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Champaign County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
Meeting Minutes
September 29th, 2025
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 10:30 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 24th, 2025 – Brett Johnson motioned to approve the previous minutes, Randy Fouts seconded that motion, the minutes were approved by all.
- IV. Local incidents, training, exercises, and upcoming events discussion.
 1. John Dwyer talked about the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant and that it was not tied to FEMA, a concern due to the looming federal government shutdown. The HMEP grant funds things such as hazmat training, the hazmat database and the previously talked about Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighter (ARFF) trainer for the airport full scale exercise.
 2. John Dwyer said that next year's Tier II reports will start coming in over the next several months.
 3. John Dwyer said the Norfolk Southern Safety Train that was here on August 11th thru the 15th was good hands-on training run by the Norfolk Southern railroad on a Canadian Northern rail line. The end of the week exercise of a hazardous materials release from several railcars went well, even though it was a very hot day for the Champaign Fire Department's hazmat team.
 4. Ford county experienced a hazmat incident on interstate 57 involving a Schneider truck carrying an unknown load that crashed. Jason Madden explained some the incident details, like the driver being very

sleepy and it was hard to identify what the truck was carrying and who's responsibility it was to clean up the incident. After the incident was finally over it was decided that E-Environmental will be called for similar situations if something like that was to occur again.

5. Senate Bill 71 (School Safety Act)-Schools & Hazmat Planning Discussion – John Dwyer has given the local Regional Office of Education our Tier II Google Earth hazmat database, after a meeting with the office a couple of weeks ago.

V. Open Discussion and Wrap up – John Dwyer said the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has released the investigation report from the Teutopolis anhydrous ammonia incident. The Fire Chief from Teutopolis is giving a presentation at the Tolono Fire Department this Saturday. There were 5 fatalities, 3 of which happen to the residents in the house. Long term recovery for the survivors is still ongoing. Jenny Nargelenas mentioned that UNFI had a cyber incident. John Dwyer started that the cyber security classes were canceled recently due to the lack of sign-ups, but another one was scheduled for January 14th, 2026. John Dwyer spoke briefly on the upcoming Whole Community Summit scheduled on October 21st and 22nd. He explained that the City of Chicago Office of Emergency Management and Communications (OEMC) was offering this summit for the first time south of Interstate 80 and it's being held at the Holiday Inn in Champaign. John Dwyer mentioned that the FBI and the Champaign County Emergency Management Agency (CCEMA) is hosting a Houses of Worship Active Threat Training at ILEAS on December 3rd. Jenny Nargelenas stated that UNFI would like training on an active shooter situation. John Dwyer stated that he would work with them to set one up and get it scheduled. John Dwyer stated that he was speaking later today with the Illinois Public Transportation Association to discuss severe weather operations. John Dwyer mentioned that CCEMA has given a radio mobile to Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District (C-UMTD) for severe weather so they can hear local information. Randy Fouts said they need to upgrade their technology, as manually typing in information to send to their drivers is a slow process. So they are looking for faster options, possibly an opt in phone tech option. Sherry Wooten again offered the Illini Alert opt in to C-UMTD. Randy Fouts says its just for weather right now and they are looking for the ability to send alerts to buses or certain routes. John Dwyer explained the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) briefly in

case that could or would be useful. John Dwyer shared that CCEMA had received grant funding from Norfolk Southern in the amount of \$13,000.00 for laptop computers for E1, the Champaign County Sheriff's Office mobile command vehicle, and the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

- VI. Adjournment-Next Meeting— November 25th, 2025 – Brett Johnson motioned to adjourn the meeting, Lauryn Bradley seconded that motion, and the adjournment was approved by all.

Attendees:

John Dwyer-CCEMA
John Riegel-CCEMA
Brett Johnson-CFD
Randy Fouts-C-UMTD
Steve Lyddon-CISA

Sherry Wooten-UIEM
Jason Madden-UIEM
Billy Hough-UNFI
Jenny Nargelenas-UNFI
Lauryn Bradley-C-UPHD