

Warren County LEPC Meeting Minutes 01/18/2024

LEPC Members in Attendance: Sydney Renner, Alyssa Hardin, Frances Ficke, Melissa Bour, Michael Hannigan, Brooke Matzen, Gary Estes, John Franks, Susanne Mason, Martin Russell, Dennis Waldbilig

Virtual Members in Attendance: Gail Rose, Gary Langdon, Matt Bear, Dan Silbersack, Jon Simpson

Nonmembers in Attendance: Tessa Wagner

Convene	LEPC Chairman Frances Ficke commenced the meeting at 1:30 pm	
Welcome and Introductions	<p>DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION:</p> <p>Frances Ficke introduced herself and went around the room to introduce those in attendance. Because there were more members than non-members present a quorum was reached.</p>	<p>RECOMMENDATION/ACTION:</p> <p>- None</p>
Review of Previous Meeting Minutes	<p>DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION:</p> <p>Frances Ficke reported that the previous meeting minutes were sent out to the LEPC members for review via email. The motion to approve previous meeting minutes as written was made by Chief Hannigan and seconded by Brooke Matzen. Motion passed.</p>	<p>RECOMMENDATION/ACTION:</p> <p>- None</p>
Reports:	<p>DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION:</p> <p><u>LEPC Coordinator Update:</u> France Ficke reported that the site visit program is coming along and should be rolled out 1st quarter of 2024. Bill Harris with L3 Harris had originally volunteered as the first site for this program, however, he retired at the end of December. Ms. Ficke is now waiting to hear back from Mr. Romaine's replacements, and if they are not interested, she will reach out to other Tier II facilities for the first site visit volunteer.</p> <p><u>Warren County EMA Update:</u> Sydney Renner reported that the area is dealing with cold weather and EMA has been coordinating the opening of warming centers. Ms. Renner also reported that EOC upgrades are underway with new screens currently being installed - thank you to Telecom for their assistance with these upgrades.</p> <p>Sydney mentioned that the Total Solar Eclipse is coming on April 8th, 2024, and preparedness actions have been underway. Expect many people in the area even though Warren County is not in the path of totality. There may be excess traffic congestion and more hotel bookings.</p> <p>Lastly, Ms. Renner stated that Warren County EMA will host multiple upcoming training courses. Course flyers will be attached to the end of these meeting minutes.</p>	<p>RECOMMENDATION/ACTION:</p> <p>- Training courses hosted by WCEMA will be included in the meeting minutes. Can also be found at https://www.co.warren.oh.us/emergencyservices/emergencymanagement/Training/Default.aspx</p>

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	<p><u>SERC:</u> Not present.</p> <p><u>Ohio EPA:</u> Not present.</p> <p><u>Greater Cincinnati Hazmat:</u> Brooke Matzen reported they are co-sponsoring LEPC training courses with Hamilton County LEPC. These courses are free for LEPC partners. The training dates and locations will be listed on the flyers attached to these meeting minutes.</p> <p>Ms. Matzen also mentioned receiving a grant to perform updates on Command 400. During this time, the resource will be offline for an unknown period of time. She will share information with partners when the van will be unavailable.</p> <p><u>Warren County Health District:</u> Matt Bear reported that they went to Dayton and participated in a regional solar eclipse tabletop exercise.</p>	<p>- Brooke Matzen provided flyers about training courses to be attached at the end of these meeting minutes.</p>
New Business:		
<p>Hazardous Materials Spills and Events in Warren County</p>	<p>DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION:</p> <p><u>2023 3rd & 4th Qtr. Hazardous Materials Spills & Events:</u></p> <p>3rd Qtr. to 4th Qtr. in 2023 gas line strikes had decreased while propane leaks increased.</p> <p>Calls of Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 8/13/23: Digging for fence post and hit a gas line. - 6/21/23: Cleaning out a ditch with an excavator and hit the gas line. - 5/30/23: Semi backed into the gas meter behind the building. Hissing sound from the meter. - 6/15/23: Dog sprayed by skunk, permeated residence. - 6/19/23: Alarm going off in basement furnace room. - 7/06/23: Fiber Optic ground drilling hit the service gas line with a shovel. - 8/26/23: Fiber Optic drilling hit a gas line. <p>Brooke Matzen noted a helpful video relating to home heating oil safety that could be shared with communities.</p>	<p>RECOMMENDATION/ACTION:</p> <p>- Video link to <i>Home Heating Oil Safety</i>: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C1GH3u__-as</p>

