



DU PAGE COUNTY

Local Emergency Planning Committee

Final Summary

421 N. COUNTY FARM ROAD
WHEATON, IL 60187
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Tuesday, November 21, 2023

1:30 PM

OHSEM Training Room

1. CALL TO ORDER

1:30 PM meeting was called to order by Chair Jeff Janus at 1:32 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Additional attendees:

John Carroll - INX International

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was offered.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS - CHAIR JANUS

Chair Janus welcomed all to the meeting and recognized the achievements of two of the Committee members. First, he congratulated Roy Selvik on his recent appointment to Interim Chief of the Addison Police Department. He also congratulated Pat Johl on his promotion to Fire Chief of the Wood Dale Fire Protection District.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.A. [23-3658](#)

Approval of Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Minutes from the August 22, 2023 meeting.

Member Radzinski moved, seconded by Member Hinz to approve the Minutes from the August 22, 2023 LEPC Meeting. The motion was approved on a voice vote, all "ayes".

RESULT:	ACCEPTED
MOVER:	John Radzinski
SECONDER:	Joy Hinz

6. OLD BUSINESS

6.A. Election of Officers

The only individuals declaring their candidacy for Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary/Treasurer were the incumbents.

Motion to Approve Re-Election of Chair Jeff Janus

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

Motion to Approve Re-Election of Vice Chair John Radzinski

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

Motion to Approve Re-Election of Secretary/Treasurer Don Schultz

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

6.B. LEPC Bylaws - Update

Chair Janus indicated that the LEPC Bylaws are out of date and need to be revised. He asked if any of the Committee members would be willing to assist in doing this. Member Dieckman offered to help out. Further, he indicated that he may be reaching out to some of the other members to get their input on various components of the Bylaws.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

7.A. Meeting Dates 2024: February 20, May 21, August 20, November 19

Motion to Approve 2024 Meeting Dates

Member Selvik moved, seconded by Member Schultz to approve the following 2024 Meeting Dates: February 20, May 21, August 20 and November 19. The motion was approved on a voice vote, all "ayes". Member Dieckman commented on a possible conflict regarding the August 20 meeting. Chair Janus indicated that he would address this issue as the meeting date draws closer.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Roy Selvik
SECONDER:	Don Schultz

7.B. Goals for 2024

Chair Janus commented on the Committee's goals for 2024. These include continuing to work on getting vital Tier II information into the hands of first responders, however, this project is currently at a standstill. Another important goal is lithium ion battery safety which continues to be a topic of discussion at various meetings. In addition, Chair Janus indicated that he would like to plan a tabletop exercise on railroad safety. This will provide an opportunity for the members to come together and share information relating to their area of expertise. In conclusion, Chair Janus encouraged all members to contact him if they have other goals to bring forward.

8. **OPEN TO FLOOR**

At this time, Chair Janus provided an opportunity for members to give updates related to their specific area of expertise. Member Dieckman indicated that the DuPage County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management needs to update its THIRA as well as its Emergency Preparedness Plan. He believes that it is important to include the whole community when revising these plans. He may be asking members to attend a one-day workshop at the DuPage OHSEM where the participants will review and discuss these plans and offer input on their area of expertise. Member Dieckman then thanked all members, but specifically the

officers, for their contributions to this important Committee.

Member Eidson provided an update on DuPage County's snow removal operations. He encouraged anyone with issues concerning County roadways to contact the DuPage County Department of Transportation (DuDOT) which operates 24/7 during the snow season. He also mentioned that DuDOT oversees and maintains the Opticom Systems on the County roadways. Again, any concerns with the Opticom System should be directed to DuDOT.

Member Radzinski then gave an update on the area railways. Lawsuits are still pending on the CPKC. The increase in the number of new trains is slowly progressing, with several new trains anticipated in the next 10-15 years depending on the demand. Member Radzinski also mentioned that a few train events are scheduled for 2024. The steam engine "Big Boy" is anticipated to be coming to West Chicago and a CP steam engine is expected to pass through Cook County. In addition, he commented on how well Metra's Division 12 drill went last year. He will be coordinating with UP to plan an upcoming tabletop exercise in 2024. In conclusion, Member Radzinski commented on the amount of road salt used on railroad tracks which can be problematic.

At this time, Member Hinz commented on lithium ion battery safety. She and her staff have created a video for households and businesses on the proper way to dispose of these batteries. This video can be viewed here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XRHCCkXNZWs>. Further, she updated potential 2024 legislation proposed by a group of organizations in the waste industry as well as the Illinois Retail Merchants. Chair Janus and Member Johl offered comments on the pros and cons of lithium batteries. A brief discussion then ensued on this topic.

