

Vermilion County LEPC Meeting April 26, 2023 at 10am in the Vermilion County Administration Building 2nd floor council chambers at 201 N Vermilion St in Danville, IL 61832.

EMA Director Rudd called the meeting to order at 10:05am with six members present and ten absent.

Director Rudd explained that the LEPC had not met in several years due to the Covid pandemic and the loss of numerous members of the committee due to resignations or reassignment.

The agenda was approved and the first order was acceptance of new members. All were unanimously accepted.

Officers were elected, with Director Rudd noting that he could fill all offices as the amount of work for the committee normally all comes through his office and he has handled it for the last several years. Nancy Boose made the motion for Director Rudd to fill the elected and appointed positions. The motion was seconded by Adrian Greenwell and passed by voice vote, 6 Yea, 0 Nay, 10 Absent.

Next members were asked if they had any questions or comments on the proposed By-Laws for the committee. Rudd explained that the By-Laws were basically a template recommended by the SERC with some minor changes for local use. Doug Ahrens made the motion to accept the By-Laws as presented. Caroline Darr seconded the motion. The motion to accept the By-Laws as presented passed by voice vote, 6 Yea, 0 Nay, 10 Absent.

The next item on the agenda was a report from Director Rudd on the status of the Tier 2 reporting. He advised the committee that all the EHS facilities within the county had turned in their Tier 2 reports to the state and his office. There is a total of 35 EHS facilities within the county. Rudd also advised that both EMA's and the Danville Fire Department's CAMEO software databases for EHS facilities has been successfully updated with the new information.

The next item was a review of all HAZMAT incidents recorded in Vermilion County during 2022 and each member was given a printout of the state's incident report for each incident. Rudd explained that only three of the incidents were substantial, in that there were injuries or evacuations.

- On August 16, 2022, a truck driver was severely injured while unhooking from a delivery of sulfuric acid to VISCOFAN at 915 N Michigan in Danville. The driver failed to depressurize his tanker before attempting to unhook the hose causing the acid to spray over him. He was transported to OSF and then airlifted to a burn center for treatment.
- On August 29, 2022, while attempting to chlorinate the hotel's pool, an employee placed a tablet into a tube and the resulting interaction with the water caused blow-back which then washed into the open bucket of chlorination tablets beside the employee. The employee immediately left the area and the hotel was evacuated. Several patrons were treated and released at the scene by ambulance personnel. The employee was transported to OSF for treatment. The Danville FD HAZMAT team responded, evacuated the building, and then contained the bucket of tablets from the pool area. After ventilating the building, everyone was allowed to return.

- On September 4, 2022, Westville FD and Danville FD HAZMAT responded to the old Westville Water Plant. Westville had previously switched to Aqua Water for their water supplier but maintained their old water treatment plant as an emergency backup. A tank of chlorine within the building had started to leak chlorine. A four-square block area was evacuated as a precaution and FD and HAZMAT personnel contained the problem. All area residents were allowed to return to their homes within two hours. No injuries were reported.

Each member had been provided a copy of the most recent HAZMAT Response Plan prior to the meeting to review. Rudd advised that he will be getting with member Jerry Sparks, Assistant Chief and Commander of the Danville FD HAZMAT team to review the plan and make any changes and updates that may be required.

With no new business presented, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35am.

Russell Rudd
LEPC Secretary