



Tuesday, September 24, 2024
Victoria County Local Emergency Planning Committee

Logistics

3:00 PM

TxDOT Victoria Office, 11401 US 59 N. Victoria, TX 77905

Welcome & Introductions

Business

1. Call to Order - Meeting began at 3:02 P.M.
2. Welcome & Introductions - went around the room and introduced themselves
3. Review of March 2024 Meeting Minutes - Meeting Minutes were approved by Rick McBrayer and Seconded by Ralph Montes
4. Sub-Committees - Victoria LEPC By-Laws will be sent out by J. Banda, Co-Chair.
 - a. Chair - B. Mickey
 - b. Co-Chair - J. Banda
 - c. Secretary - Victoria OEM
 - d. Right-to-Know Sub-Committee - Possibly Dustin Fuergson with Victoria Fire Department. Will review the by-laws then see if they can accept these sub-committees. Another option is to have the Victoria County Fire Marshal's Office in this role.
 - e. Public Education Sub-Committee - VOEM's new PIO person will take this role when this position is filled in 2025.
 - f. Hazardous Materials Facilities Liaison Sub-Committee - P. Hathaway
 - g. Emergency Response and Resources Sub-Committee - Possibly Dustin Fuergson with Victoria Fire Department
 - h. Finance Sub-Committee - B. Smiley/J. Kalmus
 - i. LEPC Finance Report - \$16,473.96 as of September 2024
5. New Business
 - a. Receive Texas SOC CPKC Notification - In the beginning of August there was a notification of increase of the high hazard flammable train (HHFT) increase in the expected range of HHFT transporting through Victoria County. There is a possibility of 3-5 transports of Bakken crude oil.
 - b. Victoria LEPC Webpage Update - Add a "contact us" button. Create a generic LEPC email address. Adding information about SARA Title III and submitting of Tier II reports to local LEPC's. Motioned by John Weitz and seconded by Charles Kulow. Updating website was motioned by David Gonzales and seconded by Charles Kulow.
 - c. Training/Education Opportunities

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- i. October 14-17 SARA Title III training in Houston Texas National Association of SARA Title Officials at the Wyndham near the NRG Stadium. Possibility of sending a few members of the LEPC committee to this training.
 - ii. October 24-27, 2024 - 2024 HOTZONE HazMat Conference: <https://www.hotzone.org/>
 - iii. Texas Dept. of Insurance: Occupational Safety and Health Consultation Program (OSHCON) - Free on-site safety consultations are confidential and offered in person at your jobsite. OSHCON can help you find, reduce, and remove safety and health hazards, and learn OSHA standards. OSHCON also provides training, help with safety & health programs, and free safety training materials and publications. - training mentioned by Jenda Banda. <https://www.tdi.texas.gov/oshcon/index.html>
 - iv. Smalley Foundation Annual Pipeline Safety Training - Training mentioned by Jena Banda www.practicalpipelines.org
 1. Select Texas on the nationwide map
 2. Enter the password "inspired" when prompted
 3. Search for Victoria County
 - v. TRANSCAER (Transportation Community Awareness and Emergency Response) Online & In-Person Training - Training mentioned by Jena Banda <https://www.transcaer.com/training>
- d. (STEERS), Tier II Reporting (TIER II) visit <https://www3.tceq.texas.gov/steers/>

Other Business

1. TDEM 151 SERC Approved List - [Due in April in 2025](#)
2. 2024 Mid Coast Hurricane & Disaster Conference - Snack Table Sponsorship
3. Union Pacific Railroad Investigation and Safety Course - Canceled - [Looking to host this training in 2025](#)
4. Rick McBrayer brought to the committee the opportunity of purchasing 3 laptop with LEPC funds for the following positions:
 - a. Deputy EMC / Co-Chair of the LEPC - in coordination with TCEQ using the Federal Cameo Suites and the new Tier II data software
 - b. EM Specialist / Secretary of the LEPC / Finance Committee Member of the LEPC - meeting minutes and pulling finance reports
 - c. PIO / Public Education Subcommittee member LEPC
 - i. Email was sent to Brent Mickey, Chair of LEPC, and Jena Banda, Co-Chair of the LEPC for approval of three laptops and set ups for an estimated cost of \$5,000.00 - Approved by Brent Mickey
 - d. Rick McBrayer Mentioned the TCEQ Full Report for the Shamrock Crude Oil Spill [is now available on the TCEQ website.](#)

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- e. Brent Mickey discussed using social media to promote LEPC. Victoria Office of Emergency Management posting once a month directing followers to the LEPC webpage. Also tagging local organizations in the postings to reach a larger audience. Adding a trainings tab to the LEPC webpage

Next Meeting - January or February 2025 looking to possibly host the next meeting at the Victoria Fire Department Fire Field.

Adjourn - Luke Drosche motioned and Ralph Montes seconded at 4:00 P.M.

Heidi Easley, County Clerk

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