

Buffalo County Local Emergency Planning Committee

Quarterly Meeting January 27, 2003

Chairman Loewenstein called the meeting to order at 7:30p.m in the multi purpose room at the Law Enforcement Center.

Roll call

present (14): Robert Anderson, Matt Boerkircher, Don Engel Jr, Vern Fiala, Greg France, Ken Gardner, Dale Gibbs, Judy Jobman, Jim Kowalewski, Tim Loewenstein, Dan Lynch, Wesley Quail, Kim Schmidt and Ken Tracy

excused (4): Allen Johnson, Mike Martinosky, Dan Saathoff and Harlan Simmerman

absent none

There was a quorum present.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Ken Tracy, seconded by Vern Fiala to approve the minutes of October 28, 2002. Motion carried.

Chairman Loewenstein welcomed Executive Coordinator Betty Curtis from the Grand Island Clean Community System. Betty went through the list, which our LEPC needs to do and/or provide for the Clean Community System Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. Our collection is scheduled for April 19, 2003, from 8:00A.M until 1:00P.M. at the Buffalo County Fairgrounds. We need at least thirty volunteers who need to arrive by 6:45A.M. on the 19th and need to plan to stay at least an hour after the end of the event for cleanup. Ken Tracy and Ken Gardner will meet with Betty prior to the event occurrence to view our selected site. We will have four lanes for acceptance of paint and household waste with a fifth lane for receipt of only oil, batteries and computers. The list Betty provided of what is needed for our collection day and who is responsible for providing follows:

Things we will need or do for your household hazardous waste collection day.

We need your community/county to provide the following:

VOLUNTEER WORKERS FOR: (NO ONE UNDER THE AGE OF 16!)

Matt Boerkircher

- a. Surveys distributed at entrance and collect at exit
- b. Unloading vehicles (mostly firemen)
- c. Assist with Set-up and clean up
- d. Person to sign in volunteers and give orange vests out
- e. OPEN PAINT CANS

TRAFFIC CONTROL FOR:
Dan Baer and the Radio Club

- Keep traffic flowing
- No walk-in materials
- Exit area in orderly fashion
- Cones for traffic control
- and Dividing lanes:
Paint and other materials in one lane, another lane just for oil, batteries and computers
(may need extra lanes for paint and etc., depends on population)

PUBLICITY:
Kim Schmidt

- News stories before event
- Story for location and what citizens can bring
- Story and day after event if possible
(we need copies of all newspaper articles for report to DEQ)

FIRE DEPARTMENT:
Mike Markinosky

- Safety is NUMBER 1 concern
- Have a fire truck on site in case of accident
- Have an ambulance available or on site in case of injury or if someone gets overheated

TABLES AND CHAIRS:
Tim Loewenstein

- Approximately 15 – 20 tables and 6 chairs (tables will be covered with plastic)
Tables are for signing volunteers in, distribution of surveys, collection of surveys and donation, tables are also for opening paint cans and some needed for contractor who will be disposing of our household waste

FOOD AND DRINKS:
Ken Gardner

- Lunch for volunteers and pop, water and coffee for volunteers (lunch only if we have you scheduled over lunch hour example: 9AM – 2PM) if your event is 8AM – Noon or 1PM – 3PM do not need to supply food

MISC. NEEDS:
Steve Hart

- Pallets (approximately 10)
- Roll-offs from local haulers (if you have no available means to obtain roll-offs, we will help you locate some)
- Disposal of trash is up to the community and county

WHAT WE WILL BRING:

Betty Curtis and her crew

- Educational brochures and flyers
- Car litter bags
- Survey sheets
- Pencils
- Clip Boards
- Signs
- T-Shirt for committee volunteers
- Vests for volunteers
- Gloves, aprons, goggles and paint can openers
- Grills for drums (to set paint cans on to drain into drums)
- Plastic for tables and roll-offs
- Plastic for ground if needed
- Carts for unloading materials(**Steve Hart**)
- Paint person
- Junkman's Recycling for lead acid batteries and computers (if you have someone in your community willing to take batteries we will be more than happy to have them collect the batteries the same for oil)
- Oil recycler

WHAT WE WILL DO:

- Write the final report to the Department of Environmental Quality
- Do quarterly reports for the Department of Environmental Quality
- Contract with contractors for your Household Hazardous Waste
- Work with you on any problems that may arise before, during and after your event
- Help you have a successful event

Betty will also provide flyers.

Betty asked if we wanted to be included in the Clean Community System grant application for next year.

Motion made by Dan Engle, seconded by Ken Gardner to instruct Betty Curtis to include the Buffalo County Local Emergency Planning Committee in the grant application for the Clean Community System Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day for the next time. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dan Engel, seconded by Ken Tracy to authorize Buffalo County Local Emergency Planning Committee Chairman, Tim Loewenstein to sign the Household Hazardous Waste Community Agreement with Betty Curtis. Motion carried.

Oral Communication

Tracy reported he had received two Tier 2 Reports from Brown Transfer. Tracy turned them over to Dan Lynch for filing. Dan Lynch reported on the Tier 2 Reports he has received.

Lynch provided an update and discussion on a fuel spill that occurred in December in Ravenna. The involved company verified the spill was less than the amount required to file a report.

Lynch also provided information about an incident in Gibbon, which was not an incident after further inquiry.

Old Business

Tim will follow up on the NDEQ's putting Tier 2 data on the secured Internet site and whether after submitting if our LEPC can retrieve and report at our next meeting.

Discussion was held on our web page and Ken Gardner will have a sample of the Buffalo County LEPC Web page to present at our next meeting on April 28. This will allow all of the LEPC committee members to share their vision and requests for the page design.

Tim told of his trip to National NACO and the Homeland Security Task force meeting he attended. Dr. Thompson head of the CDC spoke about dealing with Bio-Terrorism and stated if there were an outbreak of Small pox how Sheltering-in-Place would be a possible option.

Shelter-in-Place flyers were available for members to explain this concept.

Kim Schmidt will write an article about this subject for the Kearney Hub explaining how this option could be used when a serious hazardous chemical spill has caused a toxic atmosphere and it would be more beneficial to stay in an existing structure than to attempt to go through or out run the toxic vapors.

New Business

Annual meeting is next time April 28, 2003 at 7:30P.M in the Good Samaritan Hospital meeting Room B-C. Scheduled meetings for the remainder of the year are July 28 and October 27 at 7:30P.M with locations to be announced.

Reports

Dan Lynch said he has received our regular LEPC bills. Stated there will be some spotter classes soon and that information he will share with the group. Also stated the City has been accepting applications for the Emergency Manager's position, will be conducting interviews and hopefully filling the vacancy soon.

Dan Baer is now a weather watching contact person that will give Hastings, Grand Island and Kearney about a 30-minute earlier notice to have spotters ready when inclement weather warrants.

Bob Anderson reported on a Homeland Security training he attended in Colorado Springs that he felt would be good for LEPC members to attend. He'll advise Tim and Judy so they can disperse the information to our committee.

Adjournment

Chairman Loewenstein adjourned the meeting at 8:50P.M. until the next meeting which will be our annual meeting on April 28, 2003 at Good Samaritan Hospital.