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Roundtable Discussion: Partner Updates	DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION: Business: Dan Silbersack of P&G reported that Tessa Wagner joined P&G as their new Site Environmental Leader. Ms. Wagner introduced herself and said she previously worked at the Warren County Conservation District before this new role. Ms. Wagner said she will be working with permits and hazmat response. Commissioner's Office: Martin Russel reported he is the new County Administrator and is continuing the transition from his previous role. Fire Department: No Report. Hospitals: Not Present. Red Cross: Gail Rose reported that it had been quiet up until now due to the colder weather. They've been busy with canteening efforts in Turtlecreek Township. Ms. Rose also reported that the Red Cross is changing how fire departments sign up for smoke detectors. Sheriff's Office: Not Present. Solid Waste: Susanne Mason reported the <i>2024 Solid Waste Management Plan (2020 State Plan)</i> 5-year plan was submitted to Ohio EPA and that she has been busy with many different planning meetings. Telecom: Gary Estes reported that the County Commissioners had approved funding for EMA weather packs and will continue developing these capabilities. More information to come once they are installed. Transportation: No Report. US/Ohio EPA: Not present.	RECOMMENDATION/ACTION: - None
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	<p>Weather Service: John Franks reported that the Meteorologist in Charge has been putting together teams of meteorologists to work with the local metro areas to gain better relationships and gather contact information from the local jurisdictions.</p> <p>Mr. Franks shared that about an inch and a half of snow is predicted for this evening into the weekend.</p> <p>Additionally, he mentioned that NWS has been preparing for the eclipse with State EMAs. Mr. Franks noted that the outcome of people will be variable in different locations. If it's an overcast day, there likely will not be much turnout. People may make last-minute decisions to not show.</p>	
<p>Education:</p> <p>NASP Safety Video - Bhopal India</p>	<p>DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION:</p> <p>Link – https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LPW05s5-t0</p> <p>The Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA), authorized by SARA Title III, was passed in 1986 in response to concerns regarding the environmental and safety hazards posed by the storage and handling of toxic chemicals. These concerns were triggered by the 1984 disaster in Bhopal, India, caused by an accidental release of methylisocyanate. The release killed or severely injured more than 2000 people.</p> <p>Sydney Renner mentioned that these events are what drive the LEPC to revamp the site visit program and verify data from Tier II filings are shared with key partners (i.e., fire departments and dispatch) to maintain communication and safety for the community.</p>	<p>RECOMMENDATION/ACTION:</p> <p>- None</p>
<p>LEPC Exercise 2024 Update</p>	<p>DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION:</p> <p>Frances Ficke reported that the annual LEPC exercise will be on March 13th, 2024, at 9 AM. The tabletop exercise will be hosted at the City of Mason Fire Department at 4420 Mason-Montgomery Rd. They are partnering with the City of Mason FD and Empire Packaging (across the street from the FD). Ms. Ficke is still working out the scenario with the planning committee and still needs one more evaluator for the exercise.</p>	<p>RECOMMENDATION/ACTION:</p> <p>- None</p>

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<p>Miscellaneous Topics of Discussion</p>	<p>DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION:</p> <p>Chief Hannigan inquired about the report of “0 government-owned EHS facilities” at the bottom of the meeting agenda. The concern was with the knowledge that wastewater facilities use chlorine / sulfur dioxide, which are EHS chemicals. After double-checking reports within E-Plan, Ms. Ficke and Ms. Renner concluded that the government-owned facilities did not have to report as EHS facilities but did file as Tier II facilities. None of the government-owned facilities keep sulfur dioxide.</p> <p>Susanne Mason had a question about the transportation of hazardous waste and if any permits were needed. Ms. Mason mentioned an inquiry she received where a farmer wanted to drop off sulfuric acid from his farm to a waste facility. Ms. Matzen and Chief Hannigan discussed and concluded it likely depends on how much was being transported. Additionally, there was concern that the waste facility may turn away the farmer’s transport vehicle as there would be a degree of uncertainty of what is being transported. It was mentioned that there is a hazardous waste disposal service that can come pick up the waste from the farmer rather than it being transported by the individual.</p> <p>Frances Ficke reported the schedule of LEPC meetings for 2024 as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - May 16th, 2024 - September 19th, 2024 <p>These meeting minutes as well as other documents from today’s meeting can be found on the LEPC’s ShareFile.</p>	<p>RECOMMENDATION/ACTION:</p> <p>- LEPC ShareFile link: https://warrencountytelecommunications.ShareFile.com/home/shared/fo95da5c-a3f3-4fcb-8a5c-38cfb8746dc9</p>
<p>Next LEPC Meeting</p>	<p>Next meeting is May 16th, 2024, at 1:30 pm</p>	
<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>A motion to adjourn was made by Brooke Matzen. Seconded by John Franks. The meeting adjourned at 2:06 pm</p>	

