



**Gordon County Local Emergency Planning Committee
October 8, 2008 Meeting**

Welcome byKristen Bartlett, Chairperson, OMNOVA Solutions

Members Present:

Christy Blair.....Envir. Health
Michael Behr....Allied Waste Services
Richard Cooper.....EMA
Gary Cumbey.....Plaint Corp.
Vicky Edge.....Ga. Forestry
Randy Gallman..Calhoun Police Dept.
Leah Gentry.....Kobelco
Barry Hice.....Gordon Co. Road Dept.
Christy Nicholson.....EMA
Byron Sutton.....GCFD

Judy Howerton.....GCHD
Bill Long.....Kobelco
Steve Moraitakis.....UGA Ext
Nate Ritchie.....Safety South
Lori Rosen.....Am. Red Cross
Paul Sneed.....Shaw Ind.
Greg Hunnicut.....Shaw Ind.
Paul Walker.....Gordon EMS
Tommy Champion...Gordon ARC

Kristen called the meeting to order following the statement, “Rain – wow, what’s that?” and asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the September 17, 2008 meeting. Gary made the motion and Mike seconded. All were in favor.

Committee Reports: None at this time.

Treasurer’s Report: Bill Miller was not able to attend. Kristen gave an update; funds were used to pay postage for the membership letters recently mailed, there was \$260 paid for a booth space at the Business Expo which is a better location as compared to last year. The LEPC booth placed 2nd at the Northwest Georgia Regional Fair which was awarded \$100. This \$100 was donated to the upcoming Flu Pandemic Exercise to be held on October 28, 2008 with Christy saying “Thank You”.

Reportable Quantity Spills: Richard Cooper stated there were no reportable quantity spills since the last meeting, and updated that the Wilco incident clean-up is still proceeding with an up-to-date cost of more than half million dollars.

Old Business:

1. Membership letters went out to encourage attendance to the LEPC monthly meetings. Kristen expressed appreciation to those that have been faithfully attending.
2. Flu Drill exercise on October 28, 2008 will be from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Judy is coordinating and asked for volunteers to contact her. There will be a planning

meeting on October 15, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the UGA Extension Office auditorium. Judy mentioned that this seasonal flu vaccination exercise has a limited number of doses to be administered, 2000 to be exact. For this exercise, Judy will be located in the EOC with Unified Incident Command, Christy will be with Logistics. There is no funding to provide lunch for the workers with this grant, but the GCLEPC donated \$100 and Allied Waste donated \$500 with a total of \$600 as to date. All donations are greatly appreciated. There is a need for signing up with accurate numbers for audit reporting. There will be student volunteers requiring adult supervision. This drill will help to be better prepared for the time of an emergency. Everyone's help is much appreciated. By exercising the vaccination process, everyone in Gordon County will benefit, when a pandemic does occur.

New Business:

1. **Business Expo LEPC booth needs volunteers. It will be held on October 16, 2006 at the Sonoraville Recreation Complex. Doors open to the public from 11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The exhibit needs to be set up and manned before 11:00 a.m. and taken down after 6:30 p.m.**

Schedule:

7:30 a.m. (set-up) to 2:00 p.m. = Kristen, Vicky and Kevin

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon = Christy and Dottie

1:00 to 3:00 p.m. = Lori

3:00 to 5:00 p.m. = Gary

4:30 to 6:30 p.m. (take down) = Steve and Judy

The first 100 attendees will receive an Emergency Book, and then will begin an hourly drawing for a first aid kit every hour on-the-hour after the books are distributed. Also, tote bags and brochures will be distributed throughout the day. Red Cross will donate emergency wind-up radio-flashlight-cell phone charger. A basket with a collection of all items will make up the single big drawing at the appointed time.

2. **HEMP Grant check of \$3,200 on its way. LEPC will need to participate in a major, large scale drill every other year and a table-top drill every year to continue to receive such grants.**
3. **WHIP Drill, a nuclear waste spill exercise for the state will be conducted in Gordon County during March 2009. This will be a huge exercise and there will be a need for volunteers. All public safety agencies will be involved including GCLEPC. More information about this will be shared at next month's meeting; therefore, it is important for everyone to attend the meeting.**

Guest Speaker:

Lori Rosen, from the Gordon County Branch of the American Red Cross, and Tommy Champion, also from GCARC, attended the meeting. Lori shared about the services now available in Gordon County and new location in Gordon County at 309 Court Street, downtown Calhoun. Lori expressed thanks for the space being donated. Lori explained that the American Red Cross is a supporting agency. They provide emergency shelter/housing, rest area, food, aid station and canteen as called upon. They offer volunteer training at no cost. Also, any agency is invited to bring

their brochures for them to distribute. They are a 501 (c) organization so donors may receive tax credit for donations. Their first priority is to build emergency resource support for Gordon County.

The end of the presentation was the end of the meeting. No other business was discussed. Kristen asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lori motioned that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Christy.

Next meeting will be **November 12, 2008 @ 10:00 am at Gordon County EOC.**