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LOCAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING

FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2003

**MIAMI VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
40 WEST FOURTH CENTRE, 3RD FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
DAYTON, OHIO 45402**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rosanne Anders – Greene Co. EMA
Robert Bauer - Citizen
Ed Beckley – General Motors Corporation
(Alt. for Holley Hanes)
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
Frank Clay – Sinclair Community College
(Alt. for Jennifer Wise)
Ralph Harper – Greene County Commissioners
Robin Houck - League of Women Voters
Brooks Kirkland – American Red Cross Greene County
(Alt. for Judy Elder)
Mitch Lach –Montgomery Co. EMA
(Alt. for Robert Gunter)
Beth Lackey – Greene Co. Health Department
Ken LeBlanc - Miami Valley Reg. Planning Comm.
(Alt. for Mike Robinette)
Kimberly Mason – Greene Co. Public Works
Robert Miles - Montgomery Co. Fire Chiefs
Joe Miller – Mont. Co. Sanitary Engineering
Ron Moorefield – Amateur Radio Emergency Services
Jim Napier – Greater Dayton RTA
Fran O’Shaughnessy– American Red Cross- Dayton
Brian Raison - OSU Extension – Montgomery County
(Alt. for Pete Lane)
Jerry Rapp – Tate & Lyle
Tim Reichard - Ashland Chemical
Kevin Sedensky – Montgomery County Commissioners
(Alt. for Don Lucas)

Bruce Sucher - Dayton Area Managers Association
Dave Suttles – Cargill, Inc.
(Alt. for Angie Duvall)
Donna Winchester – Dayton Water Department
Doug Zink - Montgomery County Twp. Assn.

ALTERNATE WITH MEMBER PRESENT

Michele Jones – Dayton Water Department

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Raymond Baker – Wright-Patterson AFB
Lester Flohr – Dayton Fire Department
Maj. William Gooden – WPAFB Bioenvironmental
James Gross - Reg. Air Pollution Control Agency
Gerry Mahan – OSU Extension – Greene County
Michael Phillips – Mont. Co. Combined Health District
David Price - Greene County Fire Chief’s Association
John Prugh - Greene Co. Law Enforcement Assn.
Aaron Smith – ChemFirst Electronic Materials, Inc.
Nancy Wilson – WHIO-TV, WHIO/WHKO Radio

NONMEMBERS PRESENT

William Baker – Montgomery County
Bill Burkhart – Mont. Co. Combined Health District
Jeff Cooper – Mont. Co. Combined Health District
Jeff Jones – Miami Valley Regional Planning Comm.
Dennis McCloskey – Montgomery Co. Fire Chiefs
Joe Reno - DELPHI

I.. **Call to Order:** Mr. Reichard called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m. He noted a quorum was present.

II. **Introductions:** Mr. Reichard asked everyone in attendance to introduce themselves.

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III. Approval of January 31, 2003 Minutes: Ms. O'Shaughnessy moved, seconded by Mr. Harper that the minutes of the January 31, 2003 quarterly meeting be approved as submitted. The motion was unanimously approved. (28-0-0)

IV. Annual Exercise: Mr. Bristow noted the annual exercise will be held the afternoon of May 6 at UD Arena. He said it will be a tabletop exercise there will be a chemical and biological element as well as a test of the MMRS plan. MGCLERC members not directly participating are welcome to observe. Ms. Anders noted the annual exercise is intended to be an exercise of the LEPC plan, which includes both Montgomery and Greene Counties. She said this year's exercise involves Montgomery County and Miami County, and Greene County personnel were not included. She expressed concern that both counties should be included in each year's exercise because its purpose is to test the emergency plans and procedures for personnel in the LEPC emergency planning district. Mr. Lach noted the counties surrounding Montgomery and Miami will act as observers. Ms. Anders suggested Greene County be involved as an active participant in all future exercises. It was suggested the MGCLERC Chair reactivate the Exercise Committee to insure appropriate coordination of the annual exercise in future years.

V. MGCLERC Retreat: Mr. Reichard noted it has been a while since the last MGCLERC member retreat was held. He would like to see one held this spring to orient newer members to the program and as a refresher for those who have been members for a while. Mr. LeBlanc noted the half-day arrangement for the last one worked well and will coordinate a date and agenda for one this spring.

