

WEST BATON ROUGE LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2007
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS/HOMELAND SECURITY/9-1-1
9:00AM

PRESENT:

Mark Allen, Westside Galvanizing
John Cadwallader, I-Notification
Cheryl Chubb, L.D.E.Q.
Deborah Guidry, O.P.H./Region 2
Debbie Meche, D.S.S.
Amy Nelson, D.S.S.
Lisa Ogden, Homeland Security/Emergency Preparedness/9-1-1
Gil Parker, Placid Refining
Karen Price, L.D.E.Q.
Paul Ramagos, West Baton Rouge Coalition
Anthony Summers, Homeland Security/Emergency Preparedness/9-1-1
Judy Thousand, Retired
Joe Williams, American Red Cross

Anthony called the meeting to order. Gil Parker led the Prayer and Pledge. Self-introductions followed.

There was a motion by Amy, seconded by Gil to accept the minutes as e-mailed. Motion carried.

TRAINING: Anthony reported that:

1). O.E.P. is going to a new Motorola radio system and has held training classes to learn the new system. By the end of the month new console will be installed and radios will be put on new system.

2). He attended a Crisis Communication Class to learn how to get information out to the public faster during disasters.

3). There will be Hot Zone class/conference held in Houston. The local fire departments will be attending.

John reported that I-notification is continuing to train their dispatchers.

Gil reported that Placid has just completed Haz-Woper Classes and 1st responder classes.

Joe reported that on October 30th Transcaer would have a seven-car train drill that will simulate a spill. This will be a Dow and Union Pacific car.

Karen added that this exercise would also include toxicology.

PUBLIC EDUCATION: Anthony stated that:

1). This is Fire Prevention month and all the fire departments have been working with this.

2). We now have a new L.E.P.C. web site.

3). The Public Alert Fund balance is \$3,563.82.

4). Spill reports are available upon request.

Lisa asked for assistance for Safety Town in 3/2008. She also stated that it would be great if we could get industry to join up with Safety Town again.

She went on to say that the fire department went to Erwinville Head Start in connection with Fire Prevention Month. Each student got the joy of holding a fire hose.

Paul announced that on Wednesday, October 24th there would be a Substance Abuse Prevention Program meeting in the Council Chamber at 5:00PM. At that time those in attendance will be presented with the results of the survey and learn of the goals and mission of the program. He added that we need corporate partners to make this a parish-wide endeavor.

ROUND THE TABLE: John reported that I-Notification is completing the I.T.C. daily testing. Next month they will be testing Exxon Mobil.

Gil reported that there is now a traffic light at Lafiton Lane and LA 1. This will make it easier for the big trucks to get on to or cross LA 1.

Mark complimented Mike Cazes and "Pee Wee" Berthelot on a great presentation to the West Baton Rouge Task Force on the status of our parish.

He stated that the Task Force is now accepting grant applications if you are a volunteer or government agency.

Deborah reminded everyone that there will mass vaccinations on Thursday, October 25th at Bon Carre from 2:00PM - 8:00PM. The guidelines for this mass vaccination are set up by the Center for Disease Control. This exercise is to test the ability of O.P.H. to handle mass vaccinations during a disaster.

O.P.H. is also concentrating on Day Care Centers in East Baton Rouge Parish in teaching/emphasizing on the importance of washing hands frequently. By starting at an early age, hopefully they will teach their parents and siblings to do the same.

Joe congratulated West Baton Rouge Parish on not having any fires during the month of September.

Amy asked that if any new bio technical company wanted to come into West Baton Rouge who and where would they go to get information on this?

Mark suggested checking with "Pee Wee" our Parish President on where to get this information.

Cheryl stated that she is with D.E.Q. Radiology and River Bend would be conducting their yearly test on June 11, 2008.

Anthony stated that on October 29th there would be River Bend training for staff and communicators.

Karen asked if there were any boat launches for the Coast Guard, etc.? Anthony responded that he did not have an answer for this at this time.

Anthony thanked everyone for coming. He went on to say that the November meeting would be the day before Thanksgiving and they will inform everyone if that meeting would be held.

Judy Thousand, Secretary