# Quarterly PLEPC Meeting
**Thursday, July 24, 2014**  
**Philadelphia Fire Academy**

## Highlights of Key Issues

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## Meeting Notes for PLEPC Meeting

**Date:**  
Thursday, July 24, 2014

**In Attendance:**  
Dave Binder (Tanner Industries Inc.), Chief Michael Roeshman (PFD-HMAU), Lt. Brian Swearingen (PFD-HMAU), Samantha Phillips (DMD-OEM), Jerry Blaise (MDO-OEM), Joan Przybylowicz (MDO-OEM), Kelly McNamara (MDO-OEM), Ryan Abbott (MDO-OEM), Jerry Conrad (USCG), Jim Golembeski (PWD), Kevin Smith (PADEP), Walt Bair (PADEP), Saleem Chapman (Clean Air Council), Michael Weaver (USCG), James Daffer (USCG), Roy Cromer (USCG), Beverlee Stemple (Montco LEPC), Jules DiRocco (Delco LEPC), David Tomczsik (FBI), Kevin Bosch (FBI), Joseph Sullivan (FBI), James Diamond (PPD-Traffic), Natella Zanrova (Dietz & Watson), Thomas Roger Nielsen (Abbey Color), Angela Ashmon (Savage Services), Sharon Dancy (UnivSciPharm), Maulvi Reddick (UnivSciPharm), Craig Pataky (Westway), Anneliese Honsinger (Westway), Robert Tucker (PES), John McMahon (NJSP), Charles Engel (Horizon Stevedoring), Karen Reavy (DRBC), Laurie Matkowski (DVRPC), Gary Reed (Catalent), Jeff Plavier (Catalent), Lt. John Arnold (SEPTA), Deirdre Obrien (Verizon)

**Chair:**  
Dave Binder

**Recorder:**  
Jerry Blaise

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| **Emergency Response** | - To date, Lt. Brian Swearingen of the HMAU has conducted 71 Tier II Facility Inspections.  
- The HazMat Task Force responded to 114 HazMat incidents since March:  
  - 109 Level 1 incidents  
  - 3 Level 2 incidents  
  - 2 Level 3 incidents  
- Level 2 & 3 responses depend on whether the PFD HMTF is deployed or if evacuations are required  
- In May PFD-HMTF participated in statewide civil support teams exercise  
  - Two week long exercise – Anthrax attack  
  - Worked in conjunction with 21 Civil Support Teams  
- May 22, 2014, Battalion Chief Roeshman along with members of the HMAU attended the 2014 Homeland Security Conference held at the Philadelphia Convention Center  
- July 4th, 2014, OEM lead the planning effort for “Welcome America – Independence Day Celebration” Battalion Chief Roeshman served as the Hazmat Incident Commander at the | |
Joint Operations Center (JOC) supported by: (3) Hazmat Teams, 3rd Civil Support Team, PPD, and EMS
- July 4th, 2014 WMD Survey Teams deployed to support Vice President Biden’s visit to the Constitution Center
- July 23, 2014, HMAU participated in a Hydrofluoric Acid exercise at Philadelphia Energy Solutions (PES) facility simulating a release that transfers from the Delaware River to 95 N to PES. The goal will be to get the trailer to the PFD training facilities.

| Facilities | 2013 Tier II Reporting Season came to a close on March 1st.
|            | o Total Active Facilities Reported = 438
|            | o 98% of Active Facilities have completed their 2013 submissions
|            | o 3% of Active Facilities have not reported for the 2013 RY

- The LEPC Planning Coordinator continues to pursue full compliance from the remaining non-reporting facilities as well as any outstanding balances owed.
- **ERP Submissions as of 07/04/14:**
  - 177 Planning Facilities
  - 164 ERP’s Submitted
  - 143 ERP’s Approved
  - 0 ERP’s In Review
  - 8 ERP’s RFI
  - 13 ERP’s Outstanding
- The LEPC would like to hear your ideas for topics at upcoming meetings, exercises/drills, and guest speakers. Please feel free to contact Jerry Blaise, Philadelphia County Tier II Planning Coordinator with your suggestions @ (215) 686-1151 or email: jerry.blaise@phila.gov

| Transportation | PPD-Traffic participated in securing the city by shut down roads for Vice President Biden’s visit
|                | PPD provided support to PFD while shadowing the pyrotechnics at the Philadelphia Art Museum.
|                | July 22, 2014, Israel/Palestine rally involved some traffic closures and detours.

