

UTAH COUNTY LEPC AGENDA

DoTERRA -389 South 1300 West, Pleasant Grove

March 21st, 2024 @ 14:00-15:00



Open the Meeting:

1. Welcome & Introductions- LEPC Chair

General Meeting Items:

1. Review & Approve the Minutes from the January 18th, 2024, LEPC Meeting: Motion to approve by Emily Schellhous, 2nd Derrick Valerio. All in favor. Minutes approved.
2. General LEPC Business
 - a. Kelly Johnson - LEPC Chair
 - b. Review up-coming changes to bylaws. Do not know if the by-laws were ever approved. They have been updated and sent to the county attorney. They will be distributed as soon as they are approved by the county attorney. Wanted to get elections done half-way thru the term. This is so there can be cross training with the current leadership. Have elections in July to have 6 months to train. Names out in May and have everything approved in May, so review in April. Highlights of changes: What membership includes. It means you have the right to vote. Come to 3 mtgs. A year and you are an active member. Elections and nominations a few months prior. Time to do Background checks because of Tier II reporting and other sensitive info. Terms from 3 years down to 2 years and have alternating years of incoming Chair and Secretary and then Vice and Information coordinator. This will all be in the email going out. There is a vacancy now for those who are not aware that the Secretary Allison Jester has taken a job at Holladay City, creating this vacancy.

One purpose of the LEPC is to communicate with surrounding cities and we need to get information. If we asked an industry for information and they do not willingly want to share, we can take them to federal court to have them release that information.

Please consider putting your names out for Vice chair and Chair. It is time for others to have an opportunity for leadership. The secretary's position will be today for an interim until December. Drafting letters is an invitation to invite to LEPC, letter explaining to industries of Tier II, and a letter making sure that they can secure info from industries.

Ammonia tanks were nurse tanks that are having catastrophic failures. They were manufactured between 2007 and 2011. The State LEPC conference was held yesterday. EPA (SCAT) is a federal requirement for facilities to have an exercise every ten years. They have 3 program levels, if you fall into these categories, you have to involve local first responders. Be aware this is coming up and come up with a schedule for these training plans.
3. Action Items
 - a. Nominations and Voting for the LEPC Secretary position. The first question is who would like to put their name in? Must be a public employee. One nomination for Kristin Tischner to be interim secretary. Motion to nominate: Janeen Olson nominated, seconded by Jeff

Weber. Motion to close nominations by Thayne Routh. All in favor to close nomination and approve Kristin Tischner as interim secretary. Motion passed.

Presentation:

1. SRT Update and Review - Battalion Chief Brandon Boshard, American Fork Fire: Chief Branson here to speak to the history of the team. Jason Branson of Provo Fire. Been on the team for 15 to 16 years. Strong start after 9/11. Now is the ebb and flow. They are in a great spot. They have big steps to take in the next few years to keep up with the growing numbers in the county and to keep up with the changes and requirements. They are here to build relationships and help each other out. They would love to come into the communities and cities that the EM's take care of. Cities on the team are Provo, Saratoga Springs, PG, Lehi, Lone Peak, Utah County, and AF. These cities are responsible for funding, and it is their responsibility to overcome these challenges. Provo has Branson, Chief Anderson, Patrick Carlson Utah County, urban interface and wild land fires, Tracy Jensen over these previous UTCO, Ricks Lehi, Deputy chief Gustman, and Chief Larsen of PG. One misconception of the SRT is that they aren't inclusive, but they say everyone from any fire team is welcome to participate. Specially trained fire called out for specialty response. Hazardous material calls. The larger ones get SRT. Technical calls, rope rescue, technical vehicle and machinery extraction, confined space rescue, Trench, swift water, Ice, and structural collapse. These all have hazardous materials that are involved. When they come with a lot of people, it's because there is a lot of hazardous materials to deal with. We do NOT DO SAR jobs. We do it more in the urban environment, not up in the mountains. We are willing to assist, but that is their realm. SAR is specialized in their duties, as we are in ours, but we do not encroach on their calls. Any questions at this point? Q: In Springville and Spanish, why isn't there any representation? A: Those two departments have reached out in the last month or so, and they want to be part of it and meet the requirements and training. You have to lose members of your team when you have to send two members out on each call. They are hiring more and wanting to meet the required training to be a team member. We need more help to get more agencies to help out with funding and all the hours needed to meet all the requirements to be able to participate. Even though these cities are not part of this team, the SRT will still respond to SRT calls. They are auto paged to these calls now. They are working with Metro, Central, and Springville-Mapleton Dispatches. Q: Do you have an SOG (Standard Operating Guide) for the SRT? A: We do have some. One of our tasks we are working on is those. Each City has their policies, and operation needs, and the SRT is working on that. Three goals for LEPC, if you are a Tier II facility, you give your reports to the state, county, and fire dept. you are in the area of. They are working with SRT to get that developed. Q: If you get called out and then turned back, is that a pain? A: No SRT loves that. If there is a call, you will get a pretty big team response on those. You will get an incident command officer and a chief. They go on all calls, and they are fine to go and then turn back if they aren't needed. Specialty response, the loss of life is greater, and they will respond. Getting them out the door is so important so call us. If the on scene deems that it's not serious, they will turn around and not go on scene. Trying to get a handle on the hazmat call. Q: If there is a material carried in a vehicle and it crashes into the river, do you respond to this? A: Yes, we now have the resources to take care of that. Q: How would you respond to a gas line leak? An excavator tears a line?? Have you responded to natural gas? A: Yes, absolutely. When we go to any of those lines, we would be in contact with the natural gas companies. If anything over 6 hours, they contact the National Guard, and they become part of the SRT. Also, SLC team. Kern River lines are scary so we would want you there as the expert.

