Arkansas Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Commission

August 2, 2016

Minutes

The Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Commission met on August 2, 2016 at 1:05 p.m. at the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management in North Little Rock, Arkansas.

Members Present:

Capt. Jason Morris Holiday Island Fire Service

Robert McGowen Saline County Office of Emergency Management

Kenny Harmon, Arkansas Department of Emergency Management

Ross Batson, Arkansas Highway Police

Scotty Bell, Virco Manufacturing Corp.

Kevin Looney, Arkansas Dept. of Labor

Members Absent:

Shirley Louie, Arkansas Dept. of Health

Rachel Nix, Arkansas Fire Training Academy

Capt. Keith Eremea, Arkansas State Police

Richard Dawe, Ozark College

LTC. Michael Washington, 61st CST, AR ARNG

A.J. Gary, Arkansas Department of Emergency Management

Dean Vanderhoff, ADEQ

Skot Covert

Trent Minner

Others Present:

 Latryce Robinson, ADEM

 Bill James, ADEM

 Mark Hooker, ADEM

Tom Wise, ADEM

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm by Mr. Scotty Bell. Mr. Bell asked if everyone had a chance to review the previous meeting minutes and if there were any necessary corrections to these minutes. Mr. McGowen moved to have the previous meeting minutes approved as distributed, Mr. Morris seconded the motion, all were in favor and the minutes were approved. Mr. Bell then turned the floor over to Kenny Harmon to update the Commission on the status of the SARA Tier III report for the Haz Mat Program.

Training Numbers, Conferences, Fees and Reporting:

Mr. Harmon 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, 2015 – July 31, 2016; for a total of 212 activities and 4609 participants.

 Mr. Harmon stated that HotZone was scheduled for October 20-23, 2016 in Houston, TX and he will be in attendance. NASTTPO (National Association of SARA Title III Program Officials) partnered with HotZone at the 2014 conference and was also for this year’s conference. The NASTTPO conference is scheduled for Oct. 18-19, 2016.

Old Business:

 Also, I have been one instructor down but I hired one in June his name is Tom Wise. The LEPC workshops have been scheduled for this year the dates are August 9 Bentonville, August 11 West Memphis, August 12 Conway, and Aug. 16 El Dorado.

New Business:

 Director A.J. Gary was introduced to the SERC group in his absence due to another meeting that he had in Clinton by Kenny. Kenny talked about his new 30ft. HazMat Trailer and the handout for the Region 6 Standard Operating Procedures to Implement the Chemical Safety and Security Executive Order (13650). Scotty Bell is going out as Chairman and Garnett Wise as Vice Chair for the SERC. Newly elected SERC members are Jason Morris as the new Chair and Robert McGowen is Vice Chair. Meeting was adjourned by Scotty Bell and seconded by Robert McGowen and all were in favor.