



**Yuma County LEPC
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**YUMA COUNTY
Local Emergency Planning Committee
October 8, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Gary August brought the meeting to order at 10:01 am.

PRESENT: Gary August, Michael Callahan, Jeff Denman, Ernesto Elias, Greg Ferguson, Earl Hamilton, Mark Hutsell, Jack McArthur, Luis Miranda-LEPC Coordinator, Sheriff Ralph Ogden (Gretchen Thomas representing Sheriff Ogden), Warren Quirk, D.J. Shiplet, Ema Lea Shoop, Vice-Chairman Mark Stroh, Joseph Roerink and Keith Titus.

ABSENT: Paul DeAnda, Dustin Fields, Gary Koehn, Jeremy McCall, Gary McCauley, Eddie Mendez, Jim Miller, Chris Nossman, Sharon Register, Tony Rivera, Katheryn Shaffer, and Michelle Smith.

GUESTS: Mike Biever – U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Cody Beeson – Council Member City of Yuma, Ross Hieb – City of Yuma, Gustavo Ceron – NCIS MCAS Yuma

INTRODUCTIONS: Guests and all members were introduced.

MINUTES: Minutes of the August 13th 2008 meeting were reviewed. Ema Lea Shoop made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Warren Quirk and approved unanimously.

MEMBERSHIP STATUS: No new membership applications submitted.

CHAIR STATUS REPORT: Chairman Gary August advised G402 course would be taking place after all agenda items have been discussed and LEPC meeting adjourned. Gary also mentioned an upcoming HazMat Tech Course in about 6 months where Yuma County responders can be certified by the State of Arizona in handling Hazardous Materials.

Public Comments on LEPC Emergency Response Plan (ERP): Mark Stroh asked if LEPC ERP Review Committee had met. Gary August responded that committee has met and identified changes to names and addresses, Luis Miranda would review it at a future date for terminology and compliance with the Yuma County Emergency Operations Plan. Jack McArthur advised that SERC, through attainment of a grant, would provide

assistance to the LEPC's for updating the ERP and make the document consistent with other plans throughout the state.

Financial Report: Vanessa Valenzuela presented financial information on the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant funds. It was reiterated that on the June 11th meeting, the LEPC Committee approved funding in the amount of \$1500 to be used for the Ammonia Awareness Days Safety Committee. These funds have been expended and reimbursed. Vanessa also stated that the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant and Emergency Response Funds (ERF) Grant for the 2009 Fiscal Year had been submitted October 1st 2008. The LEPC would receive \$1500 in HMEP non-competitive funds and \$2600 for the ERF non-competitive funds. In addition, Yuma County applied for \$15,700 of competitive funds. Mark Stroh stated that on behalf of Ammonia Safety Committee and Don Tragethon they would like to express appreciation for supporting Ammonia Safety Committee in the past.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC: Michael Biever of Bureau of Reclamation Desalting Plant announced a public meeting was to be held on October 8th at Yuma Quartermaster Depot. Mr. Biever proclaimed that plans were under-development to utilize 19-Ton Chlorine Tractor-Trailers for plant operations. Jack McArthur asked for clarification on quantities of chemicals and number of trucks on site. The subject was discussed and Michael Biever encouraged all in attendance at the LEPC to attend the October 8th meeting for more information. Mark Stroh stated Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) at MCAS Yuma has been requesting information on hazardous materials in vicinity of MCAS. Gustavo Ceron expressed his concern for possible chemical threats around MCAS.

GOOD OF THE ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS: An announcement was made by Vice –Chairman Mark Stroh about the upcoming Emergency Preparedness Fair to be held on October 30, 2008. It will take place at the Yuma Civic Center and begin at 8:30-1:30p.m. Mark also announced the upcoming Annual Citizen Corps Conference on November 7-8, 2008 at the Cocopah Casino.

NEXT MEETING: The next LEPC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 10, 2008. The location and times for the next meeting are pending.

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Jack McArthur and the motion was seconded by Mark Stroh. Meeting was adjourned at 10:25 am.

G-402 Incident Command System for Senior Executives was conducted following the LEPC meeting. This class was instructed by Luis Miranda, Yuma County Emergency Management-LEPC Coordinator, and Daniel Rhodes, Captain, Yuma Police Department.