

**Minutes for
Tarrant County Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting
May 16, 2001 2:30 p.m.
Classroom C Police & Fire Training Center 1000 Calvert**

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Patterson--Fort Worth Fire/EMO
Keith Wells-- Fort Worth Fire/EMO
Chief Tim Johns--Fort Worth Fire
Brian Boerner--Fort Worth Environment Dept.
Brian Camp--Fort Worth Environment Dept.
Alex Romero--Fort Worth Environment Dept.
Ed Daniels--Lockheed Martin Aero.
Jim Stewart
Wendy Cotton--Harris Methodist Hospital
Ian Singleton--Cook Children's Medical Center
Lorrie Jansen--Cook Children's Medical Center
Larry McGee--All Saints Hospital
Rudy Garcia--JPS Health Network

John Galbraith--JPS Health Network
Dr. Steven Cordas--Toxicology / Medicine
Jennifer Craver--Protect Environmental
Preston Byrd--Amon Carter Museum
Jerry Keeney--Koch Petroleum
Peter Mollett--PolyOne Corp
Darryl Gray--Federal Prison
Ollene Vaughn--Chevron
Earl Brown--Phillips 66
Debbie Friedman--Boots & Coots
Larry Green--D/FW Airport DPS
Tag Coolidge--Talem, Inc

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ed Daniels at 2:35 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Daniels asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. Seeing none, Chairman Daniels asked for a motion to accept the minutes. Brian Boerner motioned to accept the minutes and was seconded by Peter Mollett. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Financial Report

Treasurer Jim Stewart passed out a financial statement for the LEPC membership. The statement does not reflect a \$1000 donation from Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company. The final balance is \$2896.32. Peter Mollett asked what were the LEPC's sources of funding. Chairman Daniels replied that the LEPC receives money from EPA from fines. The last time received any fine money was

December 1995. The other source of funding is from donations. Chairman Daniels suggested that a budget be established. Mollett motioned that a budget be established and was seconded by Larry Green. The motion passed unanimously.

a) **Old Business**

Chairman Daniels asked if the committee had any old business to discuss. Seeing there was no old business, he continued with the agenda.

IV. **New Business**

a) Toxic Release Inventory Report

Anyone that uses HM is obligated to determine whether they are to file a Toxic Release Inventory. This inventory compiles release information to give a statewide amount of materials released. Texas remained fifth in the nation in total releases with almost 314 million pound released. This amount is a decrease from the 1998 amount of almost 321.5 million pounds. Texas also experienced an 8.4 percent drop in air releases. For the complete report, please access the EPA homepage at www.epa.gov.

b) North American Emergency Response Guidebook on--line

The North American Emergency Response Guidebook is now on--line and can be downloaded. The guidebook gives information on placards, HM, and emergency response. The on--line version is easy to use, fully interactive, and includes the color-coded sections. The application includes a search tool that allows for rapid retrieval of information for a given product.

c) Worst Case Scenario Data Available in Federal Reading Rooms

Companies that exceeded the Threshold Planning Quantity of hazardous materials had to submit a Risk Management Plan that included a worst case scenario. There was a tremendous amount of debate on that fact that if this information is made public, then terrorists could access and become knowledgeable on where EHS chemicals were located within a community. A compromise has been made to put this information in Federal Reading Rooms. These rooms will not be permanent walk-in locations, by appointment only and the operators of the rooms will need a seven-day notice prior to a visit. The data will not be allowed to leave the room or be photocopied.

d) Tour Host for Facility Tour

John Patterson said the LEPC would like to take a tour of a facility for the August Quarterly meeting. Peter Mollett volunteered that PolyOne would host the August tour.

V. **Program**

“Fire Department/Private Industry Interaction during Chemical Emergencies” Speaker: Chief Tim Johns, HAZMAT Chief for Ft. Worth Fire Department

After showing a video on how the Incident Command System is used during a chemical emergency, Chief Johns spoke on the workings of the Fort Worth Fire Department as a department before focusing on how the fire department works with facilities before and during a chemical incident. Chief Johns also touched upon the resources available to the fire department. The LEPC would like to thank Chief Johns for his time and effort in presenting to the committee.

VI. Questions, Comments, Announcements

It was mentioned that the November meeting is the day before Thanksgiving and that maybe November 14 would be more appropriate. A motion to move the November meeting to November 14 was made and seconded by Dr. Steven Cordas. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Future Meetings

- b) August 15, 2001—Facility tour of PolyOne
- c) November 14, 2001

VIII. Adjournment

As there were no more questions, comments, announcements, Chairman Daniels entertained a motion to adjourn. Brian Boerner moved to adjourn and was seconded by Peter Mollett. Chairman Daniels adjourned the meeting at 4:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Stephen Tidd, Secretary

Date