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HAWAII STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION
MEETING # 127

Friday, September 16, 2022, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Red Conference Room located at 2385 Waimano Home Road, Pearl City, HI 96782

Attendees

Voting: Kathleen Ho, Deputy Director of Environmental Health; Gerald Kosaki, Hawaii County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Chair; Carlton Yamada, Honolulu LEPC ; Jeff Kihune, Maui County LEPC; Abraham Mohr, Kauai LEPC; Dr. Yuanan Lu, Thompson School, Social Work & Public Health; Brandy Lolotai, Occupational Safety and Health Division, Dept. of Labor and Industrial Relation; Luke Meyers, Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA), Dave Gulko, Dept. of Land and Natural Resources; Chris Takeno, Dept. of Transportation; Jonathan Chin, Dept. of Business Economic Development & Tourism

Non-Voting: Sharon Leonida, Isaiah Kela-Pacheco, Liz Galvez, Adam Teekell, Ramon Mendoza, Terry Corpus, Harold Lao, Dept. of Health, HEER Office; Bob Harter, City and County of Honolulu, DEM; Chris Reiner, US EPA; Gen Tamura, James Cruz, Dept. of Homeland Security; William Marhoffer, Coast Guard; KITV, TV Station

1. Kathy Ho called the virtual meeting to order at 9:08 am.
 - 1.1 Introduction of attendees on Zoom and in person.
 - 1.2 Motion to approve minutes from meeting #125, accepted pending changes. Motion to accept by Gerald, seconded by Dr. Lu.
 - 1.3 Motion to approve minutes from meeting #126, accepted pending changes. Motion to accept by Dr. Lu, Gerald seconded.
2. LEPC Updates:
 - 2.1 Hawaii County: Gerald Kosaki, LEPC Chair
 - 2.1.1 LEPC meeting was held on August 24, 2022, via Zoom and in person. eight members and three non-members attended. Next meeting will be November 2, 2022.
 - 2.1.2 Four personnel attended the Chemical Safety Day in person. Hazmat and Decon Training was held with the 93rd CST, Civil Support Team, in April. Hazard Technicians Recertification Training for all Hawaii Fire Hazmat personnel is being planned. Looking forward to HazMat Technicians Training, using HMEP funds, on the Big Island. High target hazardous facilities will be the focus.
 - 2.1.3 Equipment replacement, Hazmat Chemical Identifiers were purchased using Department of Homeland Security Grant. Monies from the Cares Act will be used to buy Tyvek suits and gloves. Communication Headsets for the HazMat Team will also be purchased.

They are presently purchasing a Compressor for SCBAs. This is for refilling the air tanks and will be located at the Makalei Station.

LEPC has funded the Hawaii Fire Department \$17,000 for fifteen (15), units of personal Canberra Rad Meters.

- 2.1.4 There was a fire at Pohakuloa, it is being called the Leilani fire. This is misleading. Some of the protesters of the TMT project have remained at the Pohakuloa site. They have expressed concern about Depleted Uranium to the Hawaii Civil Defense office. There is no evidence of depleted uranium there.

Jet Fuel spill at Kona Airport called in to the LEPC. Terry Corpus got the call at the HEER Office. Only one gallon was released. However, four hundred gallons were confined in the catchment area.

2.2 Kauai County: Abraham Mohr, LEPC Chair

- 2.2.1 No hazmat incidents to report.

- 2.2.2 Six personnel were sent to the Chemical Safety Day in June.

Training with the 93rd CST was done in July.

The annual Fire Department Refresher Course will be held in the coming weeks.

Information from the Chemical Safety Day will be included in the training.

KFD will be sending three personnel to Hazmat ICS Training at Sioux Falls, South Dakota for one week on September 17, 2022. This information will also be included in the refresher training.

Hazard Technician Training class will be starting in November.

2.3 Maui County: Jeffrey Kihune, LEPC Chair

- 2.3.1 Two LEPC meeting were held, one on June 30 and another on September 14, 2022.

At the June 30th meeting The Rules and Regulations for the Maui LEPC were adopted. Jeff will be submitting them to HSERC.

- 2.3.2 In Kihei a ten-pound propane tank rusted and started leaking. Fire department flared off the rest of the gas.

