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CEPAC ANNUAL REPORT



**Chemical Emergency
Preparedness
Advisory Council**

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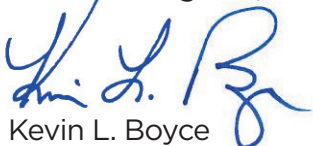
LETTER FROM COMMISSIONER KEVIN BOYCE

To the Franklin County Community:

It is with pleasure that I present the 2019 Annual Report for the Franklin County Chemical Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council (CEPAC).

This year, CEPAC processed 651 chemical inventory reports and had 20 new, first-time Tier 2 filers. CEPAC members conducted several workshops, trainings and presentations, and participated in mass casualty, terrorism and hazmat exercises with local and regional partners and jurisdictions. CEPAC members also performed 20 on-site hazard analysis facility consultations. They updated the Franklin County Hazardous Materials Annex plan and verified and enhanced the accuracy of the CEPAC databases.

With best regards,



Kevin L. Boyce
Franklin County Commissioner

LETTER FROM CEPAC CHAIR MIKE FIELDING

Dear CEPAC Partners:

First of all, it is an honor and privilege to once again serve as the Chairman of the Franklin County Chemical Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council (CEPAC). I have a long history with CEPAC dating back to the late 1980s and early 1990s. I even chaired CEPAC during some of that time as well. I'm energized to refresh CEPAC and the great work we do for the community at large.

Please take a look at our 2019 CEPAC Annual Report. I continue to be amazed by the strong collaboration among our elected officials, first responders, the local chemical industry and the various public and private volunteers. Thanks to all of you. You are the reason we have a more informed and safer community throughout Franklin County.

Lastly, I want to thank Captain William "Bill" Brobst of the Columbus Division of Fire. Mr. Brobst has served many years with CEPAC, most recently as chairman. I wish him the best in retirement.

I look forward to working with all of you more in 2020.



Michael J. Fielding RS, MS
Assistant Health Commissioner
External Affairs

PURPOSE

Since 1985, the purpose of the Chemical Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council (CEPAC) has been to serve as the official Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) for Franklin County, Ohio. This council performs the duties and exercises the powers delegated to it pursuant to: Title III (Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act) of the Superfund Amendments Reauthorization Act (SARA) (United States Public Law 99-499); Chapter 3750 of the Ohio Revised Code; and as appointed by the State of Ohio.

Those powers and duties enable the Council to perform the following:

- Develop a comprehensive emergency response plan for the county.
- Distribute the emergency plan and make it publicly available.
- Receive and maintain a database of reports and chemical inventory information as specified throughout SARA Title III.
- Receive and process requests for chemical inventory and emergency response information from the public.
- Maintain procedures for conducting its public information responsibilities.
- Notify the public of committee activities and public meetings to discuss the emergency plan.
- Handle and respond to public comments on the emergency plan.

With the information and reports received, the Council does the following:

- Performs hazard analyses.
- Builds and maintains a database of hazardous chemical locations and quantities in Franklin County for first responders to use during hazardous material incidents.

CEPAC helps to keep the community safe by informing and educating the public about potentially hazardous chemical inventories at industrial sites in Franklin County. CEPAC also helps first responders, public health and safety officials, and industries leaders through information sharing, educational workshops and training exercises.



2019 HIGHLIGHTS

2019 was a busy year for CEPAC. Columbus Public Health hired a new manager for the CEPAC program, Rachel Moresea. Rachel attended the University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne, Indiana where she graduated with a degree in biology. Rachel is a registered sanitarian and previously worked for six years in the Environmental Health Division at Columbus Public Health. Rachel's official title on the Franklin County CEPAC Council is Information Manager and Recording Secretary. Rachel is in charge of processing Tier II chemical reports, facility audits, handling all Community Right-to-Know information requests and organizing CEPAC meetings. She can be reached at 614-645-6275 or by email at ramoresea@columbus.gov.

The Constitution and Bylaws committee completed its work on the changes to the CEPAC constitution and bylaws. All changes were approved at the June 21 full CEPAC meeting.

A full-scale training exercise (FSE) took place on June 6, at Marathon Petroleum Terminal, 4125 Fisher Road. This was an operational FSE, exercising a structured and coordinated use of firefighting foam application in the event an incident would occur at any of the petroleum storage facilities within Franklin County.

CEPAC also saw the retirement of some very influential members of CEPAC: Chair Bill Brobst and Vice Chair Dennis Rankin. Five new members were approved to be on the CEPAC Council: Pam Smith, Tyler Heisterkamp, Dana McDaniels, Will Longmore and Kelly McGuire. New officer positions were also elected seeing the return of Mike Fielding as Chair, Brian Miller as Vice Chair and Duane Smith as Secretary.



Full-scale exercise on June 6, 2019.

COMPLIANCE REPORT

Industries are required by the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act (EPCRA) to submit their chemical inventory report forms or Tier II report to the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC). Industries are also required to report to their LEPC (Franklin County CEPAC) and their local fire department.

By working with local fire departments and increasing the awareness of compliance, a number of new facilities reported their chemicals on hand. Thanks to new technology, other facilities also have reduced their chemical inventories or changed to nonhazardous chemicals.

