana State Police Headquarters.
13. **A MOTION** was made by Chief Black to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Sheriff Martin. No opposition. Motion passed.

Respectfully,
Niki Yazdani