



DU PAGE COUNTY

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Local Emergency Planning Committee Final Summary

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

1:30 PM

OHSEM Training Room

1. CALL TO ORDER

1:30 PM meeting was called to order by Chair Jeff Janus at 1:30 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Additional attendees:

Mark Winistorfer, DuPage County State's Attorney Office; Don Novak, City of Elmhurst EMA; Sarah Miller, DuPage County Stormwater; Terrel Doby, American Red Cross and Jacob Sheaffer, INX International.

PRESENT	Bostick, Boyle, Campbell, Dieckman, Duval, Eckhoff, Eidson, Esterquest, Falsey, Hinz, Janus, Johl, Loveless, Lutz, McLean, Pradel, Radzinski, Schultz, Schwarze, Shay, and Williams
ABSENT	Godden, Hronek, Hunn, Kadolph, Knight, Kosak, Mansfield, Medrano, Mitchell, Reusch, Ross, Selvik, Wiza, and Zbinden

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was offered.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS - CHAIR JANUS

Chair Jeff Janus informed the Committee that the DuPage County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management was recently involved in Operation Power Play, a statewide exercise hosted by ComEd. He indicated that it was a great learning experience and that once the After Action Report becomes available, he will share it with the Committee members.

Chair Janus next commented that he had been made aware of some recent initiatives in the State of Illinois to develop an electric vehicle infrastructure. He felt that before moving forward with this, there needed to be a plan in place regarding the lithium ion battery issues. One suggestion he had was that the State should reach out to fire service agencies to discuss solutions. He also encouraged the Committee members to continue to provide him with any information they receive concerning battery issues and he will, in turn, pass that along to the group.

Next, Chair Janus notified the Committee that Argonne National Laboratory will be hosting an Open House on Saturday, May 20, 2023 from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM. Tickets are available online at: <https://www.anl.gov/event/2023-argonne-open-house>. Brian Shay from Argonne then shared that, because of the pandemic, they were not able to celebrate their 75th anniversary. So this event will recognize that milestone, as well as provide an opportunity for the public to tour the laboratory to better understand what their tax dollars are used for.

Further, Chair Janus reminded the Committee that the IEMA Conference will be held September 5-8, 2023 in Springfield, Illinois. There is an LEPC component scheduled for the first day of the Conference which will include a tabletop exercise. He invited anyone interested in attending to let him know and he will provide them with more information.

Lastly, Chair Janus mentioned that one of the LEPC's responsibilities is to submit an Annual Report to IEMA which is due in July 2023. He invited anyone interested in helping draft that report to contact him.

5. ACTION ITEMS

5.A. [23-1867](#)

LEPC Registry Membership Roster: Vote to Add/Remove Members from Registry

Member Joy Hinz moved, seconded by Member John Radzinski to add Benjamin Duval as an alternate member to the Membership Registry. The motion was approved on a voice vote, all "ayes".

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Joy Hinz
SECONDER:	John Radzinski

Member Michael McLean moved, seconded by Member Brian Shay to remove Michael Pasciak from the Membership Registry. The motion was approved on a voice vote, all "ayes".

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Michael McLean
SECONDER:	Brian Shay

Member Pat Johl moved, seconded by Member Joy Hinz to remove Bill Anaszewicz from the Membership Registry. The motion was approved on a voice vote, all "ayes".

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Pat Johl
SECONDER:	Joy Hinz

Member Greg Schwarze moved, seconded by Member Joy Hinz to add Julia Loveless as an alternate member to the Membership Registry. The motion was approved on a voice vote, all "ayes".

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Greg Schwarze
SECONDER:	Joy Hinz

Member Craig Dieckman inquired as to whether an alternate member is allowed to make motions and vote. Assistant State's Attorney, Mark Winistorfer replied that if the primary

member is present, then only they can move and vote. If the primary member is absent, then moving and voting rights fall to the first alternate. If both the primary and the first alternate are absent, it then falls to the second alternate and so on.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6.A. [23-1868](#)

Approval of Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Meeting Minutes (quorum present): February 21, 2023

The motion was approved on a voice vote, all "ayes".

RESULT:	ACCEPTED
MOVER:	John Radzinski
SECONDER:	Brian Shay

7. PRESENTATION

7.A. Flow MSP - Tier II Data for First Responders

8. OLD BUSINESS

8.A. IEMA SERC Waiver for Broadcast/Print Media Position on LEPC

Chair Janus informed the Committee that IEMA had recently approved his request for a waiver of this position. A copy of the Waiver is attached to these minutes. In the future, if someone is interested in assuming this position, Chair Janus encouraged them to reach out to him.

[23-1905](#)

IEMA Approval of DuPage LEPC Request

8.B. Railroad Update

Chair Janus reported that an average of 1,700 train derailments occur annually, with an average of approximately 11 of those derailments involving hazardous chemicals. Member John Radzinski from Metra Railroad confirmed that these numbers are accurate. However, he did mention that any time a wheel leaves the track it must be reported as a derailment. Some of these instances are considered minor and are cleared up quickly. Chair Janus mentioned that he will share with the group any information he receives regarding railroad training opportunities in the area.

8.C. LEPC Membership Registry Updates/Changes

Chair Janus encouraged everyone to review the Membership Registry prior to leaving to ensure their name appears correctly on the list.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.A. Election of Officers November 2023

The next election of officers will take place in November 2023. According to the LEPC Bylaws, the current officers can chose to remain in office. However, if others are interested in serving as an officer they may be considered for the position. Nominations will be accepted at the next LEPC meeting on August 22, 2023 and voting will take place at the November 21, 2023 meeting.

9.B. Updates from LEPC Membership

Member John Radzinski informed the Committee of upcoming railroad training opportunities. Specifically, he mentioned the two sessions entitled Responder Incident Train: Emergency Response to Railroad Incidents which are being offered at the end of June. An informational flyer on this course is attached to these minutes. In addition, Member Radzinski informed the Committee that Metra offers a free, 3-hour training class. Metra will come to your location to train law enforcement officers, firefighters and emergency management staff on topics ranging from basic rail safety to Metra specific safety matters. He encouraged anyone interested to please contact him. Chair Janus stressed the importance of training and recommended that everyone participate.

Member Greg Schwarze updated the Committee on the status of the new interoperable portable radios. These radios have already been distributed to law enforcement officers and he anticipates that they will be available to fire departments sometime this summer.

Member Craig Dieckman reported that the DuPage County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management is nearing the completion of its Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan 5-year update. A draft of this Plan is currently available for review and comment on the DuPage County website. This draft Plan meets FEMA's new guidelines as of April 2023 on mitigation planning. He stressed that it is a great source of information and encouraged all to review it. Further, Member Dieckman mentioned that DuPage OHSEM is looking to add an Emergency Management Specialist to the agency. He anticipates that this position will be posted within the next week or so. He asked if anyone is aware of someone who might be interested, to refer them to the job posting on the DuPage County website.

In conclusion, Chair Janus reminded everyone to please review the Membership Registry and let him know of any necessary corrections. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 22, 2023 at 1:30 PM. He stressed the importance of in-person attendance, particularly at the next two meetings in August and November as the Committee will be focusing on the election/re-election of officers. Zoom participation is no longer being offered.

[23-1908](#)

RIT Training Invitation-First Responder

10. ADJOURNMENT

Member Greg Schwarze moved, seconded by Member Pat Johl to adjourn the meeting at 2:13 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 22, 2023 at 1:30 PM.