



Medina County Local Emergency Planning Committee

Meeting Minutes for January 8, 2026

LEPC Members

Mark Albrecht – Industry	Matt Martin – Transportation
Wade Balsler – Ohio EPA	Bob Mueller – Community Group
Tom Bartfai - Transportation	Stephanie Mueller – First Aid
Gregory Bartoe - EMA	Ben Nau – EMA
Jim Carter - Fire	Chuck Stiver – EMA
Anthony Dattilo – Industry	Anthony Strazzo – Fire
Shandra DeVoe – Industry	Alliss Strogin – Community Group
Rob Haas – Fire	Barb Walton - Environmental
Colin Johnson – Health	

Guests

Bob Zehertaun – OEMA	Joshua Tidey – EMA
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Anthony Dattilo called the meeting to order at 0830.

Public comment: None

Minutes: Motion to approve the November 2025 Minutes made by Rob Haas, seconded by Anthony Strazzo. Motion approved unanimously.

LEPC Contract:

- The contract between EMA and LEPC for EMA to provide management of the LEPC functions was introduced as Resolution 2026-001 EMA/LEPC Contract for Services and discussed. Rob Haas made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-001, and the motion was seconded by Chief Anthony Strazzo. This Resolution passed unanimously.

LEPC Grant Application:

- The LEPC Grant Application was reviewed and discussed. Thereafter, Alliss Strogin made a motion to approve the submission of the LEPC Grant to the State of Ohio as documented on Resolution 2026-002. Matt Martin second this motion. A voice vote showed Resolution 2026-002 passing unanimously.
- The SERC requirement for a Media member and the difficulty the Medina County LEPC has had securing a Media member for its Board was discussed. Stephanie Mueller volunteered to assist in the recruitment of a Media member for the Medina County LEPC.

Incidents: The following HazMat spill incidents and/or HazMat responses were discussed by the group.

- 12/03/2025 – Tanker Truck Rollover on I-271, Granger Township, OH
 - An HOC Transport tanker truck hauling ethanol overturned while traveling northbound on I-271 near the Ridge Road exit. This crash caused I-271 to be shut down in both directions while crews worked to clear the crash and clean up the spilled ethanol. Multiple fire and police departments were on scene along with the Medina County HazMat Team. It was estimated that approximately 6,500 gallons of ethanol spilled into the median of I-271. World Truck was on scene to clean up the crash and spill. Ohio EPA also responded to this incident.
- 12/17/2025 – Box Truck Rollover at Hill N Dale Club, Montville Township, OH
 - A semi-truck hauling ammunition overturned while trying to navigate the turns on the Hill N Dale Club property. Although the truck overturned near a pond on the property, the truck only spilled approximately 5 gallons of diesel and transmission fluid that did not reach the pond. World Truck responded to the scene and handled the cleanup of the scene.
- 12/22/2025 – Spray Products Release, City of Medina
 - Spray Products overloaded a rail car with PB Blaster, but the spill was contained to a ditch on their property. They did not have enough booms to handle the spill and we supplied some additional booms.
- 12/29/2025 – Electric Transformer Release, Granger Township
 - A transformer containing mineral oil spilled in the area of Blue Heron Event Center in Montville Township. Ohio Edison responded to the area and conducted a clean-up of the area.

LEPC Dashboard:

- Josh Tidey introduced and demonstrated the new spill tracking dashboard system that he developed. This dashboard will track all of the spills reported to the Medina County LEPC and will be available from the EMA website.
- Mark Albrecht noted it would be nice to have mapping that shows the waterways and aquifers that could be impacted by the spills.

Upcoming Trainings:

- Continuity of Operations – January 16, 2026. This training course will be held at the Sheriff's Office Training Center at the Career Center South. There is still space available to attend this training.

Once Around:

- Chuck Stiver
 - Mr. Stiver gave an update on the Medina County All Hazards Teams, to include:
 - The Structural Collapse and Trench Rescue teams merged into one team in 2025 due to duplicity of team members and equipment. A new name for the combined team will be forthcoming. In addition, the previous Team Leads will fluctuate to lead the new combined team based on the factors of the call responded to.
 - Mr. Stiver is finalizing the SOG for the Dive portion of the Water Team and is hoping the SOG will be finalized soon.
 - The Fire Investigation Team handled the most callouts of any team in 2025.
 - Mr. Stiver reported that the 2025 training cycle was ending. Mr. Stiver took note that Mr. Haas leads the All Hazards Teams in training hours. In addition, Director Nau and Mr. Stiver were in the top five of training hours.
 - Mr. Stiver appreciated the response to the HazMat callout for the overturned truck on I-271. Mr. Stiver noted Chief Strazzo was a key figure in the early response to the callout as well as having Tom Bartai and Chris Blair also on scene.

- Mr. Stiver thanked Director Nau for ensuring the equipment responded to scenes in an expeditious fashion.
- Wade Balsler
 - Mr. Basler noted the released product in the I-271 overturned tanker was ethanol, which is a denatured petroleum distillate. Mr. Basler spoke to fellow Ohio EPA member, Mark Shane, who was on scene. Mr. Basler said the cleaning up of the area would normally include scraping of the obvious surface areas of contamination and then sampling of areas. The details of the clean-up were worked out between responsible party and the clean-up company.
- Stephanie Mueller
 - Stephanie Mueller said the Medina County Safety Council meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month to discuss safety and related topics. Ms. Mueller noted the January 20th meeting concerned the topic of rethinking leadership and the February 17th meeting where the speaker will cover OSHA updates.
 - Ms. Mueller expressed her gratitude for Chief Strazzo speaking at the Safety Council meeting in December 2025 along with Bad Day Training, who presented on Lithium Ion batteries.
- Barb Walton
 - Barb Walton reported it has been quiet at the Waste District with no fires, but there has been some issues with the trucks in the cold weather. Ms. Walton also noted that the Waste District will be closed on Saturday January 10, 2026, to effect repairs on the transfer facility floor.
- Chief Anthony Strazzo
 - Chief announced that this would be his last meeting with the Medina County LEPC as he assumes a new position.
- Colin Johnson
 - Colin Johnson stated there are several upcoming trainings involving the Medina County Department of Health, including:
 - January 21, 2026 – a Point Of Dispensary fulfillment exercise
 - February 5, 2026 – a MARCS radio training
 - February – a internal departmental tabletop exercise focusing on finance functions
- Shandra DeVoe
 - Shandra DeVoe announced that Westfield has transitioned all golf carts from lead acid batteries to Lithium-Ion batteries.
 - Ms. DeVoe also noted the recent retirement of the Chief of Police in Westfield Center and that Dan Ghetto will be the Acting Police Chief until a permanent replacement is appointed.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Mr. Albrecht, seconded by Mr. Haas. The Motion to Adjourn passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 0912.