

MONTGOMERY/GREENE COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE COUNCIL

MGCLERC Meeting Minutes –
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MINUTES OF MEETING

FRIDAY, JULY 25, 2003
GREENE COUNTY MEDIA ROOM
541 LEDBETTER ROAD
XENIA, OHIO 45385

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rosanne Anders – Greene Co. EMA
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)
Frank Clay – Sinclair Community College
(Alt. for Jennifer Wise)
Holley Hanes – General Motors Corporation
Beth Lackey – Greene Co. Health Department
Pete Lane - OSU Extension – Montgomery County
Ken LeBlanc - Miami Valley Reg. Planning Comm.
(Alt. for Mike Robinette)
Gerry Mahan – OSU Extension – Greene County
Kimberly Mason – Greene Co. Public Works
Jim Napier – Greater Dayton RTA
Fran O’Shaughnessy– American Red Cross- Dayton
Jerry Rapp – Tate & Lyle
Tim Reichard - Ashland Chemical
Kevin Sedensky – Montgomery County Commissioners
(Alt. for Don Lucas)
Aaron Smith – ChemFirst Electronic Materials, Inc.
Donna Winchester – Dayton Water Department

Raymond Baker – Wright-Patterson AFB
Tom Byrne – DELPHI
Angie Duvall – Cargill, Inc.
Judy Elder – American Red Cross Greene County
Lester Flohr – Dayton Fire Department
Maj. William Gooden – WPAFB Bioenvironmental
James Gross - Reg. Air Pollution Control Agency
Rob Gunter –Montgomery Co. EMA
Ralph Harper – Greene County Commissioners
Robin Houck - League of Women Voters
Robert Miles - Montgomery Co. Fire Chiefs
Ron Moorefield – Amateur Radio Emergency Services
Michael Phillips – Mont. Co. Combined Health District
David Price - Greene County Fire Chief’s Association
John Prugh - Greene Co. Law Enforcement Assn.
Bruce Sucher - Dayton Area Managers Association
Nancy Wilson – WHIO-TV, WHIO/WHKO Radio
Doug Zink - Montgomery County Twp. Assn.

NONMEMBERS PRESENT

Michael Caudill – Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance
Raymond Gabriel – WPAFB Bioengineering
Jeff Hissong – Greene County Sanitary Engineering
Deb Leopold – Greene Co. Health Department
Katie Levens – Greater Dayton RTA
Tommy Roach – Montgomery Co. Sanitary
Engineering
Chris Tumbusch – WPAFB
Robert Zickler – Montgomery County Fire Chiefs

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

I. **Call to Order:** Mr. Reichard called the meeting to order at 9:02a.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 April 25, 2003 Minutes:** Mr Bauer noted a typographical error on page 2, item #6, second line. The number 3746 appears to be too high. Mr. LeBlanc said it was wrong and he will correct the minutes accordingly. Mr Rapp moved, seconded by Ms. Mason that the minutes of the April 25, 2003 quarterly meeting be approved with the noted correction. The motion was unanimously approved. (19-0-0)

IV. **MGCLERC Retreat:** Mr. Reichard explained it had been a while since the last MGCLERC member retreat and one was needed. It was held to help re-energize the group, orient new members to the program and prioritize activities for the upcoming year. He noted it was held on June 4 at Bergamo Center. A green summary sheet was distributed. Mr. LeBlanc reviewed the eight priorities resulting from the meeting:

1. Improve communication among various responders and regulatory facilities (especially involving facility coordinators)
2. Subcommittee resurrection (especially exercise, website and compliance)
3. Involve others in membership
4. Training and information (more use of local public information opportunities and more networking)
5. Share spill/release information (at MGCLERC meetings and generic reports)
6. Web site development (partner with Sinclair or other college)
7. Exercises (more proactive in planning, scheduling and participation)
8. Terrorism threat assessment (work with EMAs and mail information to industry on what to do regarding this subject)

Mr. Bristow volunteered to chair the Exercise Committee. Ms. O'Shaughnessy, Mr. Clay, Ms. Anders, Mr. Napier and Ms. Bernitt expressed interest in participating. Mr. Reichard volunteered to chair the Web Site and Information Committee and Ms. Winchester offered to participate.

V. **Membership:** Mr LeBlanc explained most members have notified him of their intentions to either continue or relinquish their position on MGCLERC. Some members in attendance noted they sent the information back the day before. Mr. LeBlanc said Supervalu in Xenia is interested in joining. Mr. Caudill noted the Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance is also interested in becoming a member. Ms. Mason suggested contacting both Ohio EPA and Elano Corporation. Membership changes will be approved by the SERC at its August 13 meeting.

