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Champaign County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Meeting Minutes

November 28th, 2023
10:30 AM

Location: ILEAS Boardroom
1701 E. Main St., Urbana, IL 61802
Time: 10:30 AM

- I. Welcome and Introductions – The meeting was called to order at 10:32 AM by John Dwyer.
- II. Public Comment – There was no public comment, as there was no one from the public at the meeting.
- III. Review and approval of minutes from the June 27th, 2023 – Randy Fouts motioned to approve the previous minutes, Brian Ball seconded that motion, and the minutes were approved by all.
- IV. Local incidents, training, exercises and upcoming events discussion.
 1. Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant 22-25 discussion – John Dwyer mentioned that funds have been requested for the Willard Airport Drill in 2025 for live ARFF (Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighter) burn training during the full-scale exercise. John also mentioned that the Tier II information is continuing to be logged into the CAMEO Data Manager by John Riegel.
 2. Local/ National Incidents – Brian Ball said that the Champaign Fire Department (CFD) HAZMAT team responded to the Teutopolis anhydrous ammonia incident on Friday, September 29th, 2023, and spent several hours on scene. CFD was also notified of Monticello's potential hazmat incident, another anhydrous ammonia accident on Sunday, November 5th, 2023, but did not end up responding as the

Monticello Fire Department stated they had it under control. Jesse Rivera from EPI Works talked about CFD responding to their Uninterruptable Power Source (UPS) battery fire call. John Dwyer pointed out that Teutopolis utilized the Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) system.

3. Training – The U of I conducted their spill exercise near the Abbott Power Plant on September 28th, 2023. Ameren hosted the GridEx VII scenario of a potential bomb inside of a substation on the south end of U of I property near the Illinois Fire Service Institute on November 14th, 2023. CCEMA is monitoring a national website (<https://warn.pbs.org/>) about issued WEAs to get an understanding of what is being put out. Steve Lyddon from CISA talked about cyber security and funding for CISA for facilities.
- V. Proposed meeting dates for next year: Feb 27th, Jun 25th, Sep 24th, Nov 26th – Brian Ball motioned to approve the upcoming meeting dates, Sherry Wooten seconded that motion, and the dates were approved by all.
- VI. Open Discussion and Wrap up – Deshawn Herrera, from Canadian National Railroad (CN) Dangerous Goods and Emergency division, will be taking over this area from Mark Allen as he relocates to Louisiana. CN suggested working on a train derailment exercise for the future. Brian Ball talked about getting commercial grade weather stations at every fire department in the county. Brian specifically asked John Dwyer if there was a grant for such a thing. John Dwyer talked about the modeling software available from the National Weather Service (NWS) for hazmat and other incidents. John Dwyer also talked about Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) infrastructure protection certification program and several TEEX classes of interest were read aloud from the website. Steve Lyddon discussed a recent cyber security attack at Hospital Sisters Health System (HSHS) and mentioned that a water plant was allegedly hacked from Russia. Upcoming events that are of interest are “Odin’s Dawn” the April eclipse in southern Illinois, the DNC in Chicago and the RNC in Milwaukee.
- VII. Adjournment-Next Meeting—February 27th, 2024 – Randy Fouts motioned to adjourn the meeting, Jesse Rivera seconded that motion, and the adjournment was approved by all.

Attendees:

Randy Fouts-CUMTD

John Riegel-CCEMA

Sarah Michaels-CUPHD

D’shawn Herrera-CN

Brian Ball- Champaign Fire Department

Jason Maddon-UIEM

John Dwyer-CCEMA

Richard Williams-IEMA

Mark Allen-CN

Steve Lyddon-CISA

Jesse Rivera- EPI Works / Coherent

Sherry Wooten-UIEM