

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
Knox County EMA- 62 Union Street-Rockland, ME 04841
Web Site: www.knoxcountylepc.org

09/07/2010

Meeting Attendees:

Ray Sisk	Knox County EMA Dir	Foner Curtis	Lonza, Inc
Charles D. Jordan, Jr	Rockland Fire	Janelle Gunning	FMC BioPolymer
Donna Allen	Knox County EMA	Stephen Badger	Fisher Engineering
Jean Robinson	Maritime Energy	Linwood Lothrop	KRCC Director
Dennis Camber	Knox RRT	Joe Weston	O'Hara Corp

The meeting was called to order by LEPC Chairman, Andrew Hart at 10:35 AM at Knox County EMA Office.

- Linwood Lothrop made the motion to accept the minute's of 6/1/2010 and seconded by Foner Curtis. All were in favor.

Secretary's Report:

Correspondence:

- SERC Meeting Minutes of 7/28/2010
- Letter from Marriners, Inc stating that they are not subject to Toxic Chemical Release Reporting.

Forms:

- **AR-1:**

8/3/10	Rt 1. & 97, Warren	¼ gal. gasoline	Vehicle leaking gas
8/16/10	191 Park St. Rockland	4 ¼ gal. gasoline	Fuel hose was not connected
8/24/10	Rockport Harbor	Unknown quantity	Spill
8/31/10	Knox County Regional Airport	20 gals of avgas	Private airplane crush
8/31/10	30 State St. Rockland	¼ pint oil	
- New Knox County Emergency Planning Committee Members Information Form.
- Form R's from: Fisher Engineering; North End Composites; Dragon Products; Lyman Morse Boatbuilding; FMC Biopolymer

Dennis Camber asked Linwood if every spill is reported and Linwood said that he does it so that everyone knows what is going on in the County.

Treasurer's Report:

Received May 2010

Grant Reimbursements

HMG 8027-\$ 4247.77	HMG 8044-\$4404.47
HMG 8029-\$218.76;	HMG 8031- \$586.56,
HMG 8035-\$1595.87,	HMG 8041-\$12,804.00
	for a total \$23857.43; Interest earned- \$5.75

Received June 2010

Grant Reimbursements

HMG 8035 - \$2459.82 HMG 8044-\$1713.43
For a total of \$4173.25; Interest earned -\$9.09

Received July 2010:

Grant Reimbursements

HMG 8031-\$814.29 HMG 8034 -\$3117.00
HMG 8035-\$2936.00 HMG 8044-\$1406.93
For a total of \$8273.68; Interest earned \$9.15

Bills paid out in May 2010:

Personal Services: \$345.45 General Operating Expenses: \$525.22
Grants: HMG 8027- \$941.43 HMG 8031 - \$515.12
HMG 8035- \$2500.09 HMG 8038-\$55.90
HMG 8044- \$1997.00 HMG 8047 -\$50.00

Bills paid out in June 2010

Personal Services: \$345.44 General Operating Expenses: \$83.97
Grants: HMG 8035- \$1582.32 HMG 8044- \$1644.53
HMG 8048 - \$350.00

Bills paid out in July 2010

Personal Services-\$518.31 General Operating Expenses: \$47.30
Grants: HMG 8031- \$684.59 HMG 8032- \$100.00
HMG 8034- \$3117.00 HMG 8035- \$2920.42
HMG 8040- \$139.04 HMG 8044- \$2370.03

LEPC Operational Fund balance as of 31 July, 2010 \$17,429.33 (*see note)
Grant and other fund balances as of 31 July: \$22,176.48
Total Balance in checkbook as of July 31, 2010: **\$39,605.81**

** We will not receive quarterly SERC funding until this fund has been spent down to \$3008.69. Once the stipend resumes, we will receive SERC funding strictly as reimbursements for expenses paid.*

Ray explained that he is displaying balances in a different way to break out and display the LEPC Operational funding. Currently, we have too much money. While our reporting facilities have been going up, other LEPC's are generally going down due to the economy. SERC will now only provide stipends in the form of reimbursements for expenses incurred once our operational fund balance drops to the value of six month's value of stipend (Approx \$3000). At our present spending rate, it could be several years before we might see stipends/reimbursements.

- Foner Curtis made the motion to accept the treasurer's report and Linwood Lothrop seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Ray suggested several ways to help spend down the money:

1. Increase Donna's LEPC hours from 1 to 2 a day. Donna documented her LEPC hours that she worked and it averaged out to be 2 hrs a day. Ray will be talking with the Administrator on reworking on how we pay Donna without her losing any benefits. Ray wanted to get the approval of doing this from the committee before he goes forth with this. **All present approved it.**

2. We have 2 desk tops computers that we would like to replace and that is a LEPC approved expense. Ray wanted to get the approval of this as well. There was some discussion on whether to get laptops with a docking station or a desk top. Laptops with docking stations and external monitors were recommended. *All present approved it.*
3. Last year the LEPC voted to drop \$6,000 into the Response team but since then we found out that this is not allowable to give money to the Response team. We do have several expired grants that we have permission to support the Knox RRT. Ray will draft a letter to the SERC to request some latitude here.
4. Webpage – The webpage is out of commission and Donna doesn't know how to make it work. There was discussion on this. Foner suggested Jim Dungan, Camden, and also it was brought up that the Town of Washington has a very user friendly webpage (govoffice.com). Ray will check out Town of Washington's webpage to see if it something that we want to go with. Janelle Gunning said that she has worked with Coffee Cup and that if I call her she would come over to see what is going on. The LEPC site could also be co located under a new county web presence if desired.

