



WORCESTER COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
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LEPC MINUTES 10/22/09

Attendees:	Fred Webster	Wor. Co. Emergency Services
	Teresa Owens	Wor. Co. Emergency Services
	David Fitzgerald	Wor. Co. Emergency Services
	Jeff McMahon	Wor. Co. Fire Marshal
	John Ross	Wor. Co. Public Works
	John Brenner	Lower Shore ARC
	Ed Tudor	Wor. Co. Dev. Review & Permitting
	Capt. Lee Brumley	Pocomoke Police
	Janet Tull	Worcester Health
	Steve Price	Board of Education
	Danny Tilghman	City of Pocomoke
	Edgar Carman	Girdletree FD
	Doug Dods	Wor. Co. Sheriff's Office
	Buck Shockley	Wor. Co. Jail

The meeting started at 9:04 with a welcome from Chairman Fred Webster

On a motion from Ed Tudor seconded by Doug Dods minutes from the July 23rd meeting were approved as presented.

Old business:

Chairman Webster again reiterated that any member with suggestions as to topics or speakers for future meetings is urged to contact either himself or Executive Committee Chair Virgil Shockley with suggestions. Tentatively planned for January will be an update on MDE/EPA requirements for Tier II reporting and in April a representative from MDE's Emergency Response Division will be talking about their responses and how they interface with our local Hazmat team.

Webster briefed the committee on the ongoing efforts in planning for both the seasonal and H1N1 flu outbreaks. A separate committee from the LEPC has been meeting on a bi-weekly basis with members of the Health Department to keep up with this ongoing process. The meetings have covered topics including distribution of vaccines, planning for patient surges in local emergency departments, etc.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee: Commission President Virgil Shockley –Commissioner Shockley was unable to attend.

Plan Development: David Fitzgerald – Along the lines of Chairman Webster's comments on planning for the H1N1 virus Mr. Fitzgerald suggested that agencies and departments look at planning for reductions in staff and what programs or services that may need to be curtailed or cut all together because of staff shortages due to flu outages. Departments should have contingency plans for reductions of 25, 50 & 75%

Hazard Identification: Jeff McMahon-Nothing new to report on identification. The Worcester County Special Hazards team had met the night before the LEPC meeting. Attendance was down due to a special hybrid vehicle demonstration the same night at Midway Chevrolet.

Public Education: Choppy Layton – No report

Medical Coordination: David Collins – Not present

Mutual Aid: Ed Carmean – Nothing new to report.

Bylaws: Sheriff Chuck Martin – No report. Bylaws changes are not due until the April meeting.

Recruitment: Buck Shockley – No report. Warden Shockley requested a meeting with Chairman Webster to discuss the committees work.

New Business:

Ed Tudor brought up that demolition permits had been issued for facilities at Ocean Downs. This is due to the proposed new construction of the slot machine facilities there. Work is already underway and is expected to continue at a rapid pace since the owner plans on having the slots area open by Memorial Day 2010. In some cases this may necessitate 24-hour shifts. Concern has been raised about noise levels particularly in the Glenn Riddle and Ocean Pines communities. Chairman Webster questioned any issues with asbestos in the

existing structure. Both Mr. Tudor and Fire Marshal McMahon agreed that with the age of the structure that asbestos, especially around existing pipes, could be present.

Ed also addressed upcoming construction at the new WalMart Super Center in Berlin. The plans are in the final phases and construction could begin over the winter. Plans are to fill the current storm water retention pond and construct the new building behind the existing facility. The current store will close for two days to move stock and once the new store is open demolition on the existing building will begin. It was pointed out that with the amount of fill dirt that will be needed to fill the retention pond plus the number of loads of concrete that will be needed to pour the flooring for the new facility there will create a huge amount of truck traffic entering and exiting the site. This will not only impact traffic at the shopping center site but will also cause traffic congestion at the Rt. 50/Rt. 589 intersection with construction traffic from the Ocean Downs project.

Presentation:

There was no presentation this quarter.

Good of the Committee:

With no further business it was announced that the next Worcester County LEPC meeting will be held on January 28, 2010. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 AM.