

Calcasieu Parish LEPC

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Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Meeting Minutes

Members present: Mason Lindsay (Chairman LEPC), Ron Tower (Vice Chairman LEPC), Mark Conner (Acadian), Ryan Novak (Sasol), Robert Daughdril (LEPC), Jared Maze (OHSEP), Mark Conner (Acadian), Robert Daughdril (LEPC), Jonathan Duff (Westlake FD), Kalon Washington (LCPD), Anthony Olivier (DEQ), Jessica LeBoeuf (CMRC), Jim Rock (LAIA), Richard McGuire (e-911), John Naquin (SFD), John Wall (SPD), Ty Istre (CPSO), Greg Satterfield (LYB),

Guests present: Megan Powell (OHSEP), Cindy Robertson (M6:8M), Jason Fuselier (Acadian), Isaac Couidu (M68M), Elizabeth Myers (Self), Michael Estes (Lotte), Nicole Dumas (CMRC), AJ Powell (SPD), Jake Alford (Woodside LNG), Justin Lemaine (Woodside LNG), Ian Hernandez (IADYS), Jennifer McHaffie (M68M), Jerry Pierrottie (HASC), Chris Chaisson (LYB), Tony Dietz (Providence Eng), Jamie Gaines (SWLA RPC), Amy Michiels (GOHSEP), Lois Malvo (Feen), Jo Parker (self)

Mason called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. Also, did self-introductions.

Mason asked for Ron Tower to lead in the Pledge.

Agenda and Minutes

- Motion to accept the November and February minutes.
- Motion approved by Richard McGuire
- The motion was seconded by Jared Maze.
- All in favor with one opposed by Ron Tower.
- Motion noted.

Public comments

- Cindy Robertson with Micah 68 Missions:
- Discussed emergency preparedness and the community right to know laws.
- Invited the LEPC to table at their Earth Day extravaganza in Sulphur on April 19th to inform the community about the LEPC's role.
- No other comments were heard.

Treasurer Report

- Current account balance \$159,772.19.
- Since the last meeting on February 28, 2025, \$908.76 has been collected in Tier II reports.
- \$3,413.55 collected since January 1 from Tier II reports.
- Megan was thanked for her hard work with collecting Tier II reports and fees.

Calcasieu Parish Alerting System

- Groundbreaking is expected in the fourth quarter of this year.
- Working on the legal documents with LAIA and securing financial backing for phase one, which will install approximately 21 to 23 sirens in the industrial area.
- Phases two and three will expand the siren coverage outward from the inner circle.

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- Working with the Safety Council to provide a public safety radio system for CAER Radio training.
- The training will allow remote participation but still require in-person attendance.
- The CAER project is estimated to take two to three years to complete.
- The government sector must meet all federal regulations and FEMA procedures for potential reimbursement.

Messaging Systems

- The OHSEP has switched from Everbridge to Rave to send out wireless emergency alerts, emergency alert system messages, push notifications, phone calls, texts, SMS and emails.
- Public Education on using the new system is in development and will integrate with Calcashout.
- Information is disseminated through social media and local TV and radio stations.
- An MOU with McNeese Radio FM 88.3 allows for public safety messaging, enabling a takeover of the radio station if needed.
- The federal IPAWS system can send messages to all towers in specific locations for messaging to any cell phones in that area.
- Use of IPAWS is restricted to situations involving a threat of life.

Public Education & Information Update

- The PE&I committee is working on the program and its implementation.
- Rob was thanked for his work on the website and for joining the committee.
- The committee is working on messaging, the PR experts are interested in introducing the LEPC.
- “We plan to have cameras in upcoming meetings, and we’ll let you know in advance.”
- Motion made by Ron Tower to put forth money in the amount of \$3,000 to work with the Safety Council for the CAER radio training.
- Second by Greg Satterfield.
- Motion passed unanimously
- Project to educate both fire departments and industry on how to use the CAER system.
- In the past, the Parish helped with instructor-led programs, but training would have to wait until the next course if people changed positions.
- Jerry Perroritte has been helpful in developing CBT programs that are interactive and trackable.
- The PE & I committee completed the logo brand book to make the logo consistent.
- A brand book will be sent to all members for review and vote next month.
- There was discussion about copyrighting the logo to protect it.

Alerting and Notification Update

- Ryan Novak, chairing the Alerting and Notification Committee, reported that they met on March 6.
- The committee includes members from industry, the community, and government.
- The goal is to coordinate systems and make notifications consistent for timely and accurate communication to the public.
- The first meeting covered bylaws, the purpose of the LEPC, and introductions. Monthly meetings are scheduled.

