

Spartanburg County

Local Emergency Planning Committee

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**** Minutes****

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The Spartanburg County Local Emergency Planning Committee convened at 10:00 am on Monday, June 9, 2014 at Spartanburg Mental Health in one of their Conference Rooms.

Those present were: see attached sign-in sheets (.pdf document)

The following agenda items were addressed:

OPENING, CALL TO ORDER – Doug Bryson

Mr. Doug Bryson, LEPC Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS AND GUEST – Doug Bryson

Mr. Bryson welcomed members and guests.

REPORT ON RECENT ACTIVITIES

Mr. Bryson opened the floor for any updates on recent activities.

Hazard Vulnerability/Risk Analysis - Michael Thomas - The LEPC Hazard Vulnerability/Risk Analysis Committee plans to conduct 1 HVA for this year and have located a facility.

Health – Ben Ross – Nothing new to report.

Resource - Emergency Management - Robbie Swofford referenced the recent success of survey monkey in acquiring resource data from all but 1 fire department and from several of our LEPC partners.

Transportation - Vacant: The LEPC is seeking a new Transportation coordinator

HazMat Cobra Update: Nothing new to report

COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS DAY – Community Preparedness Day is this Saturday and so far, through sponsorship, we have began growing our LEPC fund through the Spartanburg County Foundation.

MENTAL HEALTH PRESENTATION: Bill and Kristin with the Spartanburg Area Mental Health Center spoke briefly about Mental Health and the roles they play in the community, in disasters, and in industries/schools/etc if needed. They noted that their branch of service covers Spartanburg, Cherokee, and Union Counties. In addition, while an out-patient center, they can refer people to appropriate facilities. They also noted Emergency Management's willingness to integrate their services into exercises and drills. These drills are allowing them to become increasingly proficient in delivering psycho-social and other Mental Health Services

RECENT ACTIVATIONS – Doug took a few moments to elaborate on cold weather shelters, the recent train derailment, etc. He noted how each incident was resolved very efficiently and how very fortunate we were that we dodged potential bullets. The winter storm projections for our area did not occur and the train derailment was contained with minimal release and little impact on local businesses or the community

OPEN THE FLOOR FOR DISCUSSION

During the open floor invitation no real updates or additional comments were given

CLOSING REMARKS

Mr. Bryson thanked everyone for coming and encouraged everyone to attend the next LEPC meeting. The next LEPC meeting is scheduled for December 1, 2014. The meeting location will announced and as always, food sponsors are always appreciated and welcomed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Doug Bryson

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