

SERC Business Meeting
 Nebraska Educational Television
 Lincoln, Nebraska
 October 2, 2012, 1:00 PM

- I. Call to Order, Introduction of Members
 Keith Hansen, Chair, calls the meeting to order at 1:05 PM

The open meeting Statute is available for review on the registration table.

Member		Affiliation	Present
John	Baroni	County Elected Official	X
Al	Berndt	NE Emergency Management	
(empty)		Industry	
Steven	Danon	Small Business	
Keith	Deiml	Education	X
Don	Eisenhauer	Agribusiness	X
John	Falgione	State Fire Marshal	
Joe	Francis	Department of Environmental Quality	
Gary	Gandara	Labor	x
Keith	Hansen	Community Health	X
Tim	Hofbauer	Local Emergency Management	X
Larry	Johnson	Trucking Association	x
Judd	Lyons	ARNG	
Mark	Lohnes	NDEQ SARA Title III	X
(empty)		City Government	
Mark	Maday	Transportation	
Dana	Miller	Vice Chair, Fire	Via video conference
Tonya	Ngotel	SERC Coordinator	X
Kimberly	Plouzek	Environmental Protection	X
Tom	Sands	Department of Roads	X
Kyle	Otte	State Patrol	X
Sue	Semerena	Health and Human Services	x
Jessica	Sherwood	NDOR Alt	X

Other Attendees: Dana Miller, representing Fire via conference call from Scottsbluff; Janell Walther, Public Policy Center; Mark DeKraai, Public Policy Center.

- II. Approval of the agenda for October 2, 2012.
 Sue Semerena made a motion to approve the agenda for October 2, 2012. Tim Hofbauer seconded the motion; the motion passed by consensus.
- III. Approval of minutes from the July 12, 2012 meeting.
 Tim Hofbauer made a motion to approve the minutes from the July, 2012 SERC Business Meeting. Tom Sands seconded the motion; the motion passed by consensus.

IV. New Business

- a. The Nebraska Hazardous Incident Team (NHIT) sponsored a chemical suicide training presented by the Missouri Emergency Response Commission (MERC). Chemical suicide has continued to be on the rise both internationally and within the US borders. Attendees were taught how to identify chemical suicide and understand the differences in response and what to look for if a crime is involved. An awareness piece may be planned for the HazMat Symposium. Tonya Ngotel will work with the Fire Marshal to identify possible avenues for future chemical suicide training.

V. Old Business

- a. LEPC Membership Approval – (vote)

Several applications were received and reviewed for accuracy. Discussion was held concerning the new chair of the Douglas county LEPC and their recent presentation on pipeline emergencies. Tonya Ngotel and Mark Lohnes discussed the participation of XL Beef after their recent release this year.

Kim Plouzek made a motion to approve the LEPC applications. John Baroni seconded the motion; the motion passed by consensus.

- b. SERC Membership Committee

- i. Status Report

The SERC currently has two vacancies and is seeking those interested in submitting membership applications for an industry and city official representative. Inquires should be sent Tonya Ngotel. Applications should be sent to the Office of the Governor.

- c. SERC Subcommittee Report

- i. Public Outreach/LEPC Support

1. Keith Hansen spoke of the dual role that the Lincoln County LEPC plays also as an exercise planning committee. They are planning a full-scale exercise for the upcoming year. The Center for Preparedness at UNMC will help support this local, large-scale exercise. This exercise and support will be shared with other LEPCs in the state.

- ii. LEPC Function

1. Strategic Report

Similar to last year, Mark DeKraai, Public Policy Center will be assisting the SERC with the annual retreat and strategic plan. SERC members are asked to consider what they would like to see as topics for the retreat and identify future action items. Discussion was held concerning the usefulness of bringing in individuals from LEPCs who are spearheading growth so they can share successes and lessons learned from their work. And also including LEPCs who continue to struggle with their role and begin a dialogue for future planning. SERC can build on some of the work done at the LEPC Regional conference. Mark Lohnes and Tonya Ngotel will help identify representatives from across the state who would be interested in attending. Details will be discussed at the January 2013 SERC meeting.

- d. 2013 Regional LEPC Conference

A Save the Date card was passed around for the 2013 Regional LEPC conference to be held at the at the Overland Park Marriott July 25-27, 2013. The International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) will be in attendance to provide some hands-on training. Tracks will also be available for health & medical, information technology, and industry. Paul Johnson, Douglas County LEPC, Lynn Marshall, Sarpy County LEPC, and Felix Kitto, tribal representative, will serve on the planning committee as representatives for

Nebraska. SERC members are encouraged to attend. HMEP funds will be used to send both SERC and LEPC members.

c. Other

September was National Preparedness Month, and the Nebraska Safety Council featured LEPCs in their September newsletter.

VI. Report from NEMA – on behalf of Al Berndt, Tonya Ngotel reported

NEMA staff has moved into the new building at the Joint Force Headquarters (JFHQ) on the National Guard Base at the Lincoln airport. The Nebraska State Patrol dispatch will move in and begin operations in October. The technical hazards section which includes the SERC Coordinators position will remain at the Van Dorn office.

The much anticipated grant award notice from the Department of Transportation HMEP Grant was received on September 28th. With this notice the SERC will continue its existing projects and work to support LEPCs, complete the commodity flow study and support the LEPC conference. Tonya Ngotel and Mark Lohnes are headed to the National Association of SARA Title Three Program Officials (NASTTPO) conference in Houston in a few weeks. Agenda items include the HMEP grant, TIER II updates and LEPC lessons learned.

Tonya Ngotel attended a full-scale exercise, “Operation Drum Cake,” was held with CAMECO and Signet North America to exercise a release of a radioactive material. The local first responders were unable to participate because of the existing fires, but the exercise was very useful.

Mark Lohnes and Tonya Ngotel attended a full scale exercise conducted by TransCanda pipeline. A release was simulated on the Missouri River on the Nebraska/South Dakota border. Attendees included emergency management, local responders, and others.

VII. Report from NDEQ/EPA –on behalf of Joe Francis, Mark Lohnes reported

NDEQ: Tier II season is about to begin, similar to last year post card reminders will be sent out to all reporting facilities. LEPCs are being encouraged to report any new industries or facilities that fall under the EPCRA reporting regulations to Mark Lohnes. Mark Lohnes attended an exercise in Beatrice that simulated a release of ammonia. Several responding agencies participated including public health, Beatrice Fire and Rescue and the LEPC.

Region 7 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was unable to join the meeting due to technical difficulties with the video conferencing. Tonya Ngotel reviewed the handout provided by Terri Blunk.

VIII. Public Forum / Presentations

IX. Adjournment

a. Next Meeting –

John Baroni made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Tom Sands; the motion passed by consensus.

The next meeting of the SERC will be held January 8, 2013 at 1:00pm at the Nebraska Educational Television located in Lincoln, NE.