2. Incident in SF: This was a confined space rescue: The way we were set up was slow moving. They took too long to get there, and they have reallocated our equipment to minimize the response time. We need at least 20 technicians to show up. The city the incident is in will respond first and then call SRT to come into the hazardous situation. A worker was in the trench and became buried. He broke his femur and they had to handle the situation. There were multiple agencies there to help. They were able to mitigate the scene without putting anyone else in danger. There is a chemical management facility in AF that was built 25 years ago in a field, over the years housing, schools, and other businesses have built in around them. There was a fire there a few months ago and they had SLC come down and help out. They identified the issues and what the cause was, and they were able to mitigate the issue and fix it. AF fire received a call for a house explosion. The debris field was out a half a mile beyond the point. They had to get control of the fire and then start looking for the people inside. The SRT was called because there were issues with structures around the home that blew up. Making sure that everyone working on the fire was taken care of. You cannot send workers into an unstable structure. They secure the structures around them and the burning structure. They did confirm that they had everyone out of the building, but they made sure that is true. They assembled a raker shore to handle the weight of the wall that was bowing in. They then had to shore up the floor with a plate so the floor wouldn't fall into the basement. They used some spot shores and captured the floor so it wouldn't fall into the basement. To do the investigation, the SRT team was able to secure the building so everyone else could go in and do their jobs. We are getting busy lately and that may be due to building relationships. The team is up to 70 members, so we are trying get the right trainings and requirements met. There are about 50 of those 70 that are active. Q: When you respond to a city is it the responsibility of that city to pay for it? A: Not yet. Q: What kind of funding are you looking for? A: There is a certain amount of responsibility to share some of the cost. We will help out anyone and know that these small cities cannot bear that burden, but we are looking at grants available through the county. We may become a regional entity. We are setting up 503C option to be able to take donations. The problem is where best does that funding go. The mission is to make it successful quickly but set it up to be successful long term as well. Our county growth is scary, and we are not ready for it. We need to be able to be prepared for this growth explosion. Q: Does SL County have duplicate? A: They have three times the resources that we have. They have separate HAZMAT teams. Q: How many calls a week? A: That depends on the week. It's been more frequent since January. This is due to educating the cities. Christy Steiger-Webster said: McWayne Ductile has offered a meeting next month. It is to identify resources to contribute to work together. Taking inventory of everyone's resources and needs as well. We have a facility to have training in the future. Kelly said: Marathon is another company that can help out. A link will be sent out to RSVP to that meeting next month. It will only be an hour so please come prepared. At 10:00 am April 19th a Friday, and then a tour of the facility. Provo Rescue 21 will be there to show what they have. SRT had a HAZMAT school in January, and they certified and will have their graduation and a demo for anyone who would like to come on March 29th at noon at firehouse 23. Please invite as many as possible. In May our LEPC will meet at the CUWP in Orem, and they will do a lecture and a tour. In June doTerra will do 2 tours of the fulfillment and manufacturing centers.

Briefings:

1. Local Incident Briefs

Other Business:

Adjourn Meeting:

Christy motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Quin 2nd the motion. Approval to adjourn the March 21st meeting.

Upcoming Meetings:

McWane Ductile-SRT Stakeholders Meeting, followed by a tour of facility- April 19th @ 10:00, Tour @ 11:00 located at 2550 South Industrial Parkway, Provo.

Central Utah Water Conservancy District- Provo Canyon Incidents & Spills + Tour of Water Treatment Plant- May 16th @ 14:00 located at 1120 Cascade Drive, Orem.

DoTERRA – Fulfillment & Manufacturing Tour- June 20th @ 11:00 & 13:00