



## MINUTES OF LEPC MEETING –February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### LOCATION:

Montgomery County Public Safety Training Center 1175  
Conshohocken Road  
Conshohocken, PA 19428

### ATTENDANCE:

#### LEPC Members:

Steve Wittmer, Jim Fry, Armand Alessi, Thomas Garrity, Greg Janiec, Mary Newsom, James Leary, Michael Italia

#### OEP Staff:

Bev Stemple, Brandon Pursell, Jason Wilson, Jack Zabinski

### CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Wittmer called the meeting to order at 13:02 hrs. The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance.

A motion was made by Brandon Pursell and seconded by Bev Stemple to accept the meeting minutes for December 8th, 2020 meeting as submitted/amended. The question was called for, asked, and approved.

### GUESTS:

Erin McDermott, Todd Steritz, Ben Russell, Lindsay Griffiths, James Gable.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### The following committees have nothing to report:

Transportation, Law Enforcement, Local Government, Administration, Finance, National Guard, and EMS

#### Hazardous Materials

Mr. Pursell reported that there have been three calls since the December 8th, 2020 LEPC meeting. In addition, there have been five trainings that have taken place since the December 8<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Pursell noted that five technicians completed a six-day Hazmat Incident Commander course in January.

Lastly, Mr. Pursell reported that this evening the HMRT will be reviewing ICS Forms and Documentation.

Ms. Stemple reported that 265 facilities met the planning threshold and 12 needed to comply with updated plans in Reporting Year 2019. There was a total of 277 plans reviewed for RY19. There was an increase of EHS in Montgomery County from 4.3 million pounds in RY18 to 4.5 million pounds in RY19. Finally, Mrs. Stemple reported that border plans have decreased from 26 plans in RY18 to 24 plans in RY19.

Mr. Zabinski reported that for Reporting Year 2019, there was a total income of \$133,050.00 of SARA revenue. Mr. Zabinski added that there is an additional \$3,932.18 in HazMat reimbursement. This was an increase from Reporting Year 2018 that had an income of 120,329.

### **Emergency Management**

Mr. Wilson Reported that the Division of Emergency Management has continued to work with the Office of Public Health to assist in the COVID-19 response with standing meetings occurring every Tuesday and Thursday. Planning is underway for two larger vaccine sites within the county potentially at the Willow Grove Mall and Oaks Expo Center. Annual Municipal Emergency Operations Plan reviews continue to be conducted virtually due to COVID precautions. Finally, Mr. Wilson reported that the hiring of 4 logistics positions were approved including one manager and three specialists in order to maintain equipment and manage warehouse operations.

### **Fire and Rescue Services**

Mr. Garrity reported that the spring 2021 schedule is available online and that 900 registrations had already been processed by the academy registrar, Cindy Myers. The first online ice safety basics course has been successfully run online with the hands-on course having been held in January. Mr. Garrity also reported that there were a number of Entry Level Firefighter classes in progress including class 2002 in Exterior Firefighter, 2003 in Fireground Support, and 2101 in Introduction to the Fire Service. Finally, it was reported that there were 7 Hazmat Refresher courses completed with 7 more running. All were offered synchronously online with both day and evening classes.

### **Fire Chiefs Association**

Mr. Italia noted that the main focus of the fire chief's association at this time is the vaccination of first responders.

### **Media**

Mr. Steritz reported that 59,217 first doses and 16,710 second doses of the COVID-19 Vaccine have been distributed in Montgomery County according to the state dashboard. He reported that the county has administered 22,500 first doses and 20,499 second doses at the vaccine clinics throughout the county. Of these vaccine doses administered, 2,100 of them were done at the training campus for Fire, Police, and EMS workers in the county.

### **ADDITIONAL REPORTS:**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

None

### **VISITOR COMMENTS:**

No Comments

**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

May 11, 2020 at 13:00 hrs.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Steve Wittmer and Seconded by Tom Garrity to adjourn the Montgomery County LEPC meeting for February 9th, 2021. The meeting was adjourned at 14:00hrs.