Financial and Roster Approval

- A motion was made and passed to approve additional payment of \$56.25 to Healthy Image for the logo, as it went over the initial approved amount.
- Motion made by Ron Tower
- Seconded by Jim Rock.
- A motion was made and passed to approve the existing membership roster, including all agency-appointed members.

Belvin, Stacie	CPSB
Butler, Amanda	CPPJ, Planning & Development
Carter, D.C.	Lake Charles Fire Dept.
Conner, Mark	EMS
Daughdril, Robert	At Large Member
DeStout, Paul	OPH
Duff, Jonathan	Weatlake Fire Dept.
Istre, Ty	Cal Par Sheriff
LaFleur, Sean	State Police
LeBoeuf, Jessica	CERT Team
Lindsay, Mason (Chairman)	Small Business
Maze, Jared (Treasury/Secretary)	OEP
McGuire, Richard	Calcasieu Parish 911
McLemore, Jonathan	USCG
Naquin, John	Sulphur Fire Dept
Novak, Ryan	
Powell, AJ	Sulphur Police Dept.
Pullin, Gerald	At Large Member
Rock, Jim	LAIA
Satterfield, Greg	Lyondell/Basell
Washington, Kalon	Lake Charles Police Dept
Tower, Ronald (Vice Chairman)	At Large Member
Trahan, Robby	Mutual Aid (President)
Vice, Chris	Vinton Fire Department
Ware, Mark	Carlyss Fire Department
Weatherford, Stuart	City of Lake Charles
Wilrye, Chris	Westlake Police Dept.
Olivier, Anthony	LDEQ
Harmon, Liz	Hospitals

- Roster was a printout at the meeting for members to pick up.
- The motion was made by Ron Tower.
- Seconded by Jared Maze.
- The approved roster will be sent to SERC for approval when they resume the meeting.
- The executive committee still needs to make nominations for the new members.
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Training for CAER CBT Program

- Instant training in any given week.
- The course can be taken from a phone or computer.
- First 300 people are included in the cost.
- Hoping that industry and fire departments will use the courses.
- “We’re hoping emergency responders will utilize this training for better CAER system.
- Computer-based training can be done in an office.
- Support for training was expressed.
- Protocols can be developed to track who is doing what once the system is running.
- It was pointed out that it is still the companies’ responsibility to keep track of who is training, whether in the CBT or elsewhere.
- The first mechanism in an emergency is to notify the public and neighbors.

Drills, Exercise, and Training

- An ICS 300 class was completed the previous week.
- ICS 400 class scheduled for April 14th and 15th in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC)
- MCI triage class on April 24th in the EOC.
- James Neely with Lake Charles Fire Department (LCFD) requested help with an EMT course with 20 spots for emergency responders, sponsored by LSU instructors.
- The total cost is around \$24,000, considering half funding.
- The course would be open to others.

Chemical Spill Incident

- A call came in on March 17, 2025, around 2:00 PM for a chemical spill of an unknown substance.
- The Sulphur Fire department was dispatched and set up an isolation area and contacted State Police.
- Upon entering the trailer, yellow fumes were observed, leading to the interstate being shut down.
- The substance involved was determined to be spent material/waste.
- Disposal concerns: Uncertainty about the company’s environmental disposal truck raised worries about potential additional property impacts. The incident was terminated with no further issues reported after air monitoring was set up north of the Interstate.
- The truck was hauling waste materials, making the content unpredictable.

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- Cleaning Operations: Cleanup crews arrived and completed operations around 2:30AM. The interstate was cleared and declared safe.

Lotte Chemical Alarm System Update

- Mike Estes, with Lotte chemical.
- Lotte Chemical is installing a new site alarm system with different tones and voiceover messages.
- Testing is ongoing, with CAER notifications sent to neighbors and area industries beforehand.
- Testing occurred last Wednesday from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM and will continue this Wednesday.
- The goal is to have a robust system that can be heard effectively without being too widespread.
- During last week's test, the alarm was reportedly heard on Cities Service Highway due to wind direction.

New Projects

- There are multiple projects coming into the area. (see handout)
- If you need one let Megan Powell know.
- The PPG silica plant, which has been in the area since around 1947, is now under a new company.
- Operations will remain the same, with no changes in leadership and the same products being made.
- The products are used in paint, cake batter, tires, and most everyday items.