

W.B.R. LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2008
EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER, 2ND FLOOR COURTOUSE
9:00AM

PRESENT:

Robert Bayham, D.H.H.
Debbie Berthelot, Town of Brusly
Michael Cutrer, Dow Chemical
Bryan Doucet, W.B.R. Sheriff's Office
Sharlot Edwards, Homeland Security
Deborah Guidry, D.H.H./O.P.H. Region 2
Debbie Meche, D.S.S.
Deano Moran, Rosehill Volunteer Fire Department
Gil Parker, Placid Refining
Tommy Schiro, W.B.R. Sheriff's Office
Anthony Summers, Homeland Security
Judy Thousand, Retired
Joe Williams, Red Cross

Chairperson Sharlot called the meeting to order and asked for a moment of silent prayer. Gil led the Pledge.

There was a motion by Deano, seconded by Gil to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion carried.

TRAINING: Debbie Guidry reported that D.H.H. has been conducting "Operation Prepare". They have been going to the F.E.M.A. trailer parks and teaching the residents about emergency preparedness.

Sharlot reported that she attended the Region 6 meeting in Dallas and obtained lots of information. She went on to say that in our region, we lead, far ahead, in regional concepts. Texas has asked for our plans.

PUBLIC EDUCATION: Anthony informed the group that he is hoping to have the web page set up by the end of this month.

Sharlot stated that Safety Town would be February 26th - March 5th with the set up date of February 25th at the V.F.W. Hall in Addis. She went on to say that they always need volunteers to work it as well as set up. Also needed is "goody bag" material.

Bryan asked when would the motorcycle police be needed?

Sharlot stated that right before lunch would be the best time to schedule them?

She went on to thank those who always volunteer and help in any way.

Sharlot reported the following:

1). An Identity Theft class was taught to the Erwinville Home Demonstration Club.

2). The Public Alert Fund balance is \$3,445.78. She stated that this fund has been used more in the last few months than ever before. It was used for the C.R.T. Team, Posse & Reserve organizations as well as for parish-wide garbage pick up.

3). Asked for new ideas for Public Education as this a big problem in our parish. The following suggestions were offered: Continue to use the 2 local papers/ Parish quarterly/ Public service announcements on the radio stations.

4). Spill reports are available upon request.

Anthony stated that they have a new scanner and will scan the spill reports and they will be easier to access and read.

ROUND THE TABLE: Deano stated that all three sheriff's organizations, Flotilla, Posse and Reserve, are holding quarterly meetings. This enables them to share ideas with all three organizations.

Gil stated that Placid is expanding so therefore there is a lot going on.

Joe congratulated our parish, as Red Cross has not had to respond to any disasters in the parish. He went on to say that for November and December we had one fire each month.

Sharlot welcomed Tommy, as this was his first day with the Sheriff's Office as well as his first L.E.P.C. meeting.

Bryan stated that the Sheriff is also attending the quarterly meetings of the three organizations.

He went on to say that on Saturday the alert system was used to notify all three organizations that there was a missing person last seen in the Grosse Tete area.

Neighborhood Watch is going well and was discussed at L-E-N-G-T-H. Sharlot reported that in Port Allen the Citizens Emergency Response Training has been completed. They are now working on Antonio Estates.

Anthony reported that they are in the process of programming radios for the new radio system.

He further stated that on the web site there is a section dedicated to Neighborhood Watch.

The goal is to get everything in the office scanned which will enable this information to be pulled up with relative ease.

Debbie Guidry reported that Governor Jindal is very supportive with Emergency Preparedness. She further stated that East & West Baton Rouge Parishes work very well together in this area.

Sharlot echoed the praises of Governor Jindal being supportive.

She also reported that Mark Cooper, the new guy on the Governor's team, is meeting with the Region 6 Directors to become involved with us.

Sharlot informed the group that the new Parish Council members have been sworn in.

She thanked everyone for coming.

Judy Thousand, Secretary