



# DU PAGE COUNTY

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## Local Emergency Planning Committee Final Summary

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**Tuesday, November 21, 2023**

**1:30 PM**

**OHSEM Training Room**

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**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

<b>PRESENT</b>	Dieckman, Eidson, Esterquest, Falsey, Hinz, Janus, Johl, Kadolph, Loveless, Mitchell, Radzinski, Schultz, and Selvik
<b>ABSENT</b>	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".

<b>RESULT:</b>	ACCEPTED
<b>MOVER:</b>	John Radzinski
<b>SECONDER:</b>	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Chair Janus indicated that the LEPC Bylaws are out of date and need to be revised.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.

<b>RESULT:</b>	APPROVED
<b>MOVER:</b>	Roy Selvik
<b>SECONDER:</b>	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.