



**Gordon County Local Emergency Planning Committee
Minutes for October 10th Meeting**

Welcome by – Kristen Bartlett, Omnova Solutions

Members present:

Bill Miller.....	Henkel Corp
Chief Hawkins.....	GCFD
Dotti Payne.....	GCFD
Jeff Putnam.....	Gordon EMS
Judy Howerton.....	GC Health Dept.
Chief Nesbitt.....	Calhoun Fire Dept
Michael Mcdougle.....	Kerry Inc.
Amy Vickery.....	American Red Cross
Randy Waskul.....	Mohawk Industries
Richard Cooper.....	EMA
Steve Moritakis.....	UGA Extension
Terry Mills.....	Calhoun Fire Dept.
Vicky Edge.....	Ga. Forestry
Christy Blair.....	Environmental Health
Tim Duvall.....	Calhoun Fire Dept.
Brian Brannon.....	Clerk of Court
Michael Behr.....	Allied Waste Services
Randy Gallman.....	Calhoun PD

Kristen called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the Sept. 5th meeting. Richard Cooper made the motion and Jeff Putnam seconded the motion. All were in favor.

No Committee Reports at this time.

Kristen asked if there had been any reportable spills. Chief Nesbitt stated there had been none in the city. Chief Hawkins stated the county had one spill at Nance carpet of 85 gallons of diesel fuel. He stated Marion Environmental cleaned the spill up. Cooper stated there had been a small spill on the interstate from a punctured tank.

Kristen stated that Suzanne Hutchinson could not attend this meeting due to a conflict.

Cooper stated she will try to be at the next meeting to explain the by-laws.

Kristen asked Cooper for a drill update. He stated it would be held Nov. 10th in Whitfield County. She asked if there were any plans to have a drill in Gordon County. He stated he did not know at this time but that he would try.

Kristen stated that Omnova had hired a new Safety Officer and he wants to do a drill at the plant.

Chief Nesbitt stated if we do a drill in Calhoun there is potential for funding from GEMA. He stated it could be an all hazards drill with several agencies involved.

Kristen reminded everyone we need to show we are doing drills to keep our status as a LEPC.

Jeff Putnam stated there would be a Pandemic Flu drill that Whitfield LEPC is participating in and that he will send us the information.

Kristen stated we also need to be doing hazmat drills.

Jeff Putnam stated there would be a full scale hospital evacuation drill next Nov. and that he would get that information to us also.

Judy Howerton stated Georgia is ranked 50th in Emergency Preparedness. She stated there has been a state site review of health pods. The state is getting more realistic about nursing staff levels and is considering non-licensed people to be considered for dispensing medication. She states the LEPC can be involved in this process.

Kristen asked Judy to get information to us on this matter.

Kristen stated that the LEPC now has a website. She stated you go to www.gordoncounty.org then click on LEPC. She asked that any information on hazmat or emergency responses be sent in to website. We want to make it easy for the public to go to our website for information.

Cooper stated Keith King liked what he was doing with the website and he forwarded it to everyone in the state.

Kristen stated if we want responding equipment to be on website we need to send her pictures so she can post them.

Kristen stated the next big thing we have coming up is the Chamber Business Expo. The LEPC has purchased a booth which will bring us much needed exposure to the public. The fair booth was a success we received a 4th place ribbon for our efforts. She asked for volunteers to man the booth. Several people volunteered. She stated the Chamber wanted every booth to have some type of “give-a-way”.

Amy Vickery stated she could look into getting a first aid kit from the Red Cross. Everyone agreed this would be a good idea.

Kristen stated the Tier II Electronic Submittals would be March 1st, 2008. Kent Howell approved the MOU. She stated our system is on Gordon County and that the City Fire Dept. uses cal.net. In Nov. or Dec. I will be sending out instructions to all entities on how to use the system.

Chief Nesbitt stated it might be a good idea to put something in the newspaper to let the public know what this is for.

Bill Miller gave treasurers report. He will be giving us a report summary soon.

Kristen stated that we had accomplished a lot and we all had done a good job getting our name out there.

The next meeting will be Nov. 7th, 2007. Randy Waskul made the motion to adjourn and Bill Miller seconded the motion. All were in favor.