Warren County EMA Sponsored Training Courses in 2024

(Flyers with more detailed information can be found in the next few pages)

- OH-289 Public Information Officer Awareness, February 22nd, at the Mason Fire Department Station 51
- PER-229 Intro to CAMEO Suite, March 19th – 21st, at the Warren County EOC
- OH-386 Mass Fatality Incidents, May 7th – 8th, at the Mason Fire Department Station 51
- MGT-466 Sport and Special Event Enhanced Risk Management and Assessment, June 25th – 26th, at the Warren County EOC
- MGT-475 Crowd Management for Sport and Special Events, August 7th – 8th, at the Warren County EOC

OH-289: PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER AWARENESS

Course Description: The Public Information Officer (PIO) Awareness Course is a “Free” course designed to familiarize participants with the concepts underlying the PIO role. The material provides a basic understanding of the PIO function for those new to the position. It orients the participants to the public information function and the role of the PIO in the public safety / emergency management environment. This training forms the foundation for more advanced training that takes participants from the awareness level to the mastery level in their public information careers. Additionally, it provides those in executive level roles the necessary knowledge of PIO roles and responsibilities during an emergency.

Recommended Participants: The primary audience for this training is individuals who have public information responsibilities as their main job or as an auxiliary function at the federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial level of government, and in the private and nongovernmental sectors.

Recommended Prerequisite: IS-100 Introduction to Incident Command System, IS-29 Public Information Officer Awareness and IS-909 Community Preparedness: Implementing Activities for Everyone

<https://training.fema.gov/is/crslist.aspx?all=true&lang=en>

Enrollment: Students must enroll via the Department of Public Safety Training Campus website: <https://learning.dps.ohio.gov/PSTC/>. Course registration will generally close 10 working days prior to the course start date. You can check enrollment/approval status via the Department of Public Safety Training Campus website.



Dates of Course:

February 22, 2024

Time of Course:

Registration: 7:30a-8:00a

Course: 8:00a-2:00p

Location of Course:

City of Mason Fire Station #51
4420 N. Mason Montgomery Rd.
Mason, OH 45040

Hosted By:

Warren County
Emergency Management
Agency

Hosted POC:

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Emily Suezo
State Training Coordinator
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The National Center for Biomedical Research and Training (NCBRT) at Louisiana State University and Warren County EMA invites you to join us for the following Department of Homeland Security (DHS) course:

PER-229 Introduction to the Computer-Aided Management of Emergency Operations (CAMEO) Suite

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Course Description

This course provides training on the fundamental elements of the CAMEO Suite of programs as they relate to emergency situations (i.e., severe weather events, chemical emergencies, mass casualty, etc.). As such, it includes detailed technical information and hands-on practice of critical elements in the CAMEO system and its associated programs (CAMEO Chemicals, CAMEOfm, ALOHA and MARPLOT). To better understand how the programs interface, participants are provided opportunities to practice key procedures that allow users to enhance planning and response activities associated with community risks. These exercises clarify the connections between the programs and how they can enhance emergency planning and response activities.

Target Audience

- Fire
- Law Enforcement
- Emergency medical technicians
- Public health officials
- Hazardous material professionals
- Public safety communications representatives
- Public works officials
- Emergency managers

Dates

March 19th - 21st, 2024
08:00 am - 05:00 pm

Location

Warren County EOC
520 Justice Drive
Lebanon, OH 45036

How to Register

Register via the Warren County EMA website:

<https://www.co.warren.oh.us/emergencyservices/emergencymanagement/Training/RegistrationForm.aspx>. Once your registration is received, an email confirmation will be sent containing the instructions on how to complete your registration on the LSU site.

All participants are required to have a **FEMA SID** prior to enrolling in this training. Please visit <https://cdp.dhs.gov/FEMASID> to register for a FEMA SID.