VI. **Annual Exercise:** Mr. Bristow noted the annual exercise was a tabletop held the afternoon of May 6 at UD Arena. A brown copy of the Ohio EMA/SERC evaluation report was distributed. Mr. Bristow said the idea of such an exercise was to overrun incident commanders with information and see how quickly they recoup to organize an effective response. More than 100 people were in attendance. There was a unified command until it was realized there were two separate incidents – a traditional haz/mat and a biological.

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VI. **Information Coordinator Report:** Mr. LeBlanc reported the Ohio EPA is expecting the Ohio Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Fund to be slightly larger than last year. The upcoming grant from the State Emergency Response Commission is expected to be the same or slightly higher than last year. Rennis Bowers from Dayton Fire Department has been contacted and has agreed to make a presentation to MGCLERC on the Metropolitan Medical Response System program at the October meeting. Mr. LeBlanc is also trying to schedule a presentation on the Homeland Security Training Alliance at the October meeting. That program involves a network of over 50 colleges and universities that will offer local level homeland security training.

VII. **Community Emergency Coordinator Report:** Mr. Bristow reported the only major non-oil release recently was a major sewage release at the Air Show. Ms. Winchester noted the airport's stormwater management system contained it. Mr. Bristow noted that WPAFB has usually been available for back-up to the haz/mat response team, but if the base is under higher security levels and lockdown, they cannot be available. Regional Haz/Mat is looking to work with Beavercreek Township to house a back-up unit and something should be worked out by the end of the year. Beavercreek is an ideal location because of its access to Greene County and proximity to Montgomery County.

VIII. **Other Business:** Mr. LeBlanc thanked Maureen Creagan, a University of Dayton summer intern, for her efforts in assisting with membership and meeting preparation activities.

IX. **Next Meeting:** Mr. Reichard noted the next meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. on October 31, 2003 at the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission.

X. **Adjourn:** Ms. Mason moved the meeting be adjourned at 9:30 a.m., seconded by Ms. Bernitt. Motion unanimously approved. (19-0-0)

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XI. Special Presentation – Chief Robert Zickler – Kettering Fire Department: Note: Mr. Zickler gave his presentation prior to the MGCLERC meeting as Mr. Reichard waited for a quorum to assemble. Chief Zickler noted he came from the Indianapolis area, which took on regional government in the 1960s. Two factors played a key role – the Indianapolis 500 forced regional involvement and the community had an expectation that information was to be shared and cooperation encouraged. He noted the Bellbrook – Sugarcreek Township situation with duplicate fire stations and the Greene County communication system incompatibility with Kettering as local examples of non-cooperation in the Dayton area. The major issue for the region is the political will to move toward regional cooperation. He distributed a summary of the Regional Emergency Coordination Plan developed by the Washington Regional Council of Governments. The summary explains the 15 emergency support functions done on a regional level in the Washington DC area. Last year, \$100 million was set aside at the federal level for regional coordination plans and the Dayton region did not participate. He noted the fire service has moved toward regional cooperation because they have to share equipment and resources. He suggested some sort of regional planning should be pushed, possibly through an agency such as the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission.

Ms. Bernit said regional hospital coordination has been done for years and the MMRS program has just started. Chief Zickler said the MMRS program has remained separate from other programs and should be integrated more. Ms. Bernitt said the local fire and law enforcement sectors need to look at the regional cooperation concept. Chief Zickler noted the federal Regional Coordination Plan is a place to start, it also improves interaction with the federal government when they become involved in response incidents. Mr. Bristow asked what caused the areas that have such a program to start one. Chief Zickler said there was a sense of political will in the Washington DC area and the Seattle area has looked at things from a regional perspective for a long time. He noted their plans are on the internet. Ms. Anders noted Montgomery County has redone their plan in ESF format, but the state does not require an ESF formatted plan. Ms. Winchester suggested the MGCLERC consider sending a letter to local elected officials endorsing regional cooperation. Mr. Roach noted Montgomery County Sanitary Engineering is working with other communities to coordinate confined space rescue. Ms. Mason asked if there were any grants to hire consultants. Ms. Anders said there are grants through the US Department of Justice via State EMAs. Chief Zickler suggested the best method, however, would be to form a council of governments. Ms. Mason asked if MVRPC could be a COG. Mr. LeBlanc noted the COG function was proposed in the MVRPC restructuring, but has not been moved forward with the rest of the proposed changes.

Mr. Reichard thanked Chief Zickler for the presentation. It sparked a great deal of interest.

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