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## NOTICE OPEN MEETING LEPC GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: Thursday, October 17, 2024

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Location: PSC Training Room

Lunch: Hy-Vee catering

### Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Ralph Siccama at 11:52 p.m.

Introductions were made around the room.

The General Committee meeting minutes of the August 15, 2024, meeting were shared. Chris Roush made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and J D Landon seconded the motion. A vote was held and passed to approve the minutes.

The September LEPC Executive Committee minutes were also provided to members via the meeting invite.

### OLD BUSINESS

Karen McKinnis provided the Financial Statement Report: a handout was provided of the budget status. There was \$491.34 spent on Training in this new budget year. \$58,612.92 is the unspent balance.

Lisa Cardone provided the MERC/SEMA update. The last Missouri legislative session did not pass authorization of MERC. SEMA remains the state office for past MERC activities and MERC staff are working under SEMA. There is no MERC director and there was no MERC Board meeting. It is expected that the electronic TIER 2 filing portals are still functioning and will calculate fees appropriately.

HAZMAT Update was provided by Darren White. There were 3 spills reported since the last meeting: 2 small diesel fuel spills and one benzene release.

Aubrey provided the IPP and Training update. HMEP grant course requests are needed timely. Let Aubrey know of your training needs. SFD requested hazmat tech classes for the hazmat teams. The Railroad 101 course has been requested separately. Karen will send the class catalog and a general membership poll for the grant application when details and due dates are known. Three entities attended the spring hazmat exercise, fulfilling the requirement but if anyone wants to be involved in Greene County exercises get with Aubrey.

Larry reported the CEPF grant was submitted.

Ralph thanked members for their response to the 2 surveys sent out recently (CEPF application and LEPC/LEPD funding request) both unanimously approving the proposed actions.

Ralph called for other Old Business.

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None was brought forth.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Training Presentations were provided by Chris Roush and Nathan Brund.

Chris provided information on the LEPC/LEPD grant funding. This is the second year we have made the application for this funding for the Springfield Fire Department's hazmat teams. The funding target is preparation for hazmat incident response and/or mid-scale disaster relief. The funding application traditionally has a very short application due date. This is why we sent out the electronic vote to the general membership to approve the application. We had 28 "yes" votes supporting the grant application. November 1, 2024, was the application deadline this year. May 1 is the deadline to expend all the funds. Our 2024 request was generally for arial situational awareness equipment, radiation detection devices for all fire trucks, training for hazmat technician certification and heat-related recovery medical equipment for hazmat teams.

Nathan provided information about the 2024 Springfield City Utilities \$20 million pipeline funding from the Hazardous Materials Safety Association (\$10 million pipeline in 2023) to replace old natural gas pipelines. These are federal dollars and all materials have to be made in the USA. CU is working now to locate lines to facilitate replacement. Some water lines are also set to be replaced while the ditch is open for the natural gas line work. Outages are only expected to be during the actual facility hook up times.

Ralph asked for Other New Business.

None was brought forth.

Ralph announced the next General Membership Meeting is set for December 19, 2024.

Lisa Cardone made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ron Bailey. A vote was held and passed, and Ralph adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

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## **UPCOMING LOCAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

\*Note: training opportunities listed here are time and capacity-sensitive so they are subject to changes Visit the following link to register or to see a complete and up-to-date course listing.

<http://training.dps.mo.gov/sematraining.nsf/TrainingSchedule?OpenForm>

All registrations are handled through the DPS web portal [training.dps.mo.gov](http://training.dps.mo.gov)

