Arkansas Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Commission

October 12, 2018

Minutes

The Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Commission met on October 12, 2018 at 10:04 p.m. at the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management in North Little Rock, Arkansas.

Members Present:

Capt. Jason Morris Holiday Island Fire Service

Chris Foreman, Arkansas Department of Emergency Management

Robert McGowen, Benton County OEM

Capt. Ross Batson, Arkansas Highway Police

Shirley Louie, Arkansas Dept. of Health

A.J. Gary, ADEM

Eugene O’Nale, PEC

Kevin Looney. Arkansas Dept. of Labor

Skot Covert, AOS

Matthew Scott, Deputy Coroner Pope County

Steve Eggensperger

Members Absent:

Rachel Nix, Arkansas Fire Training Academy

Capt. Keith Eremea, Arkansas State Police

LTC. Michael Washington, 61st CST, AR ARNG

Others Present

 Latryce Robinson, ADEM

 Mark Hooker, ADEM

Sheila Annable, ADEM

John Minard, ADEM

Toby Harrington, ADEM

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 pm by Mr. Jason Morris. Mr. Morris asked if everyone had a chance to review the previous meeting minutes and if there were any necessary corrections to these minutes. Mr. Morris moved to have the previous meeting minutes approved as distributed, Robert McGowan moved the motion and Capt. Ross Batson seconded the motion, all were in favor and the minutes were approved. Mr. Morris then turned the floor over to Chris Foreman to update the Commission on the status of the Job Performance to be in compliance with the Arkansas Fire Academy. There were 3 Local Emergency Planning Commission meetings, (Bentonville, Conway, and Jonesboro) this year and we had a great turn out. Mr. Steve Eggensperger gave an overview of the new Governor’s Reorganization of State Agencies and read the resolution that was motioned by Robert McGowan and seconded by Capt. Ross Batson.

Training Numbers, Conferences, Fees and Reporting:

Mr. Foreman made reference to a handout reflecting the total number of classes that have been taught and total number of students that have attended Haz Mat training from October 1, 2017 – September 30, 2018 for a total of 202 activities and 3,857 participants.

 Mr. Foreman stated that Hot Zone was scheduled for October 17 -21, 2018 in Houston, TX and he will be in attendance. NASTTPO (National Association of SARA Title III Program Officials) is April 16-19, 2018 in Oklahoma City, OK. The NASTTPO Mid- Year conference is scheduled for Oct. 15-17, 2018. We will be sending 20 students to the Midwest Conference in Chicago, IL May 4-5, 2018. The Rail Car Tank class is April 8-13, 2018 in Longview, TX and we are sending 12 students this year. Meeting was adjourned at pm.

Old Business:

 N/A

New Business:

Job Performance Requirements for the NFPA in the HazMat Program working with the AFTA to be in compliance.

Resolution of Support for Governor’s Reorganization being adopted and accepted

Scholarship for Hot Zone in Kenny’s honor motioned by Robert McGowan and seconded by Kevin Looney

Certificates will be emailed now for Hazmat and Emergency Management Program