

**LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2013
1ST FLOOR LOBBY MEETING ROOM
916 MAIN, LUBBOCK, TEXAS**

Attendees:

Tim Berry, Lubbock EMS/UMC	David Corder, SPAG
Dan Dennison, Vice-Chair LEPC	Rachel Dolan, City of Lubbock
Leland Fellows, Lubbock RACES	Darrell Johnson, Lubbock County CRTC
Dave Freriks, The Salvation Army	Nathan Kizer, Lubbock Emergency
Gerry Grant, Lubbock Light & Power	Communication District
David Jones, Lubbock MPO	Randy Merrick, BNSF Railway Police
Aida Martinez, SPAG/211	Tommy Murillo, SPAG
Lance Owens, TCEQ	Colleen O'Neal, DPS/TDEM
Jean Anne Stratton, The Salvation Army	Baily Scarborough, TCEQ (intern)
Paul Winn, Xcel Energy	Rick Tull, DSHS (Speaker)
Renee Witherspoon, TTUHSC	

Public Comments

No public comment

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the 5/2/13 meeting were approved as presented. Gerry Grant motioned for approval; Dave Freriks seconded.

Subcommittee Reports

Right to Know and Certification Committee- No report.

Public Education and Information Committee- Presentation on the Lubbock County Tier 2 reports by Renee Witherspoon (copy attached to minutes). Committee member Aida Martinez provided an update on activities on 211, including a highly anticipated event on Sex Trafficking on August 6th. Update from Felis Kennedy, Emergency Management with TTUHSC, stated that TTUHSC has been installing and training their personnel on the use of evacuation chairs for transportation of patients and/or employees in the event of an emergency located on upper floors. Dave Freriks, with The Salvation Army, reported that they had served over 84,000 meals following the devastating tornado in Moore, OK and in surrounding areas. He had a group of 5 DART members that responded.

Training and Membership- No report.

Emergency Response and Resource Committee- No report.

Hazardous Materials Facilities Liaison Committee- No report.

Presentation:

“Mass Fatalities Incident Overview” by our speaker, Rick Tull, Emergency Preparedness and Response Specialist with the Texas Department of State Health Services, Region 1 in Canyon. A copy of the presentation is attached.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Review of the 2012 Tier 2 Reports for Lubbock County

Renee Witherspoon, Pub Ed & Information Committee Chair

8/1/13 LEPC Meeting – Sub-committee Report

6. Poole Chemical in Slaton has incomplete records where max and average amounts are not provided. Phosphoric acid is kept on railcars on the sidings. Has large storage tanks for liquid fertilizers, and uses anhydrous ammonia.
7. Lubbock State Supported Living Center has 50 pounds of Anti-Freeze, Diesel Fuel as an EHS, and at 2000 pounds. Gasoline at 16,000 pounds, so this is on the list, again it is not an EHS. 440 pounds of Motor Oil as an EHS. May be over reporting
8. Frenship ISD, 8406 Alcove in Wolfforth reported gasoline storage as Benzene.
9. Lubbock ISD – Byron Martin reported toluene having an average daily amount 48 pounds, not an EHS, so not reportable on the Tier 2. Toluene has 380 pounds, and not reportable. Petroleum Oil at 380 pounds, not reportable, and paint primer not reportable.
10. Covenant Health Systems reported their compressed Oxygen, but UMC did not file a report.
11. Texas AgriLife Research reported Paraquate Dichloride at a maximum of 68 pounds, so they may be over-reporting also.
12. Venetian Marble of Lubbock has Stryene (potential polymerization hazard) at 10,000 to 99,999 pounds for max and average stored north of their building.

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TDSHS, Region 1, Canyon, TX

Mass Fatalities Incident Overview

- Definitions
- Experiences
- Next Steps
- Planning Issues



Three Incident Classifications

1. Disasters
 - Events producing results that cannot be managed with locally available resources in a day-to-day manner
 - May be limited to property damage



Incident Classifications

2. Mass Casualties
 - Multiple victims requiring intervention by medical responders
 - Generally considered to include a large number of injured but not dead



Incident Classifications

3. Mass Fatalities
 - Overwhelms locally available resources
 - *Mass Fatalities vs. Multiple Fatalities*
 - Threshold is different for each community
 - Factors –
 - Number of deaths
 - Scope of destruction
 - Available resources
 - Rate of recovery
 - Prior Planning and Training



What is a Mass Fatalities Incident?

