

**MERCER COUNTY L.E.P.C.
MINUTES
MARCH 12, 2025**

Members/Guests Present:

Tim Buck, Combined Systems
Debbie Hartley, DPS
Frank Jannetti, Dir. DPS
John Nicklin, Dep Dir EMA
Trey Coates, Interstate Chemical
Justin Rodgers, PA DEP
Elizabeth Pelvchette, M.C.R.P.C.
Andrew Sepos, PA DEP
Dustin Wyant, PA DEP
Jeremy McMurry, DHS CISA
Terra Shaffer, 9-1-1 Dep. Director
Fred McMullen, NWS Pittsburgh
Bill Malia, PEMA West
Courtney Slavic, NLMK
Tom Beatty, Interstate Chemical

WELCOME: Members welcomed by John Nicklin, Chairman.

December 2024 Minutes:

Accepted as presented.

**Moved by: Tim Buck
2nd by: Frank Jannetti
All in favor**

GUEST SPEAKER: Fred McMullen, NWS Pittsburgh
The Pittsburgh Office covers 35 counties in 3 states. The Weather service provides daily weather updates, updates for burn warnings, and conducts SKYWARN Training both in-person and online. They will also help with weather predictions/updates for large gathering special events.

TIER II INVOICES: 2024 RY - We have invoiced \$37,350 for chemicals and \$3,300 for plans, a total of \$40,650. This year we are offering an online option to pay the invoice. The service is called ALL-PAID. It seems very simple.

OFF-SITE RESPONSE PLANS: 41 total plans. All are up to date. 1 new plan for Joshen Wheatland has been received from JH Consulting. Salem Tube required an update, they added hydrofluoric acid.

INCIDENT REVIEW:

I-80: Oil spill – Pile-up at 12mm

Gas well fire – the Foam Trailer responded

I-80: Pile-up - PSP vehicle was hit by car

Warming shelters were opened - not used.

Vehicle in Shenango Reservoir - Drove out on ice, ice broke, fell into 20ft of water. A commercial diver retrieved the body the next day.

REGION 13 REPORT:

Frank Jannetti, provided the report. Open meetings are on the 3rd Thursday in January, April and July at 10 am, at the Allegheny County EOC. Representatives from your facility/company are encouraged to attend the open meetings. You may contact our office if you need additional information.

The Region is unsure about the future funding due to anticipated funding cuts. The region currently has 7 employees, we hope to be able to retain all of them.

TRAINING: These hazmat classes have been scheduled so far. OPS. Refresher in Hermitage, Grove City, Sandy Lake and Farrell.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS:

Air Shelters USA provided a demo for Frank, John and Com. Finley of the Zumro decon tent. It is a multi-purpose inflatable tent. The tent can also be used for rehab and command.

Motion to approve the purchase of the Zumro Model 284 “three Step” Decon System includes a cart to move it. Cost \$45,391.49

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2nd by: Courtney Slavic

All in Favor

Elizabeth Pelvchette, from the Mercer Co. Reg. Planning Commission spoke. They would like to take part in the Hazard Mitigation Plan update, and they are currently working on the County Comprehensive Plan.

Jeremy McMurtry, DHS/CISA: A 10-yr study of mass casualty attacks show they are getting more deadly. He encourages everyone to make security a priority at your facilities and events. The latest threat the terrorists are using is “jamming”. When Wi-Fi and phone lines are jammed at targeted areas, including 1st responders’ communications.

Upcoming events: Region 13 EMA/Utilities Group
JHAT – April 30th – Hazmat Response Capabilities

Frank Jannetti addressed ambulance response in the county. Be aware there could be a delay in response. It is more important than ever to have your ‘on-site’ resources in place.

Courtney Slavic offered to possibly host the June 11th meeting at their Sharon Coating plant. Mercer County Regional Planning Commission also offered to host a meeting.

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Moved by: Trey Coates

2nd by: Bill Malia

All in Favor

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