A stolen car overturned on Malaihi Road, in Wailuku and went into a ditch. It started leaking gasoline. Hazmat and a tow truck were called to the scene. Tow truck driver wanted payment before removing car. No payment was made, and the tow truck left. Hazmat deployed booms to prevent the leaking fuel from going to the taro patches. A second tow truck did remove the car, HEER office paid for the disposal of waste product.

In Hali'imaile a fifty-gallon drum of semi harden varnish was found on a business property. It was left to harden, and property owner did the removal.

At Maui Linen, a worker added fifty gallons of Sodium Hydroxide to a tank that had a hundred-fifty gallons of Hydrogen Peroxide. Fifteen gallons of foam leaked onto the concrete floor. Hazmat entered the room to ensure the reaction had stopped and used booms to clean up the foam.

Several structure fires required air monitoring by the fire department.

Gasoline is still being stolen by drilling into car's gas tanks.

- 2.3.3 Haz Tec class is being conducted now, it started September 12 and will continue for the next two weeks.

HazMat 10 attended a Spill Deployment Exercise in Kahalui Harbor in July. Marine Spill Response Corporation was the agency that held this event.

LEPC is sending two fire personnel to Hot Zone in October. This will be held in Houston, Texas.

2.4 Honolulu County: Carlton Yamada, LEPC Chair

2.4.1 Next LEPC meeting will be on September 20, 2022, Tuesday.

2.4.2 Honolulu Fire Department had an Initial Haz Tech Class that included twelve fire and three EMS personnel and one personnel from the Honolulu Police Department. Annual Refresher for HazMat Technicians Training was held in August. Two hundred – eleven personnel were able to renew their HazMat certification. In September, another class was held for those that could not attend the August class. This included two EMS from the police department.

In August the HFD started an initial Hazardous Material Incident Management Class for nineteen newly promoted Fire Fighter Threes.

On September 8, KLEAN, Kapolei Local Emergency Action Network, held a tabletop exercise facilitated by Jon Shear of Ready Zone HQ. Two HazMat captains participated in the exercise. This was a Tsunami event.

Other attending agencies were Honolulu Police Department, U.S. Coast Guard, Army Corp of Engineers, Homeland Security, FEMA, FBI, HEER Office, DOE (Department of Education), State Energy Office.

LEPC funded six HFD personnel to Continuing Challenge.

Three personnel will be attending Hot Zone at Houston, Texas in September.

2.4.3 Captain Robin Matsuda retired from the Training and Research, Hazmat Section. Captain Shane Mizukami was promotion to fill the position.

Four vacancies on the two Hazmat units were filled.

2.4.4 No major incidents were reported from the two Hazmat units.

2.4.5 There were several pre-planned site visits.

Coca Cola Bottling Company in Mapunapuna and Odom-Anheuser-Busch were visited to do an inspection and to update the emergency plans for each facility.

Hawaii Chemical and Scientific Company did not have enough chemicals to be a Tier II reporting facility.

2.4.6 From a Homeland Security Grant HFD has purchased two MX 908 Ray Systems. This new equipment will allow fire personnel to detect trace amounts of vapors, gases, and powders. After receiving the equipment, a representative arrived to train the Hazmat units in August.

3. Information on New Appointed Voting Members: Sharon Leonida HEER Office

Sharon went over who the new appointed members were and their offices. Explanation on how names have been submitted to the Ethics Commission. They will be contacted and instructed on how to fill in the report that the commission needs.

Ethics Commission Information

Slides showed “Mandatory State Ethics Training”. Sharon explained on how to look up what training each person may need. If anyone is unsure, call the Ethics Commission Office. They will be able to help you decide what training you will need.

4. Schedule HSERC Meetings for 2023: HSERC, LEPC
Members have chosen, March 17th, June 16th, September 22nd, December 15th, as the meeting dates for next year.

5. USEPA Updates: Chris Reiner US EPA Region 9
The ORRT will be held on December 13, at the Fire Training Center and be Virtual.
The Western Regions SERC-TERC meeting will be a Virtual meeting. This will be on January 25 – 26, 2023.
Pete Reich is with the EPA Region 9 Oil Program. He will be on Maui the week of October 17th doing facilities drills and inspections. This is in relation to the SPCC, Spill Prevention Control and Counter Measure and FRP, Facility Response Program.
EPA is working with Liz and planning an exercise on Oahu in June 2030 on Lithium-Ion battery facilities.
A Chemical Safety Day is being planned on the Big Island for chlorine. This will be in September of 2023. This is a growing problem across the nation.