An incident that produces more fatalities than can be managed with locally available resources



Three Major Operational Areas

1. Search and Recovery Operations
(Recovery of human remains, personal effects & evidence)
2. Morgue Services/Victim Identification Center
(Identification, processing, and disposition of human remains)
3. Family Assistance Center
(Support of surviving family members)

Consider a fourth operational area – Staff Support (caring for responders). A mass fatalities incident may significantly affect responders resulting in long term mental and physical health issues. Responder safety is CRITICAL!



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1. Search and Recovery Operations



Search and Recovery Operations

- Who's in charge?
- All disasters happen at the local level and responsibility for the management of a mass fatalities incident (MFI) is a local responsibility.
- A MFI is just one part of the overall response
- Possibility of conflict
(Rescue v. Recovery Missions)
- Evaluation of the incident site and available resources
- ESF8 partners



Search and Recovery Operations

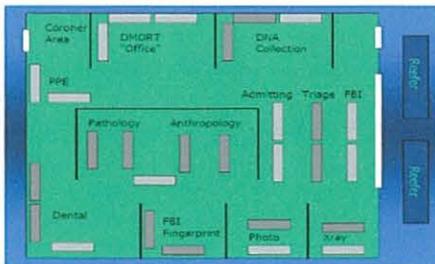
- Logistics of response
(Including meals, lodging, transportation)
- Operational plan?
- PPE?
- Evidence/Personal Effects
- Public Health/DSHS
- Security/Media concerns
- Transport/Transfer
- DMORT/NTSB
- NWS – weather conditions



2. Morgue Services
 Victim Identification Center (VIC)



Morgue/VIC Design Example



Morgue Services/VIC

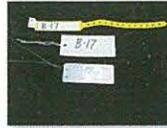
- Location
- Equipment needs
- Qualified Personnel
- Security concerns
- Roles
- Responsibilities
- Termination of Mission



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Establish Scientific/Forensic Protocols

1. Detailed Descriptions of
 - Who, What & How
2. Who Receives a Full Criminal Autopsy?
3. What Constitutes a Positive ID?
4. Who signs Death Certificates?
5. Documentation Requirements
6. Who notifies the family once a victim has been identified?



3. Family Assistance Center



Family Assistance Center

- Challenges
 - Logistics – support services
 - Political, cultural and religious
 - Mental and physical health issues
 - Media/Security
 - Financial
- Anticipate
 - Needs of survivors
 - How will people respond?

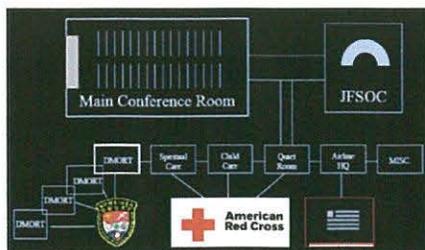


Family Assistance Center

- Timely and accurate information is critical
- Regularly scheduled briefings
- Interpreters
- Planning & Preparedness
- Confidentiality/Privacy
- IT Support – Communications
- Volunteer coordination/supervision
- American Red Cross?
- Ramping down – ongoing services



Family Assistance Center Example



Experience tells us.....

Traditional mass fatalities experiences have involved conventional incidents

- Commercial air crashes (Majority)
- Natural disasters (tornado, tsunami, hurricane)
- Fire (intentional or accidental)
- Focused violence (active shooter)



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Conventional Mass Fatalities Events

Response -

Peaks in

Recovery -

Peaks in



Extraordinary Events

NYC 9-11, OKC Murrah Bldg. Pandemic

- Large numbers of fatalities
- Multiple incident sites
- May span several jurisdictions
- Extended response
- Will assuredly involve outside agencies including a Federal response
- Managed as crime or environmental scene
- Risk may exist until remediation is complete



Extraