

MONTGOMERY/GREENE COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 2002
MIAMI VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
40 WEST FOURTH CENTRE – THIRD FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
DAYTON, OHIO 45402

MEMBERS PRESENT

Raymond Baker – Wright-Patterson AFB
Robert Bauer - Citizen
Patricia Bernitt - Greater Dayton Area Hospital Assn.
Dennis Bristow – Regional Haz/Mat Coordinator
Jeffrey Busch - Montgomery Co. Police Chiefs Assn.
(Alt. for David Vore)
Tom Byrne - DELPHI
Charles Curran – Montgomery Co. Commissioners
Tim Denger – Greene Co. Public Works
Angie Duvall – Cargill, Inc.
Andrew Steele – Dayton Fire Department
(Alt. for Lester Flohr)
Maj. William Gooden – WPAFB Bioenvironmental
Robert Gunter – Miami Valley EMA
(Alt. for Rosanne Anders)
Holley Hanes – General Motors Corporation
Ralph Harper – Greene County Commissioners
Beth Lackey – Greene Co. Health Department
Pete Lane - OSU Extension – Montgomery County
Andrea Lapp – OSU Extension – Greene County
(Alt. for Jerry Mahan)
Ken LeBlanc - Miami Valley Regional Planning
Comm.
(Alt. for Nora Lake)
Ron Moorefield – Amateur Radio Emergency Services
Jim Napier – MV Regional Transit Authority
Michael Nugent – American Red Cross Greene County
(Alt. for Judy Elder)
Fran O’Shaughnessy – American Red Cross- Dayton
Michael Phillips – Mont. Co. Combined Health District
Gavine Pitner - League of Women Voters
Jerry Rapp – Tate & Lyle
Tim Reichard - Ashland Chemical
Aaron Smith – ChemFirst Fine Chemicals, Inc.
Bruce Sucher - Dayton Area Managers Association
Donna Winchester – Dayton Water Department
Jennifer Wise – Sinclair Community College

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Tim Ballard – Mont. Co. Sanitary Engineering
Col. Keith Chandler – WPAFB Bioenvironmental
Jeffrey DeVoe - Greene Co. Law Enforcement Assn.
James Gross - Reg. Air Pollution Control Agency
Robert Miles - Montgomery Co. Fire Chiefs
Vicki Pegg – Montgomery Co. Commissioners
David Price - Greene County Fire Chief’s Association
Nancy Wilson – WHIO-TV, WHIO/WHKO Radio
Doug Zink - Montgomery County Township Assn.

ALTERNATE WITH MEMBER PRESENT

Michele Jones – Dayton Water Department
Kevin Sedensky – Montgomery County Commissioners

NONMEMBERS PRESENT

Paul Arnold – Miami Valley Reg. Planning Comm.
Helen Schooler – Miami Valley Reg. Planning Comm.

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I. **Call to Order:** Ms. Winchester called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. She noted a quorum was present.

II. **Introductions:** Ms. Winchester asked everyone in attendance to introduce themselves.

III. **Approval of October 27, 2001 Minutes:** Mr. Bauer noted a typo under Other Business in the October 27, 2002 minutes, noting it should be changed from “forced the team to re-evaluate is response protocol“ to “forced the team to re-evaluate its response protocol” at the bottom of page 3. Mr. Curran moved, seconded by Mr. Lane that the minutes of the October 27, 2001 quarterly meeting be approved with the noted change. The motion was unanimously approved. (30-0-0).

IV. **Election of Officers:** Ms Winchester noted Ms. Wise was appointed to provide possible candidates for MGCLERC Vice-Chair. Ms. Wise recommended that Mr. Reichard with Ashland Distribution be nominated for Vice-Chair. He has been involved with MGCLERC for 10 years and would be willing to serve as MGCLERC Chair next year, as the Bylaws state. He is interested in helping to improve working relationships on the MGCLERC, insuring adequate funding, expanding community involvement, and promoting MGCLERC. Mr. Bauer moved the nominations for Vice-Chair be closed and Mr. Reichard be elected to Vice-Chair, seconded by Mr. Rapp. The motion was unanimously approved. (30-0-0). Mr. Curran moved that Mr. Bauer remain as MGCLERC Secretary, seconded by Ms. Winchester. Motion unanimously approved (30-0-0).

V. **Appointment of Coordinators** Mr. Reichard moved Mr. Bristow remain as MGCLERC Community Emergency Coordinator and Mr. LeBlanc remain as MGCLERC Information Coordinator, seconded by Mr. Lane. Motion unanimously approved (30-0-0).