| Planning and Finance Workgroup | 2013 Tier II Status Report as of 04/21/14:
|                                | o Total Facilities Reported = **455**
|                                | o Planning Facilities = **177**
|                                | o Non-Planning Facilities = **278**
|                                | o Facilities Exempt from Fees = **70**
|                                | o Facilities Billed = **385**
|                                | o Fees Assessed = **$116,475.00**
|                                | o Facilities Paid in Full = **347**
|                                | o Fees Collected = **$113,850.00**
|                                | o Facilities Outstanding = **38**
|                                | o Facilities Fees Outstanding= (-$2,625.00)
- OEM will be working in conjunction with PWD, DBRC, and PADEP to assist Tier II Planning Facilities develop their Downstream Notification Lists and delineate Downstream Notification Procedures
- Facility Emergency Coordinators (FEC) are encouraged to
reach out to the LEPC for guidance on this process and to request updated listings.

- Primary focus for 2014 has been bringing facilities up-to-date and compliant.

- The next SEPA Planning Coordinators meeting is scheduled for October 23, 2014 12:00p-1:00p @ (TBA)

- Lt. Brian Swearingen, HMAU, Regulatory Affairs & Compliance Officer has identified (7) Inactive facilities and (3) active facilities since beginning his outreach.

- The LEPC will be hosting the “Tier II Reporting Changes Workshop” in November. This workshop will review the changes and new enhancements to the Tier II forms and PATTS website.

- The “Tier II Reporting Changes Workshop” will be held 10:00am – 12:30 pm @ the Philadelphia Fire Academy on Thursday, November 13, 2014. For additional information please contact Jerry Blaise @ (215) 686-1151.

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**Outreach and Education Workgroup**

- **OEM Outreach**

  - **Upcoming Events:**
    - In August, OEM will be attending the Town Watch National Kickoff Night Rally
    - Youth Preparedness Day at the Academy of Natural Sciences
    - Councilman Jones Block Captain Boot Camp.
    - Participating in a FEMA program for faith-based leaders

- **National Preparedness Month**

  - Philadelphia OEM will focus on city employee preparedness during National Preparedness Month. So far, five city employee workshops have been scheduled.
  
  - OEM is in the process of scheduling a National Preparedness Month Proclamation by Mayor Nutter in August and a Preparedness Fair for city employees on the City Hall apron in September.
  
  - OEM will be unveiling preparedness tips videos with city executives.
  
  - OEM will participate in Amtrak’s Preparedness Day at 30th Street Station, Target Community Night at Franklin Institute and Senator Mike Stack’s Senior Expo.
  
  - Preparedness messages will be displayed on the PECO Crown Lights and Clear Channel Billboards throughout the month.
  
  - ReadyNotifyPA banners will be hung in the North and South portals of City Hall.
  
  - Area Wawa stores have agreed to distribute ReadyNotifyPA and Ready brochures during the month.
  
  - We are asking Philadelphia area stations to air PSA’s during September.
  
  - PGW and PECO will include preparedness and ReadyNotifyPA inserts in their September and August newsletters.

- **National Preparedness Month:**
National Preparedness Month begins in September. The following workshops and floor captain meetings are for City of Philadelphia employees only. Workshops for the public will start up again in October. Preparedness Fairs are open to the public.

