

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 March 9, 2011 (Submitted by Scott Atkin, RWMC)

ATTENDEES:

Scott Atkin – RWMC	Jacyves Nevcherlian – Ira Green
Nedte Kophefor – Ira Green	Craig Johnson – RIBI Security
Collin Gulbeau – Contech	Carol Gaboriahl – Mahr Federal
Thomas Armstrong – Mahr Federal	Tek Ung – Roger Williams Zoo
Jason Schoobralt – Roger Williams Zoo	Jim Gaffey – EPA Region 1
Dave Aucoin – NBC	John O'Reilly – RIH
B.A. Withmer – Exxon Mobile	Josh Westcott – PSC
Sean Donohue – Promet Marine	Peter Marinucci – PEMA
Alan Contara – RISD	Henry Huppert – Brown
Felicia Porawski – PEMA	Jill Eastman – RI DEM
Jim McEroy – RIH	Pete Ginaitt – Lifespan
Susan Mayo – JWU	Rich Moore – JWU
Pete Harley – National Grid	Chris O'Connell – Dominion Energy
Mitch Stevens – Univar	Dave Everett – Prov DPD
Brendan Duffy – NG LNG	Steve Knowles – Women and Infants
Jim Celenza – RICOSH	Michael Sullivan – Motiva
Maryann Medeiros – OSHA	Bill Ostiguy – Ferguson Perforating
Denise Blanchette – National Grid	Stan Dimock – Save the Bay
Filomena Lupo – Community Group Rep.	
Craig Kampmier – Elmhurst Extended Care	

- Meeting was called to order at 10:07 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: Chief Dillon announced that as Tier II reports were received, he personally sends out an e-mail response.

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Membership Committee Reports

City of Providence:

Communications: No Report.

Emergency Management: *Felicia Porawski*

Hazardous mitigation plan update; public meeting have been held with the final re-write being done now, the MCI Plan, Med Plan and MMRS Plans have been included.

JWU is having a 7 May Drill with PEMA participating also.

On March 20 & 30 PEMA will be have seminars for Mid Level officials.

There will be a Table-top review of the Chemical Release Response plan on 29 August.

Providence Fire Department: *Chief Dillon*

Last week there was a gas line leak (crack in the line) that caused an evacuation around Eddy St. PFD monitored the area until the all-clear was declared. RIPTA provided busses for use as mobile shelters during the event.

CST (RI National Guard) has been training the PFD on how to handle drug labs in a house after a response to an incident in January at an un-named university.

On March 31 there will be a Nation Incident drill, from 9 – 3 that day there will be a table top with Chief Dillon representing LEPC #2.

On June 9 there will be a joint PFD and Cranston FD drill exercising the LEPC's Emergency Response Plans.

Inspections & Standards: No Report.

Mayor's Press Office: No Report.

Planning & Development: *David Everett*

It was announced they have the FEMA Hazardous Mitigation Plan with further information to help with development and testing of Emergency response plans.

Police Department: No Report.

Colleges/Universities:

JWU; *Sue Mayo*

In May they will have a full scale exercise to test their Emergency Plan and checking student and staff response to sheltering in place. Sirens will be tested and the Port along with RI Hospital will be involved.

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Public Property: No Report.
Public Works: No Report.
Solicitor's Office: No Report.
Tax Assessor: No Report.

State of Rhode Island:

RI DEM: *Jill Eastman*

On March 11 the DEM along with the DEA will hold a rail incident drill at the DEM office.

Department of Labor: No Report.
RIEMA: No Report.
SERC: No Report.

EPA: *Jim Gaffey – EPA*

It was reported that the numbers of Tier II reports for the State of Rhode Island overall are low. The RI Department of Labor and Training is working with the SERC to update their requirements and statements to reflect current practices.

MSO: has been excused due to all working with Mass Maritime exercises.

Hospitals:

RIH: *John O'Reilly*

RIH submitted a two page report in writing. The one item John brought out in the meeting was that RIH will be doing an Evacuation Exercise in the Fall.

Women and Infants: *Steve Knowles*

They will be holding a full building evacuation exercise on 23 March.

NICU transport has become a big issue that has FEMA, Health and EMA working on a solution to this problem.

Lifespan: *Pete Ginaitt*

Pete announced that the Department of Homeland Security was working with the Rhode Island Hospital, Women's and Infants Hospital and Hasbro Hospital, in a hospital complex group to integrate their respective protection plans.

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

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Facility Reps/Owners:

Narragansett Bay Commission: *Dave Aucoin*

NBC has been holding ongoing in house training for confined spaces.

CPR & Basic 1st Aid classes were held

On March 17 NBC is holding flagger safety class for 2 year certification for road hazards.

RI Water and Wastewater (RIWAREN) group will be holding a meeting at NBC on 17 March, with Chief Dillon invited. This group is made up of water and wastewater entities from across the state. Go to RIWAREN.ORG for explanation of the group.

On 1 March NBC hosted a ICS 100 & 200 training for various water and wastewater personnel.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tier II reports are still coming in. In the LEPC #2 area (Providence) the electronic submission of Tier II reports for the LEPC and Fire Department are only required to be submitted once to the Chief. Chief Dillon re-stated that the Federal requirements include the attendance of company's submitting Tier II reports to attend a minimum of two (2) LEPC meetings per year.

NEW BUSINESS

Port Evacuation Drill is to be held 1 June (usual date) at 10 am. Planning meeting will be held at the Providence Emergency Management Agency offices on Charles Avenue on 15 April and 20 May, both 1 – 3 pm. This drill will include Reverse 911, Sirens et. Al.

The next LEPC 2 Quarterly Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 15, 2011 at 10:00 AM in the Providence Public Safety Complex's Main Auditorium.

Please visit the LEPC #2 website at www.rilepc.org to check for previous meeting minutes, upcoming events, training opportunities, and important compliance information.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 am.