For more information, contact

Sydney Renner
Warren County EMA
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513-695-1313



OH386: MASS FATALITY INCIDENTS

Course Description: This course prepares state and local response personnel and other responsible agencies and professionals to handle mass fatalities effectively and to work with the survivors in an emergency or disaster. This course covers incident management, mass fatalities, planning before and operations during an incident, establishing the morgue, family assistance support operation, and assistance from the federal government. The course concludes with a tabletop exercise.

Participants will learn to identify the characteristics of a mass fatality incident and identify the roles and responsibilities of key personnel in the incident. In addition, the instructor will describe the steps required to respond to a mass fatalities incident, including catastrophic numbers of fatalities and contaminated remains, and help participants determine their jurisdiction's preparedness for a mass fatalities event.

Recommended participants: The target audience for this course is local responders who may have responsibility for the recovery, handling, identification, and return of remains following a mass fatalities incident.

Enrollment: Students must enroll via the Department of Public Safety Training Campus website: <https://odpstrainingcampus.coursemill.com/cmui/#/courses/EMA-OH386?sessionId=19157>. Course registration will generally close 10 working days prior to the course start date. You can check enrollment/approval status via the Department of Public Safety Training Campus website.

Course Materials: Course materials will be emailed to the students approximately one week before the course date



Dates of Course:

May 7-8 2024

Time of Course:

Registration: 7:30a-8:00a

Course: 8:00a-4:00p

Location of Course:

Mason Fire Department Station 51,
4420 N. Mason Montgomery Road,
Mason, OH 45040

Hosted By:

Warren County Emergency
Management Agency

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SPORT AND SPECIAL EVENT ENHANCED RISK MANAGEMENT AND ASSESSMENT

MGT-466

Course Overview

This course provides participants with tools and methodologies for conducting venue-specific and event-specific risk assessments. In the course, participants will utilize assessment outputs to make risk mitigation decisions and determine how to measure the effectiveness of decision-making. This innovative training will introduce methodologies designed to complement and expand on national critical infrastructure framework guidelines. The interdisciplinary course stresses the importance of leveraging and applying proven practices to a wide range of sport and special event safety and security risks.

Topics

- Risk Management Principles/Concepts
- Identifying and Assessing Risk
- Risk Prioritization
- Mitigation Strategies
- Evaluating Mitigation Strategies
- Application of Risk Management

Participants

- Facilities and Operations
- Venue Executives/Managers
- Venue Security
- Emergency Management/Planning
- Risk Manager
- Event Management/Planning
- Law Enforcement
- Fire Services
- Emergency Medical Services

Recommended

- AWR-167: Sport and Special Event Risk Management
- IS-100.B: Introduction to Incident Command System (ICS)
- IS-200.B: ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents
- IS-700.A: National Incident Management System (NIMS)
- IS-800.B: National Response Framework, an Introduction

Course Length

Two Days (16 hours)

Venue

Jurisdiction

Class Size

27-40 Participants

CEU Credits

1.6

Students must register and bring a copy of their FEMA/SID number to class.



National Center for Spectator Sports Safety and Security (NCS⁴)

The University of Southern Mississippi

For more information, contact NCS4Train@usm.edu.

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CROWD MANAGEMENT FOR SPORT AND SPECIAL EVENTS

MGT-475

Course Overview

This course will provide participants with tools and techniques for conducting crowd management and crowd control. Participants will engage in scenario-based activities designed to expand their ability to resolve risks related to crowd management and crowd control. The training is applicable across the United States regardless of the venue size, capacity, or type of event. Those who successfully complete this course should be able to use this training to develop or improve crowd management and crowd control programs for any sport or special event.

Topics

- Crowd Management/Control Strategies
- Prepared Planning vs Impromptu Planning
- Characteristics Affecting Crowd Dynamics
- Individual and Collective Behavior
- Factors of Crowd Dynamics
- Tools and Technology
- Crowd Management and Crowd Control Differences

Participants

- Sport Venue Managers
- Emergency Managers
- Law Enforcement
- Fire and EMS Responders
- Local Government
- County/City Emergency Personnel
- Venue or Event Security
- Visitors/Welcome Bureau
- Mass Transit
- Committee Organizers
- Event Planners/Promoters
- Volunteer Service Organizers

Recommended

- AWR-167: Sport and Special Event Risk Management
- IS-100: Introduction to the Incident Command System
- IS-200: ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents (ICS)
- IC-700: An Introduction to the National Incident Management Systems (NIMS)
- IC-800: National Response Framework, An Introduction

Course Length

Two Days (16 hours)

Venue

Jurisdiction

Class Size

27-40 Participants

CEU Credits

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The University of Southern Mississippi

For more information, contact NCS4Train@usm.edu.

