



LEPC MEETING AGENDA
September 17, 2014 – 10:00 AM
Civic Center Ballroom



Call to Order

Hugh Futrell called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM on September 17, 2014.

Roll Call and Introduction of Guests

Roll call was conducted by calling out from the member roster. A total of 26 member agencies were present.

Minutes Review

The minutes from the previous meeting, July 16th, 2014, were accepted by the membership.

Treasurer’s Report

The treasurer’s report was read and accepted as read:

○ Previous Checking Account Balance	\$ 14,522.99
○ Checking Disbursements	\$6,080.60
○ Checking Available	\$8,442.39
○ CD	<u>\$11,919.39</u>
TOTAL BALANCE	\$20,361.78

The disbursement was for Speros to rebuild and host our website. They will also service the website for a year.

Membership Comments

- Pete Liakakis, CEMA - Attended a meeting in Atlanta with the FBI. Information regarding weapons of mass destruction and how to provide protection was distributed at this meeting. Also distributed was information on how to report suspicious activity to the FBI and chemical safety associated with weapons of mass destruction, such as tracking chemical inventory or reporting suspicious or large purchases of chemicals.
- Jimmy Gordon – Memorial Hospital – Working with health care entities in region for water filtration training in Reidsville, GA, where the equipment is located.
- Glenda Anderson, Georgia Historical Records Advisory Council (GHRAC) – The Hancock County Courthouse in Sparta, GA, experienced a massive fire on Monday, August 11, 2014, which destroyed almost everything in the building, leaving only the exterior brick walls standing and in need of stabilization, which has been done. The fire continued to burn for several weeks, particularly due to almost a ton of coal which had been left in the building’s basement from a former furnace heating system. Modern steel elevator doors and other hollow steel doors melted completely, indicating that the fire temperature exceeded 1000 degrees. Salvaged fireproof safes and cabinets contained piles of ash when opened. The disaster response to the lost and damaged records from the NCH (natural/cultural/historical, ESF11-C) community within the state was executed according to preparedness. Volunteers from both HERA (Atlanta) and SHER (Savannah) contacted local Hancock County officials and offered their assistance, and communicated information to their members. The 3 prequalified vendors under the statewide DOAS contract for recovery of damaged records all responded and provided cost estimates in a timely fashion. On Friday, September 5th, a 5-person team from the Georgia Archives -- consisting of the Director, Conservator, Senior Reference Archivist, Electronic Records Archivist, and State Records Manager -- responded to an invitation to make a site visit and assessment. Virtually no paper records of the County Commission survived the fire. It is estimated that just under 300 cubic feet of records in the building survived the fire. It is thought that about 20% of the paper records from the Superior Court and about 90% of the records from the Probate Court which survived the fire are in varying degrees of substantial damage, but possibly could be saved. They had been moved by a nonprofessional team into a building behind the former courthouse which has a good roof, air conditioning, and locked doors. Most of the damaged records are in varying degrees of wetness from

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damp to soaked, and some onset of mold was observed, which can be expected to worsen. Some of the records were still so hot when moved that they burned through the plastic bags into which they had been placed for moving. Some portion of the county's public records do exist in duplicate formats in offsite locations, most either microfilm or digital, however precise determination of the extent of survival of permanent (i.e., archival) public records cannot be made at this time because comprehensive onsite and offsite records inventories may be incomplete, so cross-checking may not be comprehensive. Although the County has insurance through ACCG, at this time no plans have been made by county officials to utilize any insurance settlement funds for public records recovery and restoration. There are plans to try to restore as much of the historic 1881 structure's exterior and interior to its original appearance as possible, including restoration of architectural details, artifacts, and clock parts, except that the courtroom level will be redesigned to accommodate contemporary judicial system requirements. Among communications which have circulated during the past month about this disaster, there have been comments about the possibility of arson and other investigations currently ongoing in Hancock County.

- James Vickers, Savannah Fire – Fire boat is under construction; should have it within the next year.
- Bob Vazzi – OSHA – OSHA is now requiring employers to notify when an employee is killed on the job or suffers a work-related hospitalization, amputation or loss of an eye. The rule, which also updates the list of employers partially exempt from OSHA record-keeping requirements, will go into effect on Jan. 1, 2015, for workplaces under federal OSHA jurisdiction. Handouts containing this information were distributed.
- Michelle Cortes EPD – EPD met with Fisheries to update response and presented on House Bill 549 in Athens (this law states that when there is a threat to downstream water quality, it must be reported to GEMA, CEMA, and the media. The law also requires postings at river access points.). EPD is meeting with SHPO to make sure there is coordination during an emergency.
- Dennis Jones, CEMA – CEMA is having its 3rd series of recovery meetings for community planning. They are also kicking off new hazard mitigation planning for all governments in Chatham County. This will start mid-October.
- Greg Close, Synergy – Working on surface mines in Georgia. There is a large 1 outside of Statesboro. MSHA and OSHA regulations apply at these sites.

Sub-Committee Reports

- Steering Committee – Steve Thompson – nothing to report other than grant money changes which will be discussed later.
- Support and Development – Kory Reeves - nothing to report.
- Outreach – Denise McCoy - nothing to report.
- Grants and Finance – Dennis Jones – no submissions for requests for funding since last meeting.
- Training and Exercise – Dave Hall not present. LEPC executive committee discussed conducting FBI training Pete Liakakis discussed earlier in Savannah.
- Emergency Response – James Vickers – Savannah Fire is reviewing MOUs and looking at them associated with water way responses. They will be contacting anyone on the water ways to discuss.

Old Business

- LEPC website is up but is not public yet.
- Need members to submit company information and logos.
- Discussing providing an app for telephones to be able to access emergency information.

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- HMEP Grant Funding Changes – talking about the FBI Weapons of Mass Destruction conducted recently in Atlanta. Hugh would like to try and get this set up for our training for next year. We need to submit a proposal to get this set up. Dennis will discuss actual grant changes under new business. We are working on getting costs together.

New Business

- HMEP Grant Funding Changes – We have to pay up front and we get reimbursed at the end of the cycle. In the past, we were given a grant and had to decide how to spend the money. Proposals must be submitted by October 1st and awards will be given out between October 1st and October 15th. FBI training was recommended by the executive committee. Committee also discussed possibly doing HAZCOM training – awareness level training. LEPC will be informed on the status at the November meeting.
- LEPC currently has sufficient funding to be able to fund these projects up front.
- LEPC Subcommittees – based on feedback from membership survey need to get subcommittees more engaged. Looking for an Outreach chair specifically.
- Membership Request – Johnson Matthey. Membership acceptance delayed to allow research by CEMA on allowing membership. Membership vote delayed until November.
- 2014/2015 meeting schedule presented. 2015 schedule emailed and hard copies available.
- Presentation by Christina Garrard, Georgia Emergency Management Agency.

Closing

Chairman Futrell adjourned the meeting at 11:29 am. The next meeting is November 19th at 10:00 AM, at Oatland Island.

Meeting Minutes Produced by Denise McCoy, LEPC Secretary

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise McCoy, O'Brien & Gere, LEPC Secretary

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