VI. Information Coordinator Report: Mr. LeBlanc reported a total of 224 facility reports have been received so far this year, down from 3476 last year. There have been about 15 first-time filers. Data entry will take a little longer this year because we are changing to the new revised CAMEO program. The TIER2SUBMIT software trial run earlier this year by the State Emergency Response Commission did not encounter any major problems. Facilities using it to submit their information electronically reported glitches only with minor items. Logistical issues, such as preparing local emergency planning committees and fire departments to accept electronic submissions and exchanging information among the State Emergency Response Commission, LEPCs and fire departments, are being tackled this year. Each LEPC will receive the TIER2SUBMIT software, CAMEO software suite and a conversion tool. Mr. LeBlanc asked if the MGCLERC would be agreeable to submitting a grant request to the Ohio EPA Environmental Education Program for training related to the new electronic submission program. It was agreed to send an application to Ohio EPA and to partner with facilities and the State Emergency Response Commission to conduct the training sessions.

Mr. LeBlanc reported Chief Zickler from Kettering made a presentation to MVRPC staff regarding the Washington DC area Regional Emergency Coordination Plan. The purpose of the plan is for coordination and communication in regional emergencies and disasters. The plan does not replace existing local or county plans, but fills in gaps regarding regional coordination and communication. The plan was used to link regional officials in the Washington DC area during the anthrax and pentagon terrorist incidents. Dayton Regional Haz/Mat is a local example that operates in a similar manner. Mr. LeBlanc said he will ask Chief Zickler to make a presentation

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at the July MGCLERC meeting.

VII. Community Emergency Coordinator Report: Mr. Bristow gave an update on the PermaFix issue. Hydrosolate is a residue material generated from the US Army's neutralization of nerve agents. It is proposed to store about 900,000 gallons of the material in Indiana and ship it to the PermaFix facility in Jefferson Township for disposal. Jefferson Township formed a citizen advisory panel to hear from the involved parties and is opposing the proposal. Trotwood, Dayton and Jefferson Township have all passed resolutions against allowing the substance to pass through their communities. One of the provisions of the contract with the chosen disposal company is there will be no citizen opposition. Mr. Bristow also announced there will be a CAMEO training program at Wright State University in May, sponsored by Ohio EPA, WSU and Greene County EMA. The US Department of Justice COBRA training program out of Alabama will be brought to the Dayton area this autumn for fire, EMS and haz/mat responders.

VIII. Other Business: Mr. LeBlanc noted the MGCLERC membership positions expire in August 2003 and members will need to be reappointed or changed at that time. He will be sending out materials for reappointment in late May or early June. Ms Anders noted Dave Price has changed responsibilities in Xenia and is now their Risk Manager for Homeland Security. It was also noted Tim Ballard retired from Montgomery County Sanitary Engineering.

IX. Next Meeting: Mr. LeBlanc noted the next meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. on July 25 at the Greene County Media Room in Xenia.

X. Adjourn: Mr. Moorefield moved the meeting be adjourned at 9:03 a.m., seconded by Ms. Mason. Motion unanimously approved. (28-0-0)

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XI. Special Presentation – Denny Bristow – Dayton Regional Haz/Mat: Mr. Bristow gave a short history of first responder issues. The timeline showed emphasis on EMS in the 1970s, Haz/Mat in the 1980s, Urban Search and Rescue in the 1990s and Terrorism/WMD in the 2000s. He reported the Dayton Regional Haz/Mat Team has 150 members, 20 in an advisory capacity. The team averages 2-3 new members each month. It covers 41 fire departments, covers 820 square miles and protects 780,000 people. Replacement of the team's primary vehicle with the new "Pepsi" truck has given the team excess capacity to carry equipment. More of the team's resource material is being converted from hard-copy books to Cd and digital format.

Mr. Bristow explained how the team is preparing for Terror/WMD incidents. Outside experts are needed for nuclear incidents which are tasteless, odorless and colorless. Chemical incidents involve nerve, blood, choking and blister agents that usually have instant symptoms. Measuring and detection equipment is more readily available and now measures in parts per billion. Being prepared for industrial incidents greatly improves preparation for chemical terror incidents. Biological incidents are tasteless, colorless and odorless with a delay in the appearance of symptoms. Equipment is now becoming available to allow real-time vs. lab analysis for detection. He explained the protective and decontamination equipment used by the team.

Mr. Bristow explained they view threats on three levels – credible, paranoia and hoax. One of the most important preparations that can be made is to know other local officials through meetings, discussion groups, training sessions, touring facilities together and organizations like the MGCLERC. He also presented a few examples of actual incidents - the ammonia release caused by a ruptured cylinder in the Reibold Building and disposal of a container of Picric Acid found at the Montgomery County household hazardous waste drop-off.

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