

LEPC Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2015
12:00 pm Walters State Community College

The meeting was called to order by Paul Brown. The pledge of allegiance was led by Paul Brown. Invocation was given by George Hoffman.

Paul thanks Subway/Rogers Petroleum for providing our lunch.

Old business – Chief Sarah Rose recognized 1st time guests and determined by count who had brought the most first time guests from retail and industry. Mattea McCann was determined to be the winner and she was given a \$100.00 gift card that was donated by Dr. Mark Harrell from Morristown-Hamblen Hospital.

Chief Sarah Rose then recognized the 2015 LEPC Coordinators by presenting them with a certificate of appreciation for their time of service to our community.

Chief Sarah Rose announced that the Community Preparedness Fair would be moved to spring 2016.

Tim Greene, Deputy Chief Training Officer for Morristown Fire Department, spoke briefly on the meeting he attended September 2015 in Chattanooga TN at a TEMA conference regarding the shooting at military recruiting stations. He heard from the Chattanooga fire department, police department, Mayor and EMA director for each county to not ever take threats for granted. They discussed how taxing it was to coordinate an event such as this due to the fact that it was a mass shooting that had more than one location and the national attention that it received. Their emergency services were heavily tested and the point was made to take your jobs very seriously.

New Business – Paul Brown communicated of the revision to the LEPC by-laws that everyone in attendance was given a copy of. The changes made will be voted on at the January meeting.

Paul Brown introduced Mattea McCann as the recommendation from the LEPC Executive Committee for 2016 Vice Chair of the LEPC organization. Mattea gave a brief introduction of herself and indicated that she was very excited to be taking on this new position. She currently works for Team Technologies as their training and recruiting coordinator.

Cards were placed on each table to vote yes or no as a vote to approve Mattea McCann as the new Vice Chair.

Paul Brown also asked that nominations be written down for LEPC coordinators and turned in at the end of the meeting. In the event of no names being turned in at the meeting, we will send out an email within 24 hours to request those nominations from everyone in the LEPC group.

The meeting was turned over to Director Chris Bell. Director Bell presented a tabletop exercise based on the recent Maryville, TN train rail car fire and hazmat incident. He had everyone break into groups to evaluate plans and increase understanding and preparedness. This exercise was geared toward business and industry response and contingency plans. The scenario was presented with Deputy Chief Gary Ryan of the Morristown Fire Department explaining their initial response. They would make identification of the chemical, notify other responders as well as the people in the area affected, set an isolation district & protect the responders, facility personnel and public. Major Chris Wisecarver from Morristown Police Department and Captain Hugh Moore from Hamblen County Sheriff's Department discussed what their response would likely be. Jamie Purkey, Deputy Director for EMS discussed their response and what resources they could pull from if an event such as this occurred in Hamblen County. There was then individual table and group discussions with culminated in questions and comments as to how different areas may respond and what obstacles they may encounter and how to best overcome those obstacles in relation to evacuation and extended unoccupancy from each representative's facility. Director Bell gave several injects to progress the exercise. Each table continued to discuss as the incident progressed in complexity. After a large group discussion concerning major points from the small group's discussions, Director Bell made closing comments and turned the meeting back over to Chairman Paul Brown.

This is the last meeting for Chairman Brown. Vice-Chair Chief Sarah Rose will assume the 2016 Chair for the LEPC at our January meeting.

Paul Brown concluded the meeting by thanking everyone in attendance and then dismissed.

The Morristown LEPC would like to thank *Subway Restaurants/Rogers Petroleum* for supplying the meal for this meeting.

Meeting was adjourned with our *next scheduled meeting to be held on January 12, 2016.*