



## Medina County Local Emergency Planning Committee

### Meeting Minutes for July 3, 2025

#### LEPC Members

Mark Albrecht – Industry	Colin Johnson - Health
Wade Balser – Ohio EPA	Matt Martin – Transportation
Gregory Bartoe - EMA	Phillip McHugh – Hospital
Chris Blair - Fire	Bob Mueller – Community Group
Jim Carter - Fire	Stephanie Mueller – First Aid
Anthony Dattilo – Industry	Ben Nau – EMA
Noah Eddy - EMA	Chuck Stiver – EMA
Rob Haas – Fire	Anthony Strazzo – Fire
Steve Hambley – Elected Official	Alliss Strogan – Community Group

#### Guests

Noah Porter – OEMA	Julie Gravelle – FBI
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**Anthony Dattilo called the meeting to order at 0830.**

**Public comment:** None

**Minutes:** Motion to approve May 2025 Minutes made by Chris Blair, second by Rob Haas. Motion approved unanimously.

**Incidents:** The following HazMat incidents were discussed by the group.

- 05/02/2025 – Republic Services, Valley City, OH
  - A Republic trash truck leaked approximately 4 gallons of hydraulic oil onto the roadway as it was collecting trash in Valley City. Republic had a team respond to the spill area and placed an absorbent on the spilled oil. Thereafter, the oil was swept up (manually and then via street sweeper).
- 06/03/2025 – Ohio Edison, Brunswick, OH
  - After a vehicle accident, an Ohio Edison power line pole came down and a transformer leaked approximately 75 – 80 gallons of mineral oil onto the road. Ohio Edison handled the clean-up.

**LEPC Exercise:** The LEPC exercise was conducted on June 3, 2025, at the Lafayette Township Fire Department. The tabletop exercise, which simulated a leak and/or explosion of the Nexus natural gas pipeline in Lafayette Township, was attended by approximately 33 individuals. The resulting explosion resulted in the evacuation and sheltering of the residents of the County Home and other nearby residents. The exercise went well and resulted in constructive dialogue from numerous partners. The exercise met the four objectives that were tested.

**Update of HazMat Plan:** Greg Bartoe reported that he will be reviewing the HazMat plan for action at the next meeting.

**Upcoming Trainings:**

- HazMat Decontamination Operations to be held on 07/21/2025 at Erhart/York Twp Fire.
- HazMat for Dispatchers – 08/27/2025 at the Medina County Sheriff's Office
- HazMat for Law Enforcement – TBD
- HazMat Confined Space Technician Training – TBD

**Once Around:**

- Ben Nau
  - Ben Nau reported that the Medina County Emergency Operations Plan has been updated and approved.
  - Also, Mr. Nau stated that an Emergency Management Specialist position will soon be opening at the Medina County EMA.
- Noah Eddy
  - Noah Eddy is updating the Medina County Mitigation Plan and is in the final stages before submitting the Mitigation Plan to the State of Ohio for approval.
- Chuck Stiver
  - Chuck Stiver reported that the All-Hazards Team Dive Team has completed training and now has 11 – 12 certified divers after nearly a year of training. The Dive Team's training was overseen by Dive Rescue International and one of its instructors, Fred Jackson. Mr. Jackson will soon be joining the Medina County Dive Team as an EMA volunteer. Mr. Stiver said the Dive Team will become operational after the approval of an SOG.
- Mark Albrecht
  - Mark Albrecht complimented Commissioner Steve Hambley and the Solid Waste District on how professionally the review is being handled.
  - Mr. Albrecht also reminded everyone of the Ohio law regarding the holding of a cell phone while driving.
- Colin Johnson
  - Colin Johnson mentioned a webinar regarding a new Executive Order that proposes moving the Strategic National Stockpile from Federal responsibility to the responsibility of the State/Local jurisdictions.
- Noah Porter
  - Noah Porter offered a reminder that the LEPC Fiscal Report is due July 31, 2025, and the new LEPC Membership list is due August 1, 2025.
- Julie Gravelle
  - Julie Gravelle introduced herself as an FBI Special Agent in Cleveland, Ohio and one of the Weapons of Mass Destruction coordinators. Special Agent Gravelle indicated that she will be attending the LEPC meetings in the future.
- Rob Haas
  - Rob Haas commented on the LEPC Tabletop exercise and noted the need for further Incident Command training. In addition, Mr. Haas mentioned that numerous changes that are occurring at FEMA.
- Philip McHugh
  - Philip McHugh stated that a new president, Dr. Thomas Rogers, took over on July 1, 2025, at Cleveland Clinic Hospital in Medina. Mr. McHugh reported Dr. Rogers was an Army Colonel and is well versed in Incident Command.
  - Further, Mr. McHugh reported the hospital incurred additional power disruptions on May 22, 2025, and May 23, 2025. On May 22, 2025, a tree fell and took out a transformer on Smith Road, which resulted in the hospital losing power for a couple of hours. The hospital's generators kicked on and there were not operational issues. On May 23, 2025, Ohio Edison took down the hospital's power for maintenance

work. The hospital subsequently met with Ohio Edison and established a protocol for letting the hospital know of possible power disruptions due to maintenance.

- Anthony Dattilo
  - Mr. Dattilo complimented the Solid Waste District facility and operation. It was further noted that there is currently a Technical Advisory Committee for the Solid Waste District. The flow control, tipping fees, and the update of the plan for the Solid Waste District were discussed.

**Motion to Adjourn was made by Alliss Strogan, second by Mr. Albrecht. The Motion to Adjourn passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 0901.**