Member Mitchell from the EPA commented on the tabletop exercise he participated in a few months ago in Lake County. He thought it was a very worthwhile experience. Chair Janus agreed and encouraged the members to participate in Lake County's next exercise.

9. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Member Johl moved, seconded by Member Loveless to adjourn the meeting at 1:57 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 1:30 PM.



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1. CALL TO ORDER

1:30 PM meeting was called to order by Chair Jeff Janus at 1:36 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Additional attendees:

Members of the United States Coast Guard Great Lakes Marine Safety Unit

Claire Kissane - DuPage County Stormwater Management

John Carroll - INX International

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was offered.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS - CHAIR JANUS

Chair Janus welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a special welcome to members of the United States Coast Guard Great Lakes Marine Safety Unit that were in attendance. He then recognized Bill Eidson from the DuPage County Division of Transportation. Mr. Eidson was authorized by the County Board earlier that day to take the examination for DuPage County Engineer, a position which will become vacant on November 4, 2023 due to the retirement of the current County Engineer. Chair Janus congratulated Mr. Eidson and wished him well. Lastly, Chair Janus commented that the DuPage County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management recently filed its Annual Report with IEMA. He extended his thanks to all for their contributions to the report.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.A. [23-2782](#)

Approval of Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Minutes from the May 16, 2023 meeting.

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

RESULT:	ACCEPTED
MOVER:	Greg Schwarze
SECONDER:	John Radzinski

6. PRESENTATION

At this time, Chair Janus introduced today's presenter, Dr. Arden Warner. Dr. Warner has been an accelerator physicist at Fermilab for approximately 30 years. In addition, he is an inventor, mentor, published author, public speaker and co-founder of Natural Science, LLC.

6.A. Dr. Arden Warner, Magnetisorb

Dr. Arden Warner introduced himself and his partners at Natural Science, LLC, Gary Cullen and John Nelson (not in attendance). He then stated that his interest in attempting to create a solution for the remediation of oil spills in waterways began back in 2010 after hearing of the Deepwater Horizon spill in the Gulf of Mexico. At that time, Dr. Warner began to experiment with the use of magnets to see if this could be a process by which to remove oil from waterways. These experiments proved to be successful. Natural Science, LLC was then founded in 2014 and the company offers products such as E-MOP Oil Spill Remediation Technology and MAT Magnetizable Absorbent Technology. Dr. Warner went on to explain the science behind electromagnetic remediation. At the conclusion of his presentation, Dr. Warner took questions and comments from the group.

Following Dr. Warner's presentation, Chair Janus encouraged everyone to attend an upcoming Chemical Release Tabletop Exercise on October 4, 2023 at 10:00 AM in Libertyville. A handout containing detailed information about the event is attached hereto and made a part of these Minutes.

[23-2848](#)

Chemical Release Tabletop Exercise handout

7. OLD BUSINESS

7.A. Tier II Update

Chair Janus commented that he has been working with Will County and both agencies have been working with Flow MSP and IEMA in order to get information into the hands of first responders. This is a top priority, however, IEMA has expressed concerns. Chair Janus is hoping there will be discussion on this issue at the upcoming IEMA Summit.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.A. Election of Officers

According to the LEPC Bylaws, the current officers can choose to remain in office. However, if others are interested in serving as an officer, they may be nominated for the position. The election of officers will take place at the November 21, 2023 meeting.

8.B. LEPC Bylaws - Update

Chair Janus stated that the existing LEPC Bylaws are five years old and need to be updated. He encouraged everyone to review the Bylaws and provide suggestions on ways to revise them. He then asked for volunteers to assist with updating the document. A few members indicated they are interested in doing that.

8.C. IEMA Summit

Chair Janus reminded everyone that the IEMA Summit will be taking place September 5-8, 2023 in Springfield, Illinois and he encouraged all to attend. If anyone would like to provide feedback for the IEMA SERC, Chair Janus will pass it along.

Final comments were offered by OHSEM Director Craig Dieckman who thanked Dr. Warner for his presentation today. Director Dieckman also introduced the members of the U.S. Coast Guard that were present to Ben Kadolph, Deputy Chief of the Willowbrook Police Department.

9. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Member Radzinski moved, seconded by Member Shay to adjourn the meeting at 2:28 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 1:30 PM.