

Arkansas Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Commission

July 31, 2014

Minutes

The Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Commission met on July 31, 2014 at 1:07 p.m. at the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management in North Little Rock, Arkansas.

Members Present:

Kevin Looney, Arkansas Department of Labor
Dean Vanderhoff, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality
Garnett Wise, Industrial Representative
David Maxwell, Arkansas Department of Emergency Management
Kenny Harmon, Arkansas Department of Emergency Management
Richard Dawe, Ozark College
Shirley Louie, Arkansas Department of Health
Jim Burns, LEPC Rep.
Tom Osborn, 61st CST, AR ARNG
Lt. Ron Casey, Arkansas State Police

Members Absent:

Ben Blankenship, Fire Service
Rachel Nix, Arkansas Fire Training Academy
Scotty Bell, Virco Manufacturing Corp.

Others Present:

Latryce Robinson, Arkansas Department of Emergency Management
Sheila Annable, Arkansas Department of Emergency Management
Micah Hunter, Arkansas State Police (Intern)

The meeting was called to order at 1:07 pm by Mr. Harmon. Mr. Harmon stated that there are new members present and had each person to go around the room and introduce themselves. He asked if everyone had a chance to review the previous meeting minutes and if there were any necessary corrections to these minutes. Mr. Burns moved to have the previous meeting minutes approved as distributed, Mr. Looney seconded the motion, all were in favor and the minutes were approved. Mr. Harmon then turned the floor over to himself to update the Commission on the status of the SARA Tier III report for the Haz Mat Program.

Training Numbers, Conferences, Fees and Reporting:

Mr. Harmon made reference to a handout reflecting the total number of classes that have been taught and total number of students that have attended Haz Mat training from October 1, 2013 – July 30, 2014; for a total of 251 activities and 5259 participants. We will have at least 6,000 by September. Also, EPA will do an LEPC workshop here in the state. The class will be on the beginning of LEPC and how to keep it active. We are still holding our status in the HazMat Training Program than all other states in Region 6.

Mr. Harmon stated that HotZone was scheduled for October 16-19, 2014 in Houston, TX and he will be in attendance. NASTTPO (National Association of SARA Title III Program Officials) partnered with HotZone at the 2014 conference and was also for this year's conference. The NASTTPO conference was scheduled for October 14-16, 2014 in Houston, TX. AEF conference is October 30-31, 2014 in Hot Springs. August 13-15 is the Crude Oil Tank Car Course in Pueblo, CO and Kenny and Chris will be attendance.

Mr. Harmon made mention of a new presentation that he would like to present to the SERC committee after research and planning. He has aspirations of introducing an Annual 2-day Local/State HazMat Training Weekend Conference in early fall each year to be offered here in Arkansas for training purposes. Mr. Harmon will be having the HazMat Weekend at the DoubleTree Hotel on September 12-13, 2014. A course description was given to each SERC member present. AEMA conference is August 27-29, 2014.

Old Business:

To get the cap changed for the TR-I Form R reporting the necessary corrections will have to be taken back to the Legislative Committee. Discussion of Meth Labs and trying to get information about the Drilling Sites for wells to get information back to the Attorney in El Dorado.

New Business:

Electing of SERC Chair and Vice Chair

Scotty Bell will remain SERC Chair

Garnett Wise was elected SERC Vice Chair replacing Bill Blankenship

Mr. Harmon adjourned the meeting at 2:04pm.