VI. **Approval of Resolution #2002-01 MGCLERC Bylaws Revision:** Mr. LeBlanc explained the Bylaws were last amended in 1995 and a 60% vote of the membership is required to amend them. The State Emergency Response Commission requires LEPCs to periodically review their bylaws. Mr. Reichard led a review of the Bylaws and recommended the changes noted in Resolution #2002-01 relating to filling vacant MGCLERC membership positions, electronic notification, and a typo in Section IX. Mr. Bauer moved, seconded by Maj. Gooden, that Resolution #2002-01 amending the MGCLERC Bylaws be approved. The motion was unanimously approved. (30-0-0)

VII. **Approval of Resolution #2002-02 SERC Grant Application:** Mr. LeBlanc explained MGCLERC’s primary funding comes from the State Emergency Response Commission grant. The grant application must be submitted by February 1 each year to be eligible. The grant request this year includes \$77,100 for LEPC activities and \$4,000 for fire department training. Mr. Curran moved, seconded by Mr. Moorefield, that Resolution #2002-02 be approved. The motion was unanimously approved. (30-0-0)

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VIII. **Approval of Resolution #2002-03 HMEP 8th Year Grant Allocation:** Mr. LeBlanc explained the purpose of the resolution was to disburse the 8th year Hazardous Material Emergency Planning Grant (HMEP) received by MGCLERC. The grant is a reimbursement to MVRPC and MVEMA for work performed in completing the year 2001 hazard analyses and truck Haz/Mat studies. Mr. LeBlanc noted the planned railroad study was scheduled for September 12 and was cancelled due to the terrorist activity. Mr. Curran moved, seconded by Mr. Moorefield that Resolution #2002-03 be approved as submitted, designating \$4,755 to MVRPC and \$4,755 to MVEMA. The motion was unanimously approved with Mr. Gunter and Mr. LeBlanc abstaining. (28-0-2)

IX. **Montgomery/Greene County Emergency Operations Plan:** Mr. Gunter noted the Miami Valley Emergency Management Authority is working on a major update to the two-county Emergency Operations Plan. The last promulgation statement was in 1993. They are working with USEPA to insure the local plan includes some of the information submitted for the USEPA CEROS plan.

X. **MGCLERC Annual Exercise:** Mr. Bristow noted the MGCLERC is requesting its annual exercise credit for 2002 for the Hohman Plating incident last October. Mr. LeBlanc noted LEPCs can receive credit for an actual incident if a critique/evaluation is performed shortly after the incident. The paperwork has been submitted to the SERC. Mr. Bristow reported that 12 of the 14 exercise objectives were met as a result of the incident response, indicating the professionalism and knowledge of the Regional Haz/Mat Response Team and the Dayton Fire Department. The addition of muriatic acid into a sodium cyanide vat resulted in generation of hydrogen cyanide. Cyanide kits have been purchased and carried on Haz/Mat vehicles. Ms. Bernitt said additional kits have been purchased by hospitals. Mr. Gunter said cyanide is a material identified for possible use by terrorists.

XI. **Haz/Mat Training Update:** Mr. Bristow said the Regional Haz/Mat Team will be sending team members to the rail car class in Pueblo, Colorado this year. Mr. Curran asked if the deficiencies in communication reported at the last MGCLERC meeting should be a priority. Mr. Bristow said Greene County is opening up a communication center. The primary problem lies with purchasing upgraded radio communications for smaller fire departments. Mr. Gunter noted the MVEMA Communications Committee has been meeting on this issue. They are surveying local response agencies to determine how much money is needed. He may be able to have information available by the April MGCLERC meeting. Mr. Moorefield noted the Amateur Radio Emergency Services group also works with response agencies during emergencies. Mr. Bauer said the Federal government is looking at this issue in terms of Homeland Security and may make money available.

XII. **Community Emergency Coordinator Report:** Mr. Bristow said he will be working with Mr. LeBlanc on compliance and inspections once the list of reporting facilities is available. Mr. Steele asked when an updated list would be available to local fire departments. Mr. LeBlanc said it should be available in early April, after MVRPC has entered the data from the reports due on March 1. Fire departments will be sent a copy.

XIII. **Information Coordinator Report:** Mr. LeBlanc said oil and gas producing facilities will

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be filing electronically with the state this year. Retail gas stations who are in compliance with BUSTR and do not have threshold amounts of kerosene or propane on-site will only be reporting to BUSTR. The new fee structure is in place and reporting facilities will begin paying at the new rate this year. Ohio EPA has moved the SARA Title III program under its Division of Air Pollution, which also houses the Toxic Release Inventory and Risk Management Program for Ohio. That division has experience in e-filing with those programs and it will help the conversion of SARA Title III reporting to e-filing. Industry filing booklets have been mailed. A guidance letter and decision tree is also available to service stations for determining whether they should report to SERC in addition to BUSTR.

The law changing filing fees also required all LEPCs to have internet access. Mr. LeBlanc also reported MVRPC assisted WPAFB with their hazards analysis this year. The Ohio Department of Health has cautioned about using graphite rapid test kits for anthrax. They have not been validated for diagnosis and treatment. Steve Wagner at the Ohio Department of Health has more detailed information.

X. **Other Business:** Mr. Steele reported the Valleycrest Landfill will be beginning its next phase of removal. Briefings on the removal have been given to Dayton Fire Department and the public. A warning siren for the neighborhood will be tested on February 4 at noon. Ms. Wise noted Sinclair Community College will have its first graduate this year for the Environmental Tech Degree. She noted the college has a capstone course that allows students to utilize all skills leading to the degree. They are looking for local projects for students in the course to work on. They will be available April 1 through June 16.

XI. **Adjourn:** Mr. Rapp moved the meeting be adjourned at 9:28 a.m., seconded by Mr. Curran. Motion unanimously approved (29-0-0)

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