TRAINING UPDATES:

Knox Regional Response Team (Quarterly meetings)

Nov. 15, 2010-Monday @ 1800 hrs	Rockland Fire Station	OPS with MeNG 11 th CST
Feb. 8, 2011- Tuesday @ 1800 hrs	Union Town Office	Chemicals Hazards with Alan Nygren

Other Training

Fall '10	Union Fairgrounds	Annual HazMat Functional Exercise/Refresher
Sept 18 & 19, 2010	Camp Laurel	CERT Jamboree
Sept 29 & 30, 2010	Saco	G 358 Evacuation and Reentry Planning
Nov. 3 & 4, 2010	Hampton Inn, Thomaston	G-197 Emergency Planning & Special Needs Pop.
Sept 16, 2010	Camden	Seabright Dam Exercise
Nov. 2010		TTX- Knox County Regional Airport
TBA		FE- PBMC/Lonza/Fisher
Sept. 29, 2010	Lonza	Safety Fair

OLD BUSINESS:

2009 Mitigation Plan update

Ray explained that the Hazmat Mitigation Plan has been in FEMA Region 1 for 3 months. FEMA policy is to review and conditionally approve the state plan prior to completing county-level plans. We're still on hold.

The Plan is available for review at the MRPC website (also accessible from the Knox EMA site) and also at: <http://www.midcoastplanning.org/resourceDownloads.html>

NEW/MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Update of the Knox RRT by Dennis Camber

Dennis and Chief Jordan attended the quarterly Team Chief's meeting in Augusta where a realignment of the Regional Response Teams (RRT) and the Decontamination Strike Teams (DST) was presented. Currently, the state has 13 RRTs and 9 DST, which when compared to the other New England states, is too many. The realignment includes 4 Type 1 RRTs, 4 Type 3 RRTs (of which the KRRT is one) and 12 DSTs. The Type 1 teams are Portland, South Portland, Waterville and Orono. In addition to the KRRT, the Type 3 teams are New

Page, Lewiston COBRA and Madawaska. There will be up to 12 funded DSTs that will align with the funded RRTs. The Knox Regional Response Team will have our internal DSTs along with the Waldo DST and the Lincoln DST aligned with us.

The changes were necessary due to a drop in the level of Department of Homeland Security funding from its original level of \$20 million to its current level of \$6 million. The \$6 million funds ALL homeland security-type endeavors for the State of Maine, not just the RRT/DST costs. The goal of Maine Emergency Management Agency is to insure that 80% of the population will have advance team intervention within 1 hour of a request and a full RRT/DST response on-scene within 2 hours. In arriving at the new coverage regime, MEMA examined the location of EHS (extremely hazardous substance) facilities, transportation routes and corridors, population concentration and likely terrorist targets.

Dennis and Chief Jordan are concerned that moving to a Type 3 team is a retreat from the capabilities of the Rockland Fire Department Hazardous Materials Team which was in place prior to the state's involvement. There should not be a significant difference in funding between a Type 2 and a Type 3 team. Chief Jordan highly recommends against allowing slippage to a Type 3 team level of coverage.

Additionally, MEMA has stated that it will no longer be funding the purchase of 1-hour SCBA bottles as these should be picked up as the normal cost of doing business by fire departments. Chief Jordan reports that there are two things wrong with their thought process. First, 1-hour bottles are inappropriate for firefighting (for a number of reasons) and second, a department cannot let all of its bottles go out of town on a hazardous materials response and have none left in the town with which to fight a fire.

MEMA will fund physicals for the team up to an aggregate cost of \$5,000.00 per team. The billing for this year's physicals for the KRRT was just over \$9,000, so there is a shortfall here as well.

It was suggested that Ray, Dennis and Charlie met with Rob McAleer to discuss the issues presented in the three paragraphs immediately above. Ray suggested that the LEPC as a committee write a letter of concern to Rob McAleer along with having a meeting with him.

Additionally, it was suggested that the KRRT leadership meet with the DST leadership from Waldo and Lincoln counties to discuss common issues about the changes for funding and to discuss joint training.

Next meeting will be on October 5, 2010 at 10:30 AM, at the O'Hara Corp. 120 Tillson Ave. Rockland. The meeting will be held in the old National Sea Food building across the street and in the cafeteria. Joe Weston will need a list of the name, company they are representing and their title prior to September 29, 2010.

- A motion was made by Foner Curtis and seconded by Linwood Lothrop to adjourn the meeting 11:37 am. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Allen

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LEPC Secretary