

# **CITY OF PROVIDENCE**

## **LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE #2**

C/o Providence Emergency Management Agency  
& Office of Homeland Security  
591 Charles Street  
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### **Meeting Minutes of June 13, 2012**

(Submitted by Craig H. Kampmier, Elmhurst Extended Care)

#### **ATTENDEES:**

Brown University: Henry Huppert  
City of Providence, Planning & Development: Dave Everett  
Contech: Collin Gulbeau  
Dominion Energy: Chris O'Connell  
Enterprise Products: Gary Waldron  
Elmhurst Extended Care: Craig H. Kampmier  
Ferguson Perforating: Bill Ostiguy  
Holcim US: Barry Nugent  
Lehigh Cement: Jeff Halliday  
Mahr Federal, Inc.: Tom Armstrong  
Narragansett Bay Commission: Dave Aucoin  
Providence & Worcester Railroad: Steve Buckless  
Providence Emergency Management Agency: Peter Marinucci  
Providence Fire Department: Michael Dillon  
RI Committee on  
Occupational Safety & Health: Jim Celenza  
Roger Williams Medical Center: Scott Atkin  
Save the Bay: Mike Russo  
U.S. Coast Guard: Erin Lambie  
U.S. Dept. of Labor, Occupational  
Safety & Health Administration: Maryann Medeiros  
U.S. Environmental Protection  
Agency Region 1: Jim Gaffey  
Women & Infants Hospital: Steve Knowles

- Meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chairperson Michael Dillon, Acting Chief of Providence Fire Department, in the first floor auditorium of the Providence Public Safety Complex, 325 Washington Street, Providence, RI 02903.
- Minutes of the March 14, 2012 meeting were approved as written.

**Correspondence/Handouts:** No correspondence.

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### Membership Committee Reports

#### *City of Providence:*

Communications: No Report.

Emergency Management: *Peter Marinucci*

- Operation Smart Exit is a full-scale building evacuation exercise that will be conducted on Thursday 28 June 2012 from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM, and involve the ten "plus" largest commercial buildings in downtown Providence. Partners assisting Providence Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) will include Providence Police, Fire, Communications, Parks and Public Works; RI Red Cross; and RI Disaster Medical Assistance Team. Approximately 4,000 people will participate in the rehearsal of their evacuation plans.

Providence Fire Department: *Chief Dillon*

- Port Evacuation Drill: The 06 June exercise began at 10:00 a.m. and ended at 10:39 a.m. There were 69 participating entities; only six organizations did not show at the rally point. Chief Dillon will provide the non-participants names to OSHA (Maryann Medeiros), who will send those organizations an informative letter about evacuation capabilities and rehearsal / exercise expectations. Maryann acknowledged the positive participation and efficient manner in which the drill appeared to have ensued.

Business disruption / impact was minimal as one representative person from each entity responded to the rally point, signed-in and returned to their facility. Testing communication systems and using the communication network to initiate emergency evacuation for this exercise required significant effort by PEMA (Peter Gaynor, Peter Marinucci) and Johnson & Wales University (Susan Mayo). The City of Providence increased their participation and support during this year's exercise.

An exuberant appreciation was extended for all who helped and participated in this annual exercise, and enhanced the Port's preparedness to protect lives during an emergency. Additionally, thank you to Mahr Federal, Inc. for the use of their property during the exercise.

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- This year's rehearsal of the response plan involved a hazardous material release from a barrel on a truck. The situation was handled as a Level II incident, the container was overpacked, and all required notifications were made. Although no problems were incurred, aspects of improvement, such as locating the Incident Command Post [ICP] and documentation, will be reported in September. There has been ongoing hazardous materials training for every group [fire department shift].
- A boom deployment exercise will occur in October.
- Attended this month's State Emergency Response Commission [SERC] meeting.

Inspections & Standards: No Report.  
Mayor's Press Office: No Report.

Planning & Development: *Dave Everett*

- The Federal Emergency Management Agency [FEMA] is updating flood zone maps. Most of the flood zones will be reduced, attributable perhaps to the lack of wave build-up in the area, but that does not account for storm surge. The 1938 Hurricane delivered 12-inches of rain, but it was the storm surge that wrought the water devastation. What the new flood maps show and what we should prepare for may be two different things.

Police Department: No Report.  
Colleges/Universities: No Report.  
Public Property: No Report.  
Public Works: No Report.  
Solicitor's Office: No Report.  
Tax Assessor: No Report.

### *State of Rhode Island:*

Department of Environmental Management (DEM): No Report.  
Department of Labor and Training (DLT): No Report.  
Emergency Management Agency (RIEMA): No Report.

State Emergency Response Commission (SERC): *Chief Dillon*

- As LEPC representative to the SERC, the report indicated the recent meeting decided that SERC wants to send a letter through the LEPCs to schools regarding 'school chemical safety officers' and the removal of chemicals. Chemicals have not been being removed. The Department of Environmental

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Management [DEM] will assist the schools. The letter will be sent out before the start of school in September.

RI Public Transit Authority (RIPTA): No Report

### *Federal Government:*

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA): No report.

U.S. Coast Guard - Sector Southeastern New England: *Erin Lambie*

- A few staff transitions will be occurring this summer.
- This year's pollution response exercise will be at Cape Cod. The Environmental Protection Agency's [EPA] interface with responders provides a review of the air monitoring process for large incidents.
- Maritime Security: The follow-up on last summer's port security assessment will be done in late summer or early autumn.

### *Hospitals:*

Roger Williams Medical Center: *Scott Atkin*

- Decontamination training is ongoing.

Women and Infants: *Steve Knowles*

- An infant abduction exercise was conducted during the past week.

### *Non-Governmental Organizations:*

Red Cross / Visiting Nurse Association (VNA): No Report.

### *Industry:*

Facility Representatives / Owners:

- Narragansett Bay Commission [NBC]: *Dave Aucoin*

Asked about participating in the October boom exercise, to which the Chairperson replied yes, who noted it is usually done at Sprague Energy or at MOTIVA. Possibly sending a Marine Strike Team to NBC was mentioned.

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NBC Safety & Health Program: Confined Space training is ongoing. Since NBC relies upon Providence Fire for confined space rescue, they are invited to collaborate with NBC during drills. A new standardized Lockout/Tagout [LOTO] program is being provided to both sites; Providence and East Providence. In April an evacuation drill was conducted for the Administration Building; everyone evacuated out of the building to the rally point in three (3) minutes.

Providence Harbor Co-op: No report.

### **Old Business**

- Port of Providence 2012 Evacuation Exercise: See fire department report above.

### **New Business**

- The Chairperson would like for Tier II report data to be added to GIS maps so they could be produced containing all of the data and facilities. LEPC #4 has accomplished this task.
- OSHA's website has beneficial information regarding working in the heat and avoidance of heat related illness and injury.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

**The next LEPC 2 Quarterly Meeting will be held on Wednesday 12 September 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the Providence Public Safety Complex's first floor Main Auditorium.** Please visit the LEPC #2 website at [www.rilepc.org](http://www.rilepc.org) to check for previous meeting minutes, upcoming events, training opportunities, and important compliance information.