

# CITY OF PROVIDENCE

## LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE #2

C/o Providence Emergency Management Agency  
& Office of Homeland Security  
591 Charles Street  
Providence, RI 02904  
(401) 228-8000

### Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2011 (Submitted by Scott Atkin, RWMC)

#### ATTENDEES:

Scott Atkin – RWMC	Jim Gaffey – EPA Region 1
Dave Aucoin – NBC	Josh Westcott – PSC
Alan Cantara – RISD	Henry Huppert – Brown
Pete Harley – National Grid	Brendan Duffy – NG LNG
Bill Ostiguy – Ferguson Perforating	Nathan Dean – NBC
Joe Murphy – Hudson Asphalt	Pete Gaynor - PEMA
Steve Buckless – Providence and Worcester RR	
Filomena Lupo – Community Group Rep.	

- Meeting was called to order at 10:15 AM by LEPC #2 Chairman Assistant Fire Chief Michael Dillon in the Main Auditorium of the Providence Public Safety Complex, 325 Washington Street, Providence, RI 02903.
- Chief Dillon made a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes from the last meeting, as Dave had previously emailed them to all members. The motion was made, seconded, and accepted.

#### Correspondence/Handouts: None

#### Membership Committee Reports

##### *City of Providence:*

Communications: No Report.

##### Emergency Management: *Pete Gaynor*

Reverse 911 was state of the art in 2009 when put in place. The ENS is a new FEMA system now in place. Data from the Reverse 911 will be transferred over and tested to validate the system.

7 May saw the MMRS exercise with JWU. A chemical spill causing the evacuation of the Harbor Side Campus was tested. A problem was identified with the Shelter in place piece.

During the Port Evacuation drill the Narragansett Bay Commission offices did not get the message from PEMA. It was noted that the phone number listed was not to a live person, but was received by an answering machine. PEMA stated that messages will only go out to a live person, if no answer or an answering machine answers, no message will be left. The registered

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number must be to a live person. In the future and during a real event the Reverse 911, ENS and the Emergency Alert Systems will be activated to get the message out to more people.

Providence Fire Department: *Chief Dillon*

On 7 June there was a diesel fuel leak at the Providence Place Mall when a delivery truck received a punctured tank. No release to the environment took place as the Mall has an oil separator attached to the catch basin.

Hazardous Materials training is ongoing throughout PFD.

A drill was held with DEM, CST, PFD, Coast Guard and EPA at the Port to train all in coordinated response. See EPA below for more.

CAMEO is being upgraded.

Tier II is improving with 635 RTK submittals received by 1 March with more coming in. Those received by 1 March have had their data imported to CAMEO already.

Inspections & Standards: No Report.

Mayor's Press Office: No Report.

Planning & Development: No Report

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:*

RI DEM: No Report

Department of Labor: No Report.

RIEMA: No Report.

SERC: No Report.

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EPA: *Jim Gaffey – EPA*

The drill mentioned in PFD notes was to focus on mutual equipment deployment and documentation. The first two hours in a situation is critical in a spill incident. Who has what equipment available was one of the first things looked at with a list being drawn up for future response availability.

On 25 May the EPA put on training for 20 or so affected companies about the Clean Air Act. It was well received.

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Hospitals: No reports  
Red Cross/VNA: No Report.  
RIPTA: No Report.

### Facility Reps/Owners:

Narragansett Bay Commission: *Dave Aucoin*

NBC has been holding ongoing in house training for confined spaces with about half of them trained so far.

In August NBC is holding flagger safety class for 2 year certification for road hazards.

At the NFPA Convention in Boston it was noted that the common theme throughout was “Who will fill in if someone is absent”, something for all to think about when working on emergency plans.

S&P Rating starting in 2012 will include emergency plans and preparedness in the overall rating score.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

### NEW BUSINESS

The new All Hazard Plan for Providence has been printed with updates. Electric version is available to first responders on CAMEO.

Port Evacuation Drill: Anhydrous Ammonia leak at Univar lead to reverse 911 being launched. Two meeting leading up to the drill were held. Only 50% of the Port participated in the drill – this is not acceptable. OSHA and EPA both require businesses with 10 or more employees to participate in such drills with compliance achieved by participation. Maryann Medeiros of OSHA was notified.

**The next LEPC 2 Quarterly Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 21, 2011 at 10:00 AM in the Providence Public Safety Complex’s 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.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.