**Dates of Events/Workshops:**

- **Tuesday, September 2 - 10:00 am – 2:00 pm –**
  National Preparedness Month Kickoff – City Hall Apron (Setup time: 9 am Breakdown: 2 pm)
- **Tuesday, September 2 at 10:00 am – 12:00 pm –**
  Floor Captain Meeting – MSB – Room X
- **Wednesday, September 3 at 10:00 am – 12:00 pm –**
  Floor Captain Meeting – One Parkway – Room TBA
- **Thursday, September 4 at 11:30 am – 2:00 pm –**
  Employee Workshop – City Hall – Conversation Hall
- **Monday, September 8 at 11:30 am – 2:00 pm –**
  Employee Workshop – MSB – Room E
- **Tuesday, September 9 at 11:30 am – 2:00 pm –**
  Employee Workshop – City Hall – Conversation Hall
- **Wednesday, September 10 at 10:00 am – 12:00 pm –**
  Floor Captain Meeting – Criminal Justice Center – Room 202
- **Thursday, September 11 at 10:00 am – 12:00 pm –**
  Floor Captain Meeting – City Hall – Room TBA
- **Friday, September 12 at 11:30 am – 2:00 pm –**
  Employee Workshop – City Hall – City Council Caucus Room
- **Monday, September 15 at 11:30 am – 2:00 pm –**
  Employee Workshop – MSB – Room E
- **Monday, September 15 at 11:30 am – 2:00 pm –**
  Employee Workshop – One Parkway – Room 18-029
- **Tuesday, September 16 at 11:30 am – 2:00 pm –**
  Employee Workshop – City Hall – City Council Caucus Room
- **Wednesday, September 17 at 10:00 am – 12:00 pm –**
  Floor Captain Meeting – One Parkway – Room TBA
- **Wednesday, September 17 at 11:30 am – 2:00 pm –**
  Employee Workshop – One Parkway – Room 18-029
- **Wednesday, September 17 at 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm –**
  Franklin Institute Preparedness Fair (Setup time: 4 pm Breakdown: 8 pm)
- **Thursday, September 18 at 10:00 am – 12:00 pm –**
  Floor Captain Meeting – MSB – Room Z
- **Friday, September 19 at 11:30 am – 2:00 pm –**
  Employee Workshop – One Parkway – Room 18-029
- **Tuesday, September 23 at 11:30 am – 2:00 pm –**
  Employee Workshop – City Hall – City Council Caucus Room
- **Wednesday, September 24 at 10:00 am – 12:00 pm –**
  Floor Captain Meeting – Criminal Justice Center – Room 202
- Thursday, September 25 at 10:00 am – 12:00 pm – Floor Captain Meeting – City Hall – Room TBA

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<td>Crude Oil (Bakken Oil) Threat Presentation – Samantha Phillips (DMD-OEM)</td>
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<td>- In May 2014, the US Department of Transportation (USDOT) Safety Board, Tony Fox, signed an emergency order stating that all proprietary transportation companies must submit information to SERC/PEMA about the average number of trains moving through their areas/jurisdictions on a weekly basis due to the increase of bakken/crude oil products being transported into the region by train.</td>
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<td>- These companies will be required to sign a confidentiality agreement ensuring that sensitive information will not be shared with the general public and will be based on a right-to-know vs a need-to-know</td>
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<td>- Confidential information can be share with the Emergency Response Teams and Hazmat Teams (have to go through SERC to challenge)</td>
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<td>- NFS currently account for approximately 7-16 trains passing through the region per week</td>
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<td>- CSX currently account for approximately 15-30 trains passing through the region per week</td>
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<td>- If there is an increase of more than 20% they will be required to report to the SERC</td>
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<td>- Captain Kathy Moore from USCG briefed on best practices with the main focus on preparedness and emergency notifications.</td>
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<td>- How to informed/prepared the public through community based workshops.</td>
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<td>- Ensure that the public knows how to shelter in place and what supplies they might need</td>
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<td>- How to evacuate including coordination and supplies they should have in stock</td>
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<td><strong>PES - Bob Tucker, PES Safety Officer</strong></td>
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<td>- Stated that they are in the process of conducting studies to understand why these cars leave the tracks</td>
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<td>- Infrastructure is in the process of changing the tracks/rails and upgrading cars for additional safety</td>
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**Exercises:**
- Castle County LEPC
- October – Tabletop exercise with CSX

- **USDOT**
  Has proposed a 2 year phase out of old 1232 tank cars to get rid
of them completely and upgrade to steel construction cars. A small number of 1232’s are still in service.
- Content to include preparations for all emergencies including bakken oil
- Workshops and dates are list on OEM website [http://oem.readyphiladelphia.org](http://oem.readyphiladelphia.org)
- Majority of trains have been phased out prior to the DOT two year phase out proposal

- **USCG**
  
  August 2-3, 2014, USCG participated in New Castle DE tabletop exercise
  
  August 23, 2014 USCG participated in the Full scale exercise in New Castle DE
  
  Delaware County inquired about conducting this same full scale exercise

- **FBI**
  
  Joint Terrorism Task Force consists of (26) agencies that track threats and activities that are entered into the Guardian System and then assigned to FBI and local officials
  
  The system monitors suspicious purchases, rail car tampering, diversion, theft, and product inquiries.
  
  Guardian system has monitored (481) incidents to-date with an average of (600) per year.
    
    (44) Chemical attacks
    (9) Biological attacks (ei. White powder, anthrax, etc.)
    Radiological attacks
  
  – Cyber attacks

- **Upcoming Events:**

  - October 26-30, 2014 - Emergency Response Conference, Valley Forge Convention Center
  - October 6-9, 2014 - Anhydrous Ammonia Response Class, Tanner Industries

**Next Meetings**

- **NEXT LEPC MEETING:** THURSDAY, 10/23/14 AT 10AM at the Philadelphia Fire Academy