6. HMEP Grant: Harold Lao HEER Office
We have applied for \$117,000 for planning and training. We should be getting the award notice soon. Jeff has asked to bring a trainer on Lithium-Ion batteries to Maui. Funds are available and Harold asked if other counties would be interested in the training. All LEPCs are interested.

7. Updates on Health Department: Kathleen Ho
Covid boosters are available, visit the DOH website, more information on where to go and how to make appointments.
We will be continuing to test the wastewater from our collection station for covid. State Lab has been collecting and doing this testing.
In the last legislative session, the DOH State Laboratory Division was given about \$14 million to support its High-Capacity Testing Lab and renovations on the lab.
On Red Hill, DOH has received Supplement 1 – A, The Unpacking Plan. The Department of Health is still reviewing this plan and will be providing comments to the Navy.
The present administration is working on a transition to the “Incoming New Administration”.
No big administrative bills are planned for the Legislature. Doing clean-up of the Statutes.
Dale Sakata was the attorney for the HEER Office, Wade Hardgrove will be replacing him and will also be helping Solid and Hazardous Waste Branch.

8. Other Business:
Bob Harter from Department of Emergency Management, City and County of Honolulu, announced that the Honolulu LEPC was in the “Pipeline Awareness” Publication. In the Best Practice section, Spot Light portion, it was noted that each year the LEPC has a meeting dedicated to Pipeline Emergency Preparedness. This portion of the publication was e-mailed to members. You can request this free publication.

Bill Marhoffer announced training from NOAA, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and The Fish and Wildlife Service. This will be held in December 2022.

He attended training with HFD that Matson Company sponsored. The company is being pro-active in addressing Lithium-Ion battery fires, especially in electric vehicles. Matson had a demonstration with the "BEST" system. This would be effective on a roadway situation. It is not as effective on a ship transporting these vehicles. It has severe limitations.

There are different offices in the Coast Guard Head Quarters working with the International Maritime Organization on reviewing and revising international standards for labeling, placarding, packaging, and other precautions for Lithium-Ion batteries. This includes the small camera batteries to the Tesla Maga Battery installation in Kapolei.

There was a Demonstration of the Hydro-Pen Container Fire Extinguish System. This uses water pressure to drill into the container and spray water into the container without opening. This works very well. Matson has equipped all their container ships serving the Hawaiian Market with this system and a spare system.

The largest shipping company in the business is now buying this equipment to use on their ships. Sector Honolulu, Hawaii Area Contingency Plan, has a new Emergency Management Force Readiness Chief, Lt. Commander Raphael Sadowitz.

Another new addition is Lt. Commander Michelle Rice. She will be the Incident Management Division Chief. This involves handling Pollution Response and other types of emergency events.

Under the Hawaii Dispersant Plan, Coast Guard and EPA will be bringing in specialist in different fields, Biologist, Toxicologist, to help them complete what is required for the Endangered Species Act Consultation.

Coastal Zone Area Contingency Plan, when the comment period opens, Bill will notify the HSERC and other agencies.

Liz has informed the HSERC and Coast Guard that the State ADDS Pac spray booms have to be repaired.

Gen Tamura from Homeland Security is waiting for a notice from his Regional Office, they are hiring a Senior Chemical Security Inspector.

Luke Meyers from HIEMA informed HSERC about planning for the National Level Exercise 2024.

This is in cooperation with FEMA and state, federal and local partners. The NLE will have a capstone and coincide with Makani Pahili in 2024. There will be a series of related exercise in 2023 leading up to this. This could be an opportunity to link some of the training the HEER Office and other agencies have planned to the National Level Exercise.

Mr. Meyers wanted to advise the HSERC of these other trainings.

9. Next HSERC Meeting: December 16, 2022. Sharon will notify members where meeting will be held.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:14 am.

Respectively Submitted,



Sharon L. Leonida, Environmental Health Specialist IV