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Greater Cincinnati Hazmat & Hamilton County LEPC Sponsored Training Courses in 2024

(Flyers with more detailed information can be found in the next few pages)

- HazMat IQ: Thursday, January 25th at the Cincinnati Firefighters Local 48 Union Hall
- HazMat Research Specialist: Tuesday, February 27th at St. Bernard Fire Department
- Incident Response Considerations for Lithium Battery Emergencies: Wednesday, March 6th at Colerain Township
- Air Monitoring for Flammable Liquids & Gases: Thursday, May 9th at Colerain Township
- Hospital First Receiver Course: Wednesday, May 22nd at Mercy Health – West Hospital
- CBRNE IQ: Thursday, May 23rd at Harrison Fire Department
- Hospital First Receiver Course: Monday, June 10th at The Christ Hospital
- Hospital First Receiver Course: Tuesday, June 11th at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center
- HazMat IQ: Tuesday, July 23rd at Milford City Hall
- Air Monitoring for Flammable Liquids & Gases: Tuesday, August 27th at St. Bernard Fire Department

FOR COURSE FLYERS AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION GO TO:

https://www.hamiltoncountyohio.gov/emergency_management_agency/lepc

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Lithium-Ion Battery Safety



Lithium-ion batteries supply power to many kinds of devices including smart phones, laptops, e-scooters and e-bikes, e-cigarettes, smoke alarms, toys, and even cars. If not used correctly, or if damaged, these batteries can catch on fire or explode.

The problem

- These batteries store a large amount of energy in a small amount of space.
- Sometimes batteries are not used the right way; batteries not designed for a specific use can be dangerous.
- Like any product, a small number of these batteries are defective. They can overheat, catch fire, or explode.

Safety Tips

- Purchase and use devices that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Only use the battery that is designed for the device.
- Put batteries in the device the right way.
- Only use the charging cord that came with the device.
- Do not charge a device under your pillow, on your bed, or on a couch.
- Do not keep charging the device or device battery after it is fully charged.
- Keep batteries at room temperature when possible. Do not charge them at temperatures below 32°F (0°C) or above 105°F (40°C).
- Store batteries away from anything that can catch fire.

Signs of a Problem

Stop using the battery if you notice these problems: odor, change in color, too much heat, change in shape, leaking, or odd noises. If it is safe to do so, move the device away from anything that can catch fire. Call 9-1-1.

Battery Disposal

- Do not put lithium-ion batteries in the trash.
- Recycling is always the best option.
- Take them to a battery recycling location or contact your community for disposal instructions.
- Do not put discarded batteries in piles.

Charging an E-bike

Charge your battery in a flat, dry area away from children, direct sunlight, liquids, tripping hazards, and in a location where the e-bike is not at risk of falling.



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Incident Response Considerations for Lithium Battery Emergencies

This course is designed to provide responders with the understanding of the hazards associated with Lithium Ion (Li-Ion) Batteries. This training provides a comprehensive overview of batteries found in transportation, commercial, industrial, and residential settings.

Participants will review several case studies and best practices, in order to make safe and calculated decisions in an emergency response setting.

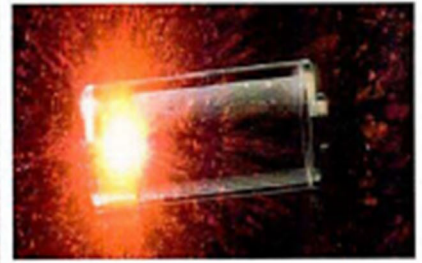
Key Topics Include:

- Identification
- Lithium vs. Lithium-Ion
- Battery Design
- Hazard and Risk Assessment
- Thermal Runaway
- Lithium-Ion Battery Fires
- Tactical Response Considerations



Class Duration: 4-hours

Format: Instructor led, on-site training



Incident Response Considerations for Lithium Battery Emergencies

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

8:00am to 12:00pm

Colerain Township Senior Center (4300 Springdale Road)

Registration: Doug.Witsken@HamiltonCountyOhio.gov