



**LEPC MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 21, 2018 – 10:00 AM**  
**Skidaway Island State Park, Group Shelter**



- I. **Call to Order and Welcome** .....Randall Mathews
- II. **Roll Call & Introduction of Guest** .....Randall Mathews
- III. **Minutes Review**.....Stephanie Cox
- IV. **Treasurer’s Report** .....Stephanie Cox

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- V. **General Membership Comments** .....Randall Mathews
- VI. **Old Business**
- VII. **New Business**
  - Subcommittee Reports ..... Randall Mathews/Sub-chairs
    - ❖ Training and Exercise ..... Vacant
    - ❖ By-Laws/Steering ..... Tom Dolan
    - ❖ Grants and Finance .....Stephanie Cox
    - ❖ Support and Development ..... Greg Rouse
    - ❖ Outreach .....Steve Thompson
    - ❖ Emergency Response..... James Vickers
  - Membership Application .....Randall Mathews
    - ❖ Georgia Freightways Corporation
    - ❖ United EMS, LLC
  - 2018 LEPC Summit Update .....Randall Mathews
  - Agency Spotlight ..... Randall Mathews
- VIII. **Closing:** ..... Next Meeting, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 10 am



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**Call to Order**

Randall Mathews called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM on March 21, 2018.

**Roll Call and Introduction of Guests**

Roll call was conducted from the member roster. A total of 16 member agencies were present, therefore there is a quorum.

**Minutes Review**

January meeting minutes were reviewed by Randall Mathews. No comments were made. Motion made to accept minutes. Motion was seconded. Minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer's report for the March meeting was reviewed by the LEPC:

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**Membership Comments**

- CEMA: Tier II reports were due by March 1<sup>st</sup>, all emails should have been received to complete the annual hazardous substance registration process.
- Nick Davis, Arboris – guest
- Ashley Bush, MBZ Industries – guest
- Sam Cox – new manager at Skidaway Island State park, welcomed LEPC members



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- Memorial Health – Hosting a full scale exercise with the State on May 30<sup>th</sup> and other hospitals. Chatham County is acting as a receiving region for patients from the Gulf region evacuating to our part of the state. This exercise will work the patient placement board for evacuating Region K into Region J. Hospitals will be using armbands that can be scanned to “transfer” the patients. During an actual evacuation, area hospitals expect to receive a surge of 20% of current bed rates.
- OSHA – 5<sup>th</sup> annual Fall Stand-down will be the week of May 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>. This Stand-down will give companies a chance to talk with employees and management a chance to discuss fall hazards. Additional information can be found on the website for businesses to host meetings.
- Georgia Historical Records Council – FEMA courses regarding record salvage and evacuation have historically been taught in Atlanta. Georgia Archives has contacted Glenda Anderson regarding bringing these classes to Savannah at the end of January, 2019. Classes will last roughly 2.5 days and will charge a nominal fee (roughly \$25 is the estimate). An early alert will be sent out to determine interest and the feasibility of hosting such classes in Savannah. Enough interest must be obtained in order to justify bringing the class to Savannah. Historical records and essential records will be covered: retention, backing-up, and safe-keeping.
- Southern States Chemicals – Southern States Chemicals has purchased the Tronox /KerrMcGee site. The land was previously held by an environmental trust site to investigate any environmental issues. Delaney Industries is working to correct the issues that were found. Part of the property is being leased to Kinder Morgan for parking during their expansion. Police are assisting with traffic flow of contractors in the area, peak estimates of contractors has been 2,200 vehicles needing parking. This is a seven year plan. It includes closing out old waste-water ponds. The site was originally 1,600 acres, mostly salt-marsh. The State took about 700 acres in the trust.
- Pete Liakakis – spoke with Governmental Agents about bringing anything up to the LEPC. The agents that were going to different cities to gather additional information have been tied up with other things and are unable to focus on current LEPC issues.
- CEMA - 2018 Hurricane conference registration is open and a tentative agenda is on the website. CEMA is working on Hurricane Season prep, reviewing plans and policies to ensure they are in order before the beginning of the season.

**New Business**

None

**Chairman** – Randall Mathews, Chatham EMA

**Vice Chairman** – Pete Liakakis, Owner, United Detective Agency

**Treasurer** – Stephanie Cox, Chatham EMA

**Secretary** – Stephanie Cox, Chatham EMA

Chatham County LEPC

c/o Chatham EMA

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**Presentation**

- CEMA representatives attended the 2018 LEPC Summit in Jekyll Island.
  - Representatives from the Florida LEPC spoke on how they are setup and state funded and how Georgia has moved their funding to provide more training. GEMA has asked that any requests for training be transportation based under the grant.
  - If any members have any training needs they would like addressed, please contact CEMA and the requests will be passed up to GEMA for approval. The railway companies have training cars available to provide training for local jurisdictions.
  - Florida LEPCs are setup as a regional approach, and not by counties. Chatham has a lot of the same issues that neighboring counties have. Would it be beneficial to provide a regional LEPC that includes Bryan, Liberty, Effingham, etc? Membership seems to agree that it will be a great idea to add other counties to further conversation regarding safety and other common goals. This will work hand-in-hand with other agencies that currently work regionally.
    - Next steps would be discussing the possibility with other EMA Directors and asking if they would be interested in creating a regional LEPC. It may be beneficial to divide the region between Glynn County and Chatham County.
    - CEMA Representatives are looking into attending a Florida / Jacksonville area LEPC meeting to see how the region operates.
  - In Florida, LEPCs generated a “wish list” of items that they would like to purchase with fines that are paid by private industry. Georgia is looking into changing the law so that local industries can pay a smaller fine to local fire departments. If the law changes, these monies can be used to purchase items off of the wish list.
    - Additional information regarding the funding stream and update on laws is still forthcoming. CEMA is working on gathering additional information.
- After disasters, it would possibly be beneficial to have a Lessons Learned meeting for everyone to learn from each other. During the May Meeting, members are asked to bring in a list of Lessons Learned from recent events to share with others.
- Having a list of shared resources is helpful during a disaster in determining what assets are available to assist in mitigating the incident. It is also a great resource in knowing what strengths are available in the area.



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- There used to be a “CART List” created by LEPC that shows available resources from local industries. The list was created about 2-3 years ago and would need to be updated.

**Old Business**

None

**Sub-Committee Reports**

No reports

**Closing**

- Meeting schedule – the May16, 2018 LEPC meeting will be at a location to be determined at a later date.
  - Skidaway Island State Park will check availability for next meeting
  - CEMA will check into parking passes for when the meeting is held at the Savannah Civic Center
  - Pete Liakakis will check into property along Broad Street for potential meeting space.
- Meeting adjourned at 10:47 am.