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LOCAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 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
Patricia Bernitt - Greater Dayton Area Hospital Assn.
Patricia Brechlin – League of Women Voters
Dennis Bristow – Regional Haz/Mat Coordinator
Jeffrey Busch - Montgomery Co. Police Chiefs Assn.
(Alt. for David Vore)
Michael Caudill – Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance
Frank Clay – Sinclair Community College
Judy Elder – American Red Cross Greene County
Raymond Gabriel – WPAFB Bioenvironmental
Rob Gunter –Montgomery Co. EMA
(Alt. for Jeff Jordan)
Holley Hanes – General Motors Corporation
Steve Hatton – SuperValu
Ken LeBlanc - Miami Valley Reg. Planning Comm.
(Alt. for Mike Robinette)
Deborah Leopold – Greene Co. Health Department
(Alt. for Beth Lackey)
Katie Levens – Greater Dayton RTA
(Alt. for Jim Napier)
Don Lucas – Montgomery County Commissioners
Robert Miles - Montgomery Co. Fire Chiefs
(Alt. for Dennis McCloskey)
John Moore – Dayton Fire Department
Fran O’Shaughnessy– American Red Cross- Dayton
Brian Raison - OSU Extension
(Alt. for Jerry Mahan)
Jerry Rapp – Tate & Lyle
Tim Reichard - Ashland Chemical
Kelli Steward - Reg. Air Pollution Control Agency
Bruce Sucher - Dayton Area Managers Association
Donna Winchester – Dayton Water Department

ALTERNATES PRESENT WITH MEMBERS PRESENT

John Crane – WPAFB Bioenvironmental
Kevin Sedensky – Montgomery County Commissioners
Michele Simmons – Dayton Water Department

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Scott Baldwin – Greene Co. Fire Chiefs Assn.
Mark Berry - Greene Co. Law Enforcement Assn.
Jim Brueggeman – Mont. Co. Sanitary Engineering
Tom Byrne – DELPHI
Jim Crawford – Ohio EPA SW Ohio District
Angie Duvall – Cargill, Inc.
Ralph Harper – Greene County Commissioners
Jeff Hissong – Greene Co. Public Works
Ron Moorefield – Amateur Radio Emergency Services
Michael Phillips – Mont. Co. Combined Health District
Steven Rich – Wright Patterson AFB
Aaron Smith – DuPont Electronics Polymers
Nancy Wilson – WHIO-TV, WHIO/WHKO Radio
Doug Zink - Montgomery County Twp. Assn.

NONMEMBERS PRESENT

Rennis Bowers – Dayton Fire Department
Jeff Cooper - Mont. Co. Combined Health District
Brian Mitchell – WPAFB Bioengineering
Greg Hanahan – Montgomery County Twp. Assn.
David VandenBos – Beaver creek Fire Dept.

I.. **Call to Order:** Mr. Reichard called the meeting to order at 8:30 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 July 25, 2003 Minutes: Ms. O'Shaughnessy moved, seconded by Mr. Sucher that the minutes of the July 25, 2003 quarterly meeting be approved as submitted. The motion was unanimously approved. (26-0-0)

IV. MGCLERC Committees: Mr. Reichard noted one of the recommendations from the MGCLERC retreat in June was resurrection of committees, especially one to address making the MGCLERC web site more useful and one to deal with the annual exercise requirement. Mr. Reichard will chair the Web Site and Information Committee as soon as his term as MGCLERC Chair expires in January. Ms. Winchester noted she informed the Dayton Chamber of Commerce about the desire to make the web site more useful. Mr. LeBlanc noted there were new exercise rules and would get them to Mr. Bristow, chair of the Exercise Committee. Mr. LeBlanc noted the Compliance Committee has assembled past reporting trends of companies and would be activating the compliance effort after the March 1 reporting deadline in 2004.

VI. Information Coordinator Report: Mr. LeBlanc reported the MGCLERC grant is larger this year due to increased revenue from the statewide program. MGCLERC has received \$80,778 for local emergency planning committee activities and \$3,838 for fire department training, making a total of \$84,616. The grant was received in the following ratio: \$20,841 for Greene County and \$63,775 for Montgomery County. The grant was delayed, however, since the State Emergency Response Commission had to obtain approval from the State Controlling Board to spend the increased revenue amount. Mr. LeBlanc, Mr. Anders, Mr. Gunter and Mr. Bristow have been finalizing a revision to the distribution formula for the State Emergency Response Commission grant due to the split of Miami Valley Emergency Management Authority into two separate county EMA offices and transfer of Dayton Regional Haz/Mat to the Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance. The formula takes into account the amount of money distributed to MGCLERC for each county in addition to the level of support services provided by MVRPC, the Greene County Emergency Management Agency, the Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management and Dayton Regional Haz/Mat.

