



Medina County Local Emergency Planning Committee

Meeting Minutes for September 4, 2025

LEPC Members

Mark Albrecht – Industry	Aaron Harrison – Elected Official
Wade Balser – Ohio EPA	Colin Johnson - Health
Tom Bartfai - Transportation	Phillip McHugh – Hospital
Gregory Bartoe - EMA	Bob Mueller – Community Group
Chris Blair - Fire	Stephanie Mueller – First Aid
Jim Carter - Fire	Ben Nau – EMA
Anthony Dattilo – Industry	Chuck Stiver – EMA
Julio Esis – Industry	Anthony Strazzo – Fire
Terry Grice – Law Enforcement	Alliss Strogan – Community Group
Rob Haas – Fire	Barb Walton – Environmental

Guests

Noah Porter – OEMA	Julie Gravelle – FBI
Michelle Sowers - OEMA	

Anthony Dattilo called the meeting to order at 0830.

Public comment: None

Minutes: Motion to approve the May 2025 Minutes made by Chief Anthony Strazzo, second by Chris Blair. Motion approved unanimously.

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

- 07/06/2025 – Travel Centers of America, Westfield Township, OH
 - Travel Center reported a drum of motor oil fell off a truck in the parking lot, which resulted in a spill of about 25 gallons of motor oil. Travel Center staff completed the clean-up.
- 08/06/2025 – SUV Logistics, Medina Township, OH
 - After a semi-truck overturned at the I-71 and I-271 split, the semi-truck leaked about 50 – 75 gallons of diesel fuel onto a low area of the ground. Three booms were placed to contain the diesel and Lloyd's Towing handled the clean-up.
- 08/25/2025 – Alchem Corp., Medina, OH
 - Sodium silicate solution spilled from a truck as it was delivering this product to Alchem Corp. The spilled material was contained the parking lot of the company and private contractor handled the clean-up.

- 08/27/2025 – Kimble Companies, Guilford Township, OH
 - A Kimble Companies trash hauler leaked hydraulic oil and spilled about 18 – 20 gallons of hydraulic fluid onto the roadway. Kimble personnel put absorbent on the hydraulic fluid before sweeping up the material via brooms and street sweeper.

Update of HazMat Plan: Resolution 2025-02 was presented to the Committee, which recommended the acceptance of the FY2023 Chemical Emergency Response Preparedness Plan with No Changes for 2025. Chief Strazzo made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-02, and this motion was seconded by Julio Esis. A rollcall voice vote showed the motion passing unanimously. Mr. Dattilo reviewed and initialed the “No Change Review” Checklist.

Upcoming Trainings:

- Public Information Basics Training – October 22-24, 2025
- Continuity of Operations – January 16, 2026

Once Around:

- Noah Porter
 - Noah Porter advised the LEPC Compliance Report is due on October 31, 2025.
- Chief Anthony Strazzo
 - Chief Strazzo mentioned the Summit County LEPC Annual Conference will be occurring soon and Chuck Stiver provided additional information regarding the conference.
- Stephanie Mueller
 - Stephanie Mueller said the next Medina County Safety Council meeting will feature Ben Weisbrod from Ohio Homeland Security, who will be discussing suspicious activity reporting. The Safety Council meeting after the suspicious activity reporting will be about cyber security. In addition, Ms. Mueller is still looking for speakers for Safety Council presentations from January through June of 2026.
- Wade Balser
 - Wade Balser reported that the Ohio EPA Emergency Response unit in Twinsburg is fully staffed, and the staff is working on becoming fully functional.
- Tom Bartfai
 - Tom Bartfai stated the Medina County HazMat Team will conduct a training event at the Hinckley wastewater treatment plant on September 13, 2025. An additional training event will take place at the Liverpool wastewater treatment plant in October or November.
 - Mr. Bartfai also mentioned that the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railroad will be putting on a safety training event on September 25, 2025, featuring a training trailer at the Medina Fire Station.
 - Mr. Bartfai reported that the Medina County HazMat will undergo an audit by the State of Ohio on October 11, 2025. Mr. Bartfai noted the team is well equipped but sometimes struggles with manpower issues at training events.
- Ben Nau
 - Ben Nau reported that the State of Ohio has approved the Medina County Mitigation Plan, and it is waiting for final approval from FEMA.
 - Mr. Nau also stated that Noah Eddy, the Emergency Management Specialist who prepared the Mitigation Plan, has left employment with the Medina County EMA as he moved out of state.
- Terry Grice
 - Sheriff Terry Grice noted the Medina County Career Center – South/Medina County Sheriff’s Office Training Center will host an open house at the Training Center on September 18, 2025. Thereafter, the Sheriff’s Office will host training events at this location.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Mr. Blair, second by Chief Strazzo. The Motion to Adjourn passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 0849.