



Delaware County Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting December 6, 2017

Attendees:

Jeff Bickel	Aqua America	Scott Waltz	Eddystone Rail Company
Hillary Sencer	Aqua America	Carol Jean Bruner	Esschem/Esstech
Ruben Samson	ASIG - Phila Fuel Facility	Joe Kuklinski	Exelon
Edward T. Doyle, Jr.	Chairman LEPC	Diana Rehborn	Kimberly-Clark
Fred Field	Concord Twp.	Stephen Perna	Lewis Environmental
Tom Morgan	Delco DES	Dan Duff	Liberty Electric
Larry Bak	Delco DES	Fahamesha C. Cephas	Mercy Home Health
Barbara Sweeney	Delco DES	Bob Drennan	Middletown Township
Richard Holmes	Delco DES	Jason Reichert	Monroe Energy
John Gallagher	Delco EMA	Montrell Haldeman	Monroe Energy
Tim Boyce	Delco EMS - Director	John Bowen	Monroe/MIPC
Kerby Kerber	Delco ESTC	James Harrity	OSHA
Jules DiRocco	Delco LEPC	Larry Hoag	SKC Hangar – PHL
John Bera	Delco LEPC/Ursinus College	Patrick Cornell	Sunoco Inc.
John Guest	DHS	Michael Gaffney	Widener University
John Guest	DHS	Michael Browne	Graduate Intern - Delco
Rus Davis	Honeywell		

Ed Doyle

- 2017 was a productive year for the LEPC including:
 - The Pipeline Emergency Response Initiative that thus far has met its objectives and yielded a draft of the Guidance Document municipalities can incorporate into existing response plans and the conducting of a comprehensive tabletop exercise. We thank all that contributed their time and efforts to the Initiative like the pipeline operators, community members, local elected officials, the leadership of affected local response organizations and the Delco DES.
 - A successful application for a \$75,000 USDOT/PHMSA grant that was partly applied to last night's exercise.
 - We are updating our community awareness brochure and plan to have it completed by the end of January, 2018. We welcome comments and suggestions for this update.
 - Also conducted a Hazardous Materials Seminar for responders at the DCCC on October 14th.



Jules DiRocco

- The Pipeline Emergency Response Planning Initiative that Ed mentioned has been an ongoing effort over the last two years. During the course of its work participants served on one of four subcommittees and their work product was incorporated into a Guidance Document intended for municipalities to either adopt whole or incorporate as needed into their existing plans.

A comprehensive tabletop exercise that was conducted last December 5th night that was attended by 141 people including representatives from:

- Fire service, police and EMS from 15 Delaware County municipalities
- Chester County
- Chichester School District
- Department of Homeland Security
- U.S. Coast Guard
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Pennsylvania State Police
- Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency
- Delaware County Department of Emergency Services
- Local elected officials
- 7 Liquid and Gas Pipeline Operators
- An OSRO (oil spill response organization)

The exercise scenario was developed by a Pipeline Initiative subcommittee and included multiple challenges (fire, environmental, elementary school children, traffic disruption, civil advocacy demonstrators, etc.). The exercise was professionally facilitated by Compliance Associates, Inc. and a hot wash review was conducted at its conclusion.

We are still assessing the exercise outcomes/lessons learned and the Guidance Document will be tweaked based on that assessment. By the end of January, 2018 a final draft of the Document should be ready to distribute to municipalities.

Special thanks to George Needles who offered use of the Upper Chichester field house and Monroe Interstate Pipeline Company for allowing us to use images of their facilities and making our mock emergency to their control center. We are also grateful for Energy Transfer Partners and Monroe Interstate Pipeline Company for covering the cost of the caterer.

- At our last LEPC meeting Carol Freeman the director of the Pennsylvania Tier II System presented changes to Tier II reporting that are effective for the 2017 reporting cycle. She also explained the new .net system platform that has also been initiated.

We video recorded Carol's presentation and will posting selected clips on the LEPC website along with the slides she used and the handout she provided. I will make an announcement when that is ready for public viewing.



The upgraded PATTS system could facilitate the creation and revision of the Off-Site Response Plans that are mandated for certain reporting facilities; especially the creation of impacted zones. So once the system is completely up and running I will assess these capabilities and report to the Committee at our next meeting.

Larry Bak

- We continue to work through the certification process for our county response team.
- Relatively quiet fall but there were several responses since our last meeting. One involved an ozone generator that was used for odor control. Also, responded to medical waste that was deposited on a roadway and the responsible party did not realize that they were responsible for the cleanup.
- During the pipeline tabletop exercise last night two role players mentioned to me that they thought the Guidance Document was a very helpful tool, which can certainly be viewed as a vote of confidence for it.

John Guest

- This weekend is the annual Army/Navy football game which we will have in Philadelphia for five of the next six years with the 2021 game at New York MetLife Stadium. As of now neither the President nor Vice President are expected to attend, so traffic should not be as bad.
- Significant recent Active Shooter mass casualty incidents in the U.S.; Las Vegas Mandalay Bay Hotel and a Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, TX. And in New York City a vehicle was used as a weapon of mass destruction to kill civilians.
- November 30th was the last day of hurricane season and the Mid-Atlantic area was spared the destruction experienced elsewhere.
- With the coming of winter and the increased use of central heating systems, we should all have a carbon monoxide detector installed. They are extremely inexpensive and save needless loss of lives.

Jim Harrity

- No significant regulatory changes in the works. Should soon be seeing new leadership assigned.

Tim Boyce

- Thanks to all that continue to support the Department and the LEPC
- Always a concern to be adequately prepared to respond to a real-time mass casualty event. Models are built on getting adequate resources within an hour.



- Two significant issues that have come up over this last year are communications and resource identification. We have a very talented technology oriented group within the county and we are looking to how best to provided mass notifications to all of our partners when needed.

Delaware County probably has more available resources than other counties in the region. But our ability to readily identify those resources is hampered by how they are respectively named; for example, super pumpers, high volume hoses. On a small scale it is relatively easy to identify things like fire trucks and generators, but globally it becomes more difficult to do so with accuracy. So this may be a task we assign to an intern to help us sort out. Calling selected people during an event adds time and duplicates effort and decreases efficiency.

- Thanks to Ed Doyle for his leadership over these many years.

Ed Doyle

- Last night at the exercise had a chance to talk to school officials and we now plan to work with teachers and administrators to develop an all-hazards elementary school curriculum for student emergency awareness. We plan to start with updating a brochure that we developed a few years ago. We hope to have this roughly developed by March 2018.
- Thanks to everyone that participates in the LEPC process. Twenty years ago when I was working in industry it was rare that companies would cross their own fence lines to help responders but that has certainly changed. Over the last five years there have been vivid examples of companies meeting responders' needs by offering without hesitation what they have available. We hope to build upon that in the future.

The 2018 Delaware County LEPC Meeting schedule is as follows; all commence at noon:

February 7th
April 4th
June 6th
September 5th
November 7th
December 5th

Meeting adjourned at 12:25 PM