



**INDIANA EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION (IERC)
TRAINING COMMITTEE**

**Marion County Health Department
4012 North Rural Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46205**

March 12, 2018

10:00 AM [Start Time: 10:17am]

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bernie Beier—Local Government
Representative, Chair
Ian Ewusi—IDHS

Larry Hamby—Designee for IDHS Executive
Director
Charles Heflin—IDHS

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

James Greeson—State Fire Marshal
Matt Bilkey—Designee for Superintendent of ISP

The following Commissioners, staff and audience members were present:

Marc Torbeck—IDHS
Kassandra Buster—IDHS
Doug Cooke—IDHS
Tom Moore—Switzerland County EMA

Eric Tuemler—Switzerland County LEPC
Alex Straumins—IDHS
Jeff Larmore—Local Government
Representative

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Mr. Beier welcomed everyone and requested a determination of a quorum.

QUORUM

Ms. Buster indicated a quorum was present.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A motion to accept January 8, 2018, meeting minutes was made by Mr. Hamby and was seconded by Mr. Ewusi. No further discussion occurred. All present were in favor.

Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business listed on the agenda for this meeting. Mr. Beier opened the floor for further discussion. No further discussion occurred.

NEW BUSINESS

Wallace Training Associates

Mr. Beier reported that Wallace Training Associates requested approval for inclusion to the LEPC Planning and Training Resource (LPTR) list and the company submitted the required documentation for the Training Committee to review. Mr. Beier advised that Wallace Training Associates were requesting approval to provide a Hazardous Material Incident Command course and Hazardous Material Safety Officer training to the Marion County LEPC.

A motion to approve Wallace Training Associates was made by Mr. Beier and seconded by Mr. Hamby. No further discussion occurred. All present were in favor.

Motion Carried.

General discussion on the LEPC Planning & Training Resource List

Mr. Beier reported that the general discussion on the LPTR list was to determine if there was a further need for the list. He recounted that the need for the list was touched on at the last Training Committee meeting and insisted on continuing the conversation. Mr. Beier advised that the discussion needed to be kept alive and that the committee was not prepared to move toward discontinuing the list. He reported that in his personal opinion the Indiana Emergency Response Commission (IERC) no longer needed to have the list and it conflicted with the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) practices, and the IDHS could complement to the list.

Mr. Beier suggested that the LPTR list be available to LEPCs as a reference and LEPCs should have the ability to choose agencies that were not on the list. He conveyed that companies and individuals could still submit curriculums and qualifications for review, but the list could become a tool for LEPCs to pick and choose. He reported that LEPCs should not be required to get the Training Committees approval to utilize a particular company or individual, but the company or individual should be required to submit their work products for evaluation. He advised that exercises were required to be Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program (HSEEP) complaint and HSEEP approval assures companies and individuals were adequate resources.

Mr. Beier reported that the Training Committee could do a better job coordinating with the IDHS Planning Section's criteria to ensure companies and individuals are providing quality services to LEPCs. He reported that further discussions need to be made with the IDHS Planning Section to ensure companies or individuals write plans according to IDHS practices. Mr. Beier requested input from Mr. Ewusi about companies or individuals approved to develop plan updates. Mr. Ewusi reported that in the past, LEPCs had a difficult time quantifying and qualifying appropriate companies or individuals to develop their plan requirements. He advised that selecting a qualified company or

individual would ensure LEPCs receive quality service and this was one reason for establishing the LPTR list.

Mr. Ewusi advised that LEPCs were volunteers and one goal for staff was to lessen the burden of work for LEPCs. He recounted the LPTR list was a tool for LEPCs to utilize when they need an outside resource to provide a service. Mr. Ewusi reported that in the past, there were two lists and that was cumbersome, so the Training Committee approved to consolidate the two lists into one list. He advised that to ensure efficiency, the LPTR list could be separated. Mr. Ewusi reported that in the past, LEPCs had concerns of being forced to choose an individual that was either a county employee or relative. He further reported that the LPTR list allows LEPCs to tell individuals that they need to come before the IERC for approval and he advised that the LPTR list was a work in progress. Mr. Beier reported that the LPTR list was necessary for recommendations, but the Training Committee should not be required to approve individuals or companies. He advised that in the past ethical issues created the need for supervision over LEPCs.

Mr. Beier reported that the IDHS Planning Section and GIS have brought plans to life and the purpose of having the plan was to prepare for incidents and to inform the public of the chemicals in their community. He reported that with technology continuously advancing (WebEOC and Tier II Manager), methods of developing plans were changing rapidly and technology assisted with enhancing communication among agencies. Mr. Beier advised that working with the IDHS Planning Section was critical to keep advancing and to be proactive. He reported that he was currently working with the IDHS Director Bryan Langley and the IDHS Planning Section to determine how county entities could work with IDHS to become more efficient and effective. He further reported that the discussion needed to be kept alive and a resolution needed to occur by the next Training Committee meeting. Mr. Beier opened the floor for further discussion. No further discussion occurred.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Ewusi and was seconded by Mr. Hamby. No further discussion occurred. All present were in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Motion Carried.

NEXT MEETING

Main Training Room
Hamilton County Sheriff's Office
184100 Cumberland Road
Noblesville, In 46060
May 14, 2018


Bernie Beier, Chair