This year Franklin County CEPAC:

- Processed 651 Tier II reports.
- Received 20 first-time filers.
- Had 66 spills reported to our 24 hour number, 40 of which were of a Reportable Quantity.
- Received 52 thirty-day follow-up reports.
- Performed 20 onsite facility consultations.
- Held two Tier II Submit Workshops.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) charges a basic fee of \$150 to each facility that stores 10,000 pounds of a hazardous chemical for a 24-hour period or stores 100 pounds of an extremely hazardous substance for a 24-hour period. The maximum amount a facility can pay is \$2,500, which indicates it stores a number of hazardous chemicals. In Franklin County, the State of Ohio collected approximately \$214,942 in chemical fees. CEPAC received \$129,148 to operate its program since the grant distribution is done on a sliding scale.

CEPAC is made up of two groups: the Information Coordinator and the Emergency Coordinator. Columbus Public Health is the Information Coordinator and receives 60 percent of the SERC grant for Franklin County to operate its Community Right-to-Know program. Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security is the Emergency Coordinator and receives 30 percent of the grant for its programs, training and fiscal management. The other 10 percent is given to CEPAC for administrative costs and its four main committees.

Each year, \$2,000 is set aside from the grant for fire training and exercises. These funds can be used by all fire departments in Franklin County.

INFORMATION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Information Management Committee is responsible for developing and maintaining data management systems related to chemical storage at regulated facilities within Franklin County. Specifically, the committee:

- Oversees the maintenance and upgrade of the database continually.
- Monitors the entry of data into the system on an annual basis.
- Produces summary reports for the Council, emergency responders and the public upon request.
- Conducts quality control assessments of the data.

This year, the committee received 651 Tier II reports from industry partners in Franklin County. All reports were reviewed and entered into the Cameo database. Data reviews were conducted by committee members for approximately 2.3 percent of the submissions and corrections to the data made as appropriate.

PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE

The Public Information Committee assists the CEPAC Program Manager, local industry and emergency first responders with information regarding the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act established in 1986. The law was created to help communities plan for chemical emergencies and requires industry to report on the storage, use and releases of hazardous substances. One of the main responsibilities of the Public Information Committee under the law is to fulfill community Right-to-Know requests. In 2019, more than 575 requests were fulfilled by the CEPAC Program Manager.

In addition, the Public Information Committee provides chemical emergency preparedness information to the public through news releases, public presentations and social media. In 2019, the Public Information Committee developed an all-hazards brochure for the “Shelter-In-Place” campaign. The campaign educates citizens on the importance of finding a safe location and staying there until given an “all clear” or told to evacuate by local officials in the event of a hazardous materials release, severe weather or civil unrest. The brochure was distributed digitally to local homeowner associations, churches, schools and other community groups as well as social media outlets. Citizens were also encouraged to register for local emergency alerts through ALERT Franklin County at www.alertfranklincounty.org.

Committee members participated in the CEPAC full-scale exercise (FSE) on June 6, at Marathon Petroleum. The exercise featured a fire response to hazardous materials incident involving a fuel storage tank fire and received news coverage from local media. Public information and warning capabilities were evaluated during the exercise and the after-action report (AAR) concluded that all actions were met.

The committee produced two quarterly newsletters and continued to manage the CEPAC webpage on the Columbus Public Health website at <https://www.columbus.gov/publichealth/programs/Chemical-and-Physical-Hazards/Chemical-Emergency-Preparedness/>.

In 2020, the committee plans to expand its outreach activities through increased social media messaging and educational presentations available to schools, civic groups, businesses and homeowners, to inform them about CEPAC and chemicals that reside in their community, neighborhoods and homes.

HAZARD ANALYSIS COMMITTEE

The Hazardous Analysis Committee provided two trainings last year on the Tier II submit software. They are also working on revamping the site audit questionnaire to better assess facilities for possible hazards and to make aware possible topics for training. The Hazardous Analysis Committee is currently looking for a new chair. Rachel Moresea of Columbus Public Health and the CEPAC information coordinator will serve as interim chair until a replacement can be found.

PLANNING, EXERCISE AND TRAINING (PET) COMMITTEE

The Planning, Exercise and Training Committee oversees updating the Hazard Analysis Annex, designing and conducting the required annual exercise, and coordinating trainings for the all-emergency response, management and facility personnel.

PLANNING

The State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) mandates that each county update their Hazardous Materials Response Plan annually. For 2019, no major changes were made to the Franklin County Plan and it was submitted to the Ohio Emergency Management Agency (OEMA) for review. The plan was reviewed and approved by OEMA and was submitted to the SERC for review and concurrence at their December 2019 meeting. The Hazardous Materials Annex provides the county with an overall response approach to a hazardous materials incident.

EXERCISE

According to Section 3750.04 of the Ohio Revised Code, Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) must annually conduct an exercise of their hazardous materials plan in a recurring four-year exercise cycle. This exercise provides responders with an opportunity to evaluate the current response plan in a non-threatening environment. The exercise year is based on the State Fiscal Year, July 1 through June 30 of the following year.

