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LOCAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2001**  
**MIAMI VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**40 WEST FOURTH CENTRE – THIRD FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**DAYTON, OHIO 45402**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Rosanne Anders – Miami Valley EMA  
Raymond Baker – Wright-Patterson AFB  
Tim Ballard – Mont. Co. Sanitary Engineering  
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  
Mark Case – Mont. Co. Combined Health District  
(Alt. for J. Michael Phillips)  
Tim Denger – Greene Co. Sanitary Engineering  
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  
Ernie Hudson – Amateur Radio Emergency Services  
(Alt. for Ron Moorefield)  
Beth Lackey – Greene Co. Health Department  
Nora Lake - Miami Valley Regional Planning Comm.  
Pete Lane - OSU Extension – Montgomery County  
Andrea Lapp – OSU Extension – Greene County  
(Alt. for Jerry Mahan)  
Robert Miles - Montgomery Co. Fire Chiefs  
Fran O'Shaughnessy – American Red Cross- Dayton  
Gavine Pitner - League of Women Voters  
Howard Poston – Greene County Commissioners  
(Alt. for Ralph Harper)  
David Price - Greene County Fire Chief's Association  
Jerry Rapp – Tate & Lyle  
Tim Reichard - Ashland Chemical  
Donna Winchester – Dayton Water Department  
Jennifer Wise – Sinclair Community College  
Doug Zink - Montgomery County Township Assn.

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Col. Keith Chandler – WPAFB Bioenvironmental  
Jeffrey DeVoe - Greene Co. Law Enforcement Assn.  
Jim Napier – MV Regional Transit Authority  
Vicki Pegg – Montgomery Co. Commissioners  
Aaron Smith – ChemFirst Fine Chemicals, Inc.  
Bruce Sucher - Dayton Area Managers Association  
Dave Vore - Montgomery Co. Police Chiefs Assn.  
Nancy Wilson – WHIO-TV, WHIO/WHKO Radio

**ALTERNATE WITH MEMBER PRESENT**

Ken LeBlanc - Miami Valley Regional Planning  
Comm.  
Kimberly Mason - Greene Co. Public Works  
Joe Miller – Mont. Co. Sanitary Engineering  
Brian Raison - OSU Extension – Montgomery County

**NONMEMBERS PRESENT**

Lt. Rob Branell – Montgomery County Sheriff's Office  
Julie Spinner – MV Regional Transit Authority  
Steve Renninger – USEPA  
Charles Curran – Montgomery Co. Commissioners

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I. **Call to Order:** Ms. Winchester called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. She noted a quorum was present.

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

III. **Approval of April 27, 2001 Minutes:** Mr. Price moved, seconded by Mr. Gross that the minutes of the April 27, 2001 quarterly meeting be approved as submitted. The motion was unanimously approved. (29-0-0) Ms. Winchester noted the July 27, 2001 meeting did not have a quorum, so no official action took place. Notes from the meeting were provided to members as a courtesy.

IV. **Approval of Resolution #2001-03:** Mr. LeBlanc explained the purpose of the resolution was to disburse the 7<sup>th</sup> year Hazardous Material Emergency Planning Grant (HMEP) received by MGCLERC to MVRPC and MVEMA. The grant is a reimbursement for work performed by MVRPC and MVEMA in completing the year 2000 hazard analyses and truck/rail Haz/Mat studies. Mr. Bauer moved, seconded by Mr. Zink that Resolution #2001-03 be approved as submitted, designating \$3,233 to MVRPC and \$3,232 to MVEMA. The motion was unanimously approved with Ms. Anders and Ms. Lake abstaining. (27-0-2)

V. **Approval of Resolution #2001-04:** Mr. LeBlanc explained the purpose of the resolution was to disburse the non-fire training portion of the Year 2001 State Emergency Response Commission Grant received by MGCLERC. MVRPC and MVEMA have agreements with MGCLERC to perform staff support and emergency response planning services, with MVRPC and MVEMA receiving 65% and 35%, respectively, of the non-fire training portion of the grant. Mr. Flohr moved, seconded by Mr. Reichard that Resolution #2001-04 be approved as submitted, allocating the non-fire training part of the Year 2001 SERC Grant as follows: \$16,561 to MVEMA and \$30,755 to MVRPC. The motion was unanimously approved with Ms. Anders and Ms. Lake abstaining. (27-0-2)

VI. **Presentation on USEPA CERO Plan:** Mr. Steve Renninger, On-Scene Coordinator with USEPA, explained the agency's Cincinnati Environmental Response Operations (CERO) Plan currently covers 13 counties along the Ohio River. They center around Cincinnati and are found in Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky. USEPA is proposing to expand the planning effort northward to include the Dayton area. He demonstrated the mapping project and distributed copies of a logistical information table USEPA is requesting be completed for the Montgomery and Greene County area. Information is to be returned to Mr. LeBlanc, who will forward it to Mr. Renninger.

