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## Champaign County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Meeting Minutes

June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
10:30 AM

Location: ILEAS Boardroom  
1701 E. Main St., Urbana, IL 61802  
Time: 10:30 AM

- I. Welcome and Introductions – The meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM by John Riegel.
- II. Public Comment – There was no public comment, as there was no one from the public at the meeting.
- III. Review and approval of minutes from the February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – Brian Ball motioned to approve the previous minutes, Sherry Wooten seconded that motion, the minutes were approved by all.
- IV. Local incidents, training, exercises, and upcoming events discussion.
  1. Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant 22-25 discussion – John Riegel attended online training for CAMEO in March 2024, and a lot was learned from the class. The updated CAMEO database was sent out to all the Champaign County Fire Chiefs in early June on a kml file in a Google Earth Pro map of Champaign County. Dshawn Herrera, the Dangerous Goods and Emergency – South officer for Canadian Northern railroad provided a tour of the Champaign railyard in late May. Champaign Fire, Eastern Prairie Fire, Savoy Fire, Champaign County Sheriff's Office, Champaign Police and CCEMA attended the tour. John Dwyer and Brett Johnson will be attending the Emergency

Management Agencies – Leadership & Management Course for Rail Incidents in Colorado in Late August and John Dwyer will update the grant to include funds to support that course.

Local/ National Incidents – Brian Ball reported that the Bethany water treatment facility had a cylinder of chlorine gas leaking, it was dealt with by putting it into a large tub of water. Nationally, Baltimore bridge was brought up as work continues on the removal of bridge and hazards still in the water.

- V. Open Discussion and Wrap up –National Weather Service is indicating that we will have an extremely hot summer, like what we have already experienced. Brian Ball said the metro bomb squad is finalizing an intergovernmental agreement with Champaign Fire’s hazmat team to have a dual response on call outs for the bomb squad. They are also looking into grant funding for equipment and supplies. Heather Cohover asked if there was any HAZWOPER training available in the area. Heather also mentioned that Kraft/Heinz will include law enforcement agencies, like the Sheriff’s Office, in drills in the future. Randy Fouts and Brian Ball said that Champaign Fire would get a tour of the hydrogen facility at MTD, after already having a tour of a hydrogen bus. Brian Shanks, Manager Hazardous Materials Safety & Environmental Department for Norfolk Southern, stated that they are hosting some railroad trainings at Decatur, IL on July 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> and Alton, IL on July 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- VI. Nominations and selection of LEPC Vice Chair and Secretary- There was a nomination from the floor, Sherry Wooten, nominated John Riegel for the position of LEPC Vice Chair. Brian Ball seconded that motion. John Riegel accepted the nomination and was approved by all in attendance. There was a request for nomination for the LEPC Secretary, Brian Ball nominated Sherry Wooten, but she declined the nomination. No one else was nominated or volunteered for the position and therefore it will remain an open position at this time.
- VII. Adjournment-Next Meeting—September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – Randy Fouts motioned to adjourn the meeting, Phil Edwards seconded that motion, the adjournment was approved by all.

Attendees:

Randy Fouts-CUMTD

John Riegel-CCEMA

Sarah Michaels-CUPHD

Brian Ball-Champaign Fire Dept

Brett Johnson-Champaign Fire Dept

Chana Ray-Douglas County EMA

Phil Edwards-ILAWC

Brian Shanks-Norfolk Southern

Heather Cohover-Kraft Heinz

Billy Hough-UNFI

Jenny Nargelenas-UNFI

Sherry Wooten-UIEM

Patric Cosby-Coherent/EPI Works

Raymond Mucha-CUPHD