



**Yuma County LEPC  
198 S. Main Street  
Yuma, AZ 85364**

**YUMA COUNTY  
Local Emergency Planning Committee  
December 9, 2009**

**PRESENT:**

Gary August, RM Fire Dept  
Robert Barocio, CBRNE Ops Officer  
Michael Callahan, Gowan Milling, Vice-Chairman of LEPC  
Jeff Denman, Yuma Area Safety Council  
Greg Ferguson, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Yuma County  
Manuel Hernandez, City of Yuma  
Mark Hutsell, YRMC  
Gary Koehn, Kinder Morgan Energy Partners  
Warren Quirk, Excel  
Sheriff Ralph Ogden, Yuma County Sheriff's Office (represented by Gretchen)  
Councilwoman Ema Lea Shoop, City of Yuma

**ABSENT:**

Chief Paul DeAnda, Somerton/Cocopah Fire Department  
Ernesto Elias, US Army Corps of Engineers  
Captain Dustin Fields, City of Yuma Fire Department  
Earl Hamilton, MCAS Yuma  
Marc Holyfield, Arizona Western College  
Chief Jack McArthur, Yuma Fire Department  
Chris Nossaman, Sun Country Restoration  
Rick Reyes, Sellers Petroleum  
Tony Rivera, Yuma Providing Grounds  
Michelle Smith, Yuma County Health Department  
Captain Mark Stroh, City of Yuma Fire Department  
Captain Joe Roerink, AZ Department of Corrections  
Chief Keith Titus, Wellton Police Department

**GUESTS:**

Luis D. Orsini, Yuma USBP  
Mike Cultablano, Yuma Fire  
Tiffany Buford, American Red Cross  
Curt Conner, YDP  
Henry Cabrera, YDP  
Steven Rathbone, YC OEM

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Michael Callahan called the meeting to order at 1001 hours in Room 190, Yuma City Hall.

**II. INTRODUCTIONS:** Members and guests present introduced themselves. Steven Rathbone, Yuma County Emergency Operations Manager was introduced as the LEPC's new Coordinator.

**III. MINUTES:** Upon motion by Ema Lea Shoop with second by Gary Koehn, the minutes of the October 14, 2009 meeting of the Local Emergency Planning Committee were approved. Motion carried unanimously.

**IV. MEMBERSHIP STATUS:** New Membership applications were submitted by Mike Erfert, Tim Beeler and Steven Rathbone. Renewal membership forms were submitted by Earl Hamilton, Michael Callahan and Chris Nossaman. Upon motion by Gretchen Robinson with second by Greg Ferguson, membership applications were approved unanimously.

**V. CHAIR STATUS REPORT:** No chair status report was given.

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND REVIEW OF LEPC EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN (ERP):** Steven Rathbone announced he is currently reviewing the LEPC ERP and will be reviewing it and the necessary updates with committee at the next meeting.

**VIII. APPROVE NEXT YEAR'S SCHEDULE :** Michael Callahan presented schedule for next year's meetings. Gary Koehn motioned to approve schedule, seconded by Manuel Hernandez and approved unanimously.

**IX. ELECT VICE-CHAIR:** Michael Callahan announced committee would be making election of a new vice-chair and the previous vice chair would become chairman (Micheal Callahan). Gretchen Robinson if qualifications for Vice-Chair existed, none do. Ema Lea Shoop proposed Mark Hutsell become Vice-Chair of LEPC Committee. Mr. Hutsell accepted to become 2010 Vice-Chairman of LEPC.

**X. GOOD OF THE ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Greg Ferguson announced that the H1N1 Shots would be made available at the Southgate Mall Thursday December 10<sup>th</sup> to all public. Recording Secretary, Vanessa Valenzuela announced that a grant application was submitted to AZSERC in November. She stated \$19,965.19 was requested by agencies, with no award guaranteed by state at current time. Non-Competitive award for grant would be \$1500 for HMEP (Hazardous Materials Emergency Plan) and \$2600 ERF (Emergency Response Fund). Ms. Ema Lea Shoop announced Crossroad Missions was in emergency need of shelters for families and children without a home. Jeff Denman announced a Hazardous Household Waste Event in January, any volunteers who would like to assist are welcome. He said they may contact Martin Agundez at City of Yuma Public Works.

**IX. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** Mr. Henry Cabrera of Yuma Desalting Plant asked if newsletter or website was available with information on remaining compliant with city regulations. Vanessa Valenzuela stated AZSERC would possibly have that type of information available on their website as well as in their monthly newsletter- Gatekeeper.

**X. NEXT MEETING:** Next meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2009 at Board of Supervisors Auditorium, 198 S. Main Street, Yuma AZ 85364.

**XI. ADJOURN:** Motion to adjourn was made by Mark Hutsell and second by Greg Ferguson at 10:22.

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