



**Gordon County Local Emergency Planning Committee
November 12, 2008 Meeting**

Welcome byKristen Bartlett, Chairperson, OMNOVA Solutions

Members Present:

Christy Blair.....Envir. Health
Bill Miller.....Henkel Corp
Richard Cooper.....EMA
April Harkins.....GCHD
Mark Dooley.....Calhoun Fire Dept.
Tim Duvall.....Calhoun Fire Dept.
Chief Hawkins Gordon Co. Fire Dept.
Joey Jordan.....Gordon Co. Fire Dept.
Sara Keys.....Mohawk Ind.
Randy Waskul.....Mohawk Ind.
Vickie Spence.....United Way

Judy Howerton.....GCHD
Tony Cooper...NW GA Public Health
Lori Rosen.....Am. Red Cross
Derek McMillen.....LG Chem
Gary Moss.....Calhoun Police Dept
Paul Walker...Gordon EMS
Christy Nicholson...Gordon Co. EMA
Byron Sutton...Gordon Co. Fire Dept.
Shawn Elmore.....GADNR – LE
David Torres....Shaw Ind. Plant DK

Kristen called the meeting to order. We went around the room and made introductions since there were a few new members at the meeting. The sign-in sheet was circulated.

Byron Sutton made a motion to add an update to last month's meeting minutes on the attendance of the Fire Department. Kristen will send out a revised copy. Other than that, the minutes were approved.

Committee Reports: None at this time.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Miller gave the report. The current balance at Georgia Bank and Trust is \$1854.50. Expenditures during the month were \$260 for booth rent at the Expo.

Reportable Quantity Spills: Richard Cooper stated there were no reportable quantity spills since the last meeting.

Old Business:

- 1. Richard Cooper stated that \$3200 HEMP grant money was received to be used for equipment and training. Randy Waksul asked if this money could be used for public awareness. It was determined that the money could be used for public awareness.**

2. **Kristen Bartlett stated we will be reviewing goals shortly for the LEPC. She would like more training in the goals for next year.**
3. **Richard Cooper updated the group on WHIP training. We should be ready by March. Richard will also check on what the LEPC needs to do for training. Lori Rosen, Red Cross, asked about training for setting up evacuations and sheltering. We discussed some of the issues regarding setting up shelters. Kristen Bartlett asked about the scenario for the WHIP drill. Byron Sutton is working with GEMA to get a rough draft or sample exercise. Kristen Bartlett stressed that civilian LEPC members can be involved and not to forget about them. Chief Hawkins stated there is a planning meeting on Tuesday 11/18/2008 at Fire Station #5.**
4. **Judy Howerton, GCHD reviewed the Pandemic Flu exercise. It was very successful. Judy felt that we may need to put in a contingency for emergency lockdown. She also asked if those who participated could fill out a participant feedback sheet. Christy Blair read a list of some of the donations and supporters. Judy Howerton asked about possibly getting some pictures on the LEPC website.**

New Business:

1. **Kristen Bartlett asked for feedback on the Business Expo. It went very well. The first aid kits were very popular. The tote bags were also well received.**
2. **We discussed that the Fair booth had not been as much of a success. Byron Sutton suggested in the future we could have an unmanned booth with emergency trailers and such on display. We will look into this next year as an alternative.**
3. **Lori Rosen from the Red Cross informed the LEPC of an Emergency Services Capacity Building grant that she is working on. Some of the items are: cots, radios, generators, off site feeding vehicle, shelter kits, nurses kits, and a disaster trailer. She asked if anyone thought something else was needed to let her know by Monday, 11/17. We also discussed sheltering issues at Sonoraville such as egress, sprinklers, water purification. Lori Rosen also asked about storage for emergency supplies. Joey Jordan mentioned some space may be available at the new jail. Vickie Spence, United Way, also suggested contacting the county commissioners on this issue.**
4. **Chief Gary Moss, Calhoun Police Dept., c made the group aware of some training exercises at the schools next week with an SRT team and negotiators. He also updated us on the huge success of the K9 dog certification recently held in Calhoun.**
5. **Chief David Hawkins, Gordon County Fire Dept., made the group aware of the progress on the tower at Coosa Valley. They are encouraging industries and other parties to help partner with them on this project.**
6. **Kristen asked that we have lunch at the meeting in December. Christy volunteered to coordinate.**

No other business was discussed. Kristen asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tim Duvall motioned that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Chief Moss.

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