Mr. LeBlanc reported the State Emergency Response Commission will be finalizing electronic filing procedures and forms in the next month so the electronic filing option will be available for the March 1, 2004 reporting deadline. Facilities will still be required to file a paper copy with the local fire department until SERC is comfortable with the ability of Ohio's fire departments to accept the electronic data. Training sessions for both facilities and local emergency planning committees are planned. Educational presentations on the Ohio Chemical Technology Council, Ohio Quick Clear Program and training opportunities under the US Department of Transportation's Research and Special Programs Administration are being arranged.

The State Emergency Response Commission issued its first LEPC Excellence Awards. LEPCs winning the awards will have an increase in their annual grant. The 2003 awards were to Portage County for Public Education, Henry County for Training and Lorain County for Hazard Analysis for Transportation.

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VII. Community Emergency Coordinator Report: Mr. Bristow reported the disposal processing of military chemical agents at PermaFix in Jefferson Township in Montgomery County was now a dead issue. It was decided through a Congressional subcommittee that the local facility will not be involved. He also reported the Dayton Regional Haz/Mat Team has a web site at www.daytonhazmat.com. The site is sponsored by Premier Safety and contains sections for training schedules, general information, members-only services and a forum. Mr. Bristow also noted he sent a survey out to all fire chiefs in both Greene and Montgomery Counties, including a report card on Haz/Mat and a request for suggestions on how Regional Haz/Mat could improve service to local fire departments. He said a PowerPoint presentation has been made regarding the ISOTEC release and would be available for the January meeting. He also noted his pager number has changed. In conclusion, Mr. Bristow noted both Montgomery County and Greene County have committed funds toward purchase of a new Haz/Mat vehicle. He is also looking into the possibility of having all or part of the vehicle cost supported from other sources.

VIII. Other Business: Mr. Caudill and Mr. Bristow both noted PermaFix has been cooperative with Regional Haz/Mat and has participated in its activities. Mr. LeBlanc informed the group an emerging transportation initiative in the area is the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) program. MVRPC is working with the Ohio Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration to construct a freeway management system in the region. The main system components would include closed-circuit TVs, highway advisory radio, dynamic message signs and a traffic operation center. The primary intent of the system is to manage traffic flows better by providing motorists with timely information on traffic conditions ahead and informing them of driving options. Incident management, including hazardous materials incidents, is an important element. The Ohio Department of Transportation has a complementary program called Quick Clear that assists in opening up traffic lanes as soon as possible as an incident is dealt with.

IX. Next Meeting: Mr. Reichard noted the next meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. on January 30, 2004 at the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission.

X. Adjourn: Mr. Bauer moved the meeting be adjourned at 9:05 a.m., seconded by Ms. O'Shaughnessy. Motion unanimously approved. (26-0-0)

XI. Special Presentation – Metropolitan Medical Response System - MMRS: Mr. Rennis Bowers, Dayton Fire Department gave a presentation on the Metropolitan Medical Response System, otherwise known as MMRS. He noted the program was initiated out of the Department of Human Services on September 17, 2001. The program calls for preparing a regional medical response plan. The Dayton region is one of six cities in Ohio in the program and includes Montgomery, Greene, Miami, Clark, Darke, Preble, Shelby and Champaign Counties. Warren, Butler and Clinton Counties are included in the Cincinnati region.

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The plan is guided by a regional steering committee and addresses issues with exercise, training, public relations, equipment and NFS/SNS. It also assesses needs for antidotes for chemical weapons and antibiotics for public safety personnel. An incident management assistance team is being developed and a disaster trailer is expected to be up and running soon. A schedule for exercises dealing with both chemical weapons and biological weapons has been set. The three-pronged approach of the program includes public health, hospital and public safety sectors. A national pharmaceutical stockpile will be maintained, as well as strategic pharmaceutical stockpiles.

Mr. Bowers noted this effort is designed to build on other related plans with an emphasis on mass immunization/prophylaxis, mass patient care, forward movement of patients and mass fatality management. Mr. Bauer said the expiration dates of pharmaceuticals should continued to be studied as they relate to manufacturing dates and liability. He noted, however, the military is not strictly bound to such requirements. Mr. Gunter expressed hope this program would not evolve like the warning sirens of the 1950s and 1960s, where there was strong federal investment initially and a great deal of local investment needed thirty years later. A strong local program should include long-term maintenance and financing. Mr. Cooper noted some local officials have received smallpox vaccinations, but there are no immediate plans for anthrax at this time. The Dayton MMRS program includes responses to related private facility incidents. Mr. Bristow noted it was important to insure dual use of any equipment purchased. Mr. Gunter noted there are separate funds used for the Homeland Security Program and stressed the need for more convergence in planning.

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