July 2018 to June 2019 was the second year in the current four-year exercise cycle. A full-scale exercise was held in conjunction with Franklin Township Fire and Marathon Petroleum. Eight of the 13 required exercise objectives were evaluated during the exercise. All objectives were met and the exercise received concurrence from the SERC.

TRAINING

CEPAC hosted one class in 2019: the National Fire Protection Association class on September 12, with 36 attendees. The PER-229 Computer Aided Management of Emergency Operations (CAMEO) Hazmat class was also hosted in Franklin County on August 14-16, with 24 attendees. Other relevant trainings provided during the year were MGT-347 ICS Forms Review, ICS-300 Intermediate ICS, ICS-400 Advanced ICS, and the L-958 Operations Section Chief.

CALL FOR SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS

CEPAC is currently looking for people to join its subcommittees. Subcommittees meet 1-4 times each year. Members do not have to be full CEPAC members but are welcomed to attend full CEPAC meetings if they wish. If you are interested in joining a subcommittee or would like more information on a specific subcommittee, please contact the information coordinator Rachel Moresea at ramoresea@columbus.gov or 614-645-6275.



Hazmat response at Ashland Chemical in July 2019.



Alternate-fueled vehicle training sponsored by CEPAC and held at Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security.



Full-scale exercise on June 6, 2019.

RECOGNIZING CAPTAIN BILL BROBST

The Columbus Division of Fire Hazardous Materials Response Team (Hazmat 4) is one of the premier Hazardous Materials Response teams in the State of Ohio. Since May 2002, Hazmat 4 has been led by the proficiency of Captain Bill Brobst at Fire Station 4 on Winchester Pike. Under his leadership, the team has continued to grow through improvements in equipment, procedures, training and professionalism. Through his guidance and expertise, Hazmat 4 became certified as a National Incident Management System (NIMS) Type 1 Incident Management Team and a trusted regional resource capable of assessing and managing weapons of mass destruction responses.

Throughout his leadership tenure, Captain Brobst has been a loyal member and a valuable resource for CEPAC. Serving as Chairman since 2016, Captain Brobst helped ensure that local first responders were well trained, well equipped and had access to the most advanced information needed for a hazardous materials response. By engaging organizations from the public and private sector, Captain Brobst helped Franklin County become more resilient and well prepared in the event of a chemical emergency.

Last November, Captain Brobst relinquished command of Hazmat 4 as a result of his well-deserved retirement from the Columbus Division of Fire. While his volume of experience and practical advice will be sorely missed, CEPAC looks forward to working closely with the new Hazardous Materials Officer, Captain Tyler Heisterkamp.

CEPAC would like to thank Captain Brobst for his commitment and valuable contributions to CEPAC. We thank him for his service and a job well done! We wish him all the best for a long and happy retirement.



Jeff Young, Captain Bill Brobst and Michael Fielding at Captain Brobst's last CEPAC meeting.

RECOGNIZING DENNIS RANKIN

Dennis Rankin, CEPAC's former Vice Chair, is also retiring. Dennis holds a degree in microbiology from The Ohio State University. He worked at Orsynex, which became ISP Chemical and then Ashland Chemical, for 28 years. Dennis retired from Ashland Chemical in 2018. He has served on CEPAC for 27 years, and became Vice Chair in 2016. For the last seven years, Dennis has also served as the Chair for the Hazardous Analysis Committee. His most notable contributions to CEPAC are developing a sound risk assessment determination for facility reviews, and pushing for members of the hazmat teams to accompany the onsite consults to foster more communication between the regulated community and regulatory body. Dennis will be greatly missed within CEPAC and we wish him a happy and healthy retirement.

CEPAC COUNCIL MEMBERS

FIRE

Jeff Warren, Fire ChiefNorwich Twp. FD
Brian Miller, Fire Chief (CEPAC Vice Chair)..... Westerville FD
Tyler Heisterkamp, Captain Station 4 Haz Mat Response

LAW ENFORCEMENT

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Robert Stewart, Asst. Director Columbus Safety Dept.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Jeff Young, Director FCEM & HS

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Joey Hartsock, Safety Officer..... Grant Hospital

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Incident command post at the full-scale exercise on June 6, 2019.



Full-scale exercise on June 6, 2019.

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

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Delaware Area Response Team

Dublin Communications Center

Grandview Heights Fire Department

Liberty Township Fire Department

Norwich Township Fire Department

Upper Arlington Fire Department

Washington Township Fire Department

Westerville Fire Department

Worthington Fire Department

CITY OF COLUMBUS MEMBERS:

Columbus Division of Fire

Columbus Bomb Squad

Columbus Hazmat 4

Columbus Division of Police

Columbus SWAT Team

Columbus Public Health

OTHER RESPONDERS:

52nd WMD Civil Support Team of Rickenbacker

All Franklin County Hospitals

American Red Cross of Greater Columbus

Franklin County Bomb Squad

Franklin County Public Health

Franklin Township Fire Department

Ohio Department of Health, Division of Radiation

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Division of Emergency Response

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