VII. **Update of Montgomery-Greene Emergency Operations Plan:** Ms. Anders explained the Emergency Operations Plan for Montgomery and Greene Counties is due for a major update in 2002. She noted the update will cover many aspects on emergency preparedness, response, and recovery to Haz/Mat incidents within the community. A planning committee will be established to assist with the update. A sign-up sheet was provided at the meeting.

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VIII. **MGCLERC Annual Exercise:** Mr. Bristow reported the annual required exercise for 2000-2001 was held on June 9 at the Dayton International Airport. It involved a mass casualty drill. The exercise showed the most significant stumbling block to effective response in the community is communications. Common radio frequency access is needed across the response effort. It was also noted communication between the incident command site and the central emergency operations center was deficient. On-site in-car repeaters have been purchased for fire departments to help alleviate the problem. The communication issue needs to be a high priority. Mr. Bristow said Central State University may offer its campus as a location for an exercise during spring break 2002.

IX. **Information Coordinator Report:** Mr. LeBlanc noted that MGCLERC received an LEPC recognition award from the State Emergency Response Commission for 2001. The award was presented at the 2001 LEPC Conference held on September 26 at the Kings Island Resort Conference Center. Mr. LeBlanc noted the MGCLERC has been approved for a HMEP 9<sup>th</sup> Year grant, including \$10,675 for planning and \$4,000 for training. The grant requires a 25% match to receive the federal funds. It will be used for the required major plan update and hazards analyses for EHS facilities.

Mr. LeBlanc noted the MGCLERC membership was reappointed and/or revised in August. Some member organizations will be making changes for the December SERC meeting. The Haz/ Mat truck survey for 2001 included a site in downtown Cedarville. Out of 924 trucks within a 15-hour period, 14 were placarded. The rail survey scheduled for September 12 was cancelled due to the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington D.C. on September 11.

Mr. LeBlanc and Mr. Bristow explained the 2001-2002 training plan. Mr. LeBlanc said there is \$11,341.71 available for fire department training from the SERC and HMEP grants. Mr. Bristow explained the plan for hands-on training for four people at the Pueblo, Colorado center, sending two people to the Inland Spills Conference, and two people to the fire department instructor conference. The cost of the above-noted training is expected to be about \$13,000. If the \$1,700 difference cannot be made up through the use of other grant opportunities, the MGCLERC may be asked to provide it from the fines collected for reporting violations by facilities. Mr. LeBlanc noted the Ohio Public Utilities Commission grant program is being explored, since the facility fines were originally intended to be used primarily for education programs for regulated facilities to increase compliance.

X. **Other Business:** Mr. LeBlanc said Miami Valley Hospital has made physical improvements in preparation for chemical and biological incidents, as noted in Ms. Bernitt's presentation on the Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association plan in July. The hospital is now looking for funds to train about 250 hospital personnel to properly respond to such incidents when patients start arriving at the hospitals. Ms. Bernitt noted they have been trained to basic awareness level, and the request is for a higher level awareness class. Mr. Renninger noted there is some training available on the internet.

Mr. Bristow explained the activity of the Regional Haz/Mat Response Team since October 10, noting the large number of anthrax-related calls forced the team to re-evaluate its response protocol in order to maintain its readiness for other types of incidents. He noted symptoms

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appear quickly in chemical incidents, while biological incidents have delayed manifestations.

Ms. Bernitt said the hospital domestic preparedness planning activity over the past few years brought out the question of a Haz/Mat diversionary route around Dayton. Mr. Bristow said the community does not have a loop highway, making that option impractical at this time. Ms. Lake said a comprehensive study on I-75 through the community is being conducted, including safety upgrades. Mr. Beckley noted major rail lines run through the community, but the likelihood of rerouting them is very low.

Major Gooden noted there have been a significant number of responses at Wright-Patterson since the terrorist attacks. Regarding biological responses, Mr. Bristow said Ohio should consider labs in each quadrant of the state instead of only one in the center. Mr. Flohr noted fire departments will be holding more Weapons of Mass Destruction Awareness training in the coming months. Anyone interested in such training should call the Dayton Fire Department training center and talk to Chief Kimler.

Ms. Lake noted an Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) plan is being started for the Dayton area freeway network. Cincinnati and Columbus have already begun such plans, including traffic centers. Ms. Lake said the plan will include coordination with Public Safety Answering Points and responders. She said representatives from response groups will be requested to participate in the planning process. Ms. Wise volunteered to head a nominating committee for 2002 MGCLERC officers. Elections will be held at the January quarterly meeting.

XI. **Adjourn:** Ms. Winchester adjourned the meeting at 9:37 a.m.

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