

**MERCER COUNTY L.E.P.C.
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 10, 2025**

Members/Guests Present:

Richard Weinzierl, Cameron Ameron International, Retired
Debbie Hartley, DPS
Frank Jannetti, Dir. DPS
John Nicklin, Dep Dir EMA
Tom Beatty, Interstate Chemical
Tommy Fryda, Interstate Chemical
Mike Wadlow, Hermitage Fire Chief
Geoffrey Domowicz, ARC
Travis Walsh, Barbers Chemicals
Jamie Ball, Barbers Chemicals
Mark Harmon, OSHA
Doug Dick, Superior Ambulance/Hospital Care Council
Dustin Wyant, PA DEP
Andrew Sepos, PA DEP
Justin Rodgers, PA DEP
Trey Coates, Interstate Chemical

WELCOME: Chairman Nicklin welcomed those in attendance. Everyone was asked to introduce themselves.

June 2025 Minutes:

Accepted as presented.

Moved by: Dick Weinzierl

2nd by: Trey Coates

All in favor

TIER II INVOICES: 2024 RY - The total invoice was \$41,875 for chemicals and plans. As of July 29th, all invoices for 2024 RY are paid.

OFF-SITE RESPONSE PLANS: All existing plans are up to date with 3 being due for review in October.

INCIDENT REVIEW:

Dump valve broke on gas well
I-80 at the 19mm – oil spill
I-80 at the 9.5 mm – oil spill
SWAT call at the Radisson
Sharon Tube – Sulfuric Acid leak.

Due to a recent incident at a facility, Frank Jannetti suggested that the facilities should be asked to attend a meeting to review their Off-Site Response Plan.

REGION 13 REPORT:

Frank Jannetti provided the report.

The Region funding is still in question. Homeland Security Funds are on the chopping block.

TRAINING: Nine classes have been scheduled, 3 have been canceled.

OLD BUSINESS:

Decon tent has been delivered, and training will be scheduled.

Radio Project update: Portable radios are ordered for PD, FD and EMS.
Environmental historical preservation studies are being done at all 7 tower sites.

NEW BUSINESS:

Hazmat Team Options: Act 165 Rewrite. They want to raise the chemical and planning fees significantly and give funding to the private companies. That was met with much resistance from the counties. There was a discussion to partner with Butler Hazmat team. Frank and John will meet with Butler to gather more information and have another discussion at the next committee meeting.

John presented information and a quote for a Fotokite tethered drone from SAFEWARE. No license requirements, aerial view of incident scene up to heights of 150', 5 yrs livestream, case and tablet. \$58,722.00.

Motion to purchase the Fotokite tethered drone, with Hazmat Funds, per the quote for \$58, 722.00.

Moved by: Doug Dick
2nd by: Goeffrey Domowicz
Justin Rodgers : Nay

The committee discussed it further and tabled the action to gather other quotes, talk with other counties that have a drown, possibly arrange a demo. The purchase will be given further consideration at the December meeting.

Motion to rescind the previous motion so additional information can be gathered.

**Moved by: Doug Dick
2nd by: Geoffrey Domowicz
All in favor**

**Motion to provide an Appreciation Luncheon at the December meeting.
Meeting will be held at Iron Bridge, followed by the luncheon. Meeting time
will be moved to 11:00 am.**

**Moved by: Dick Weinzierl
2nd by: Trey Coates
All in favor.**

Motion to adjourn.

**Moved by: Dick Weinzierl
2nd by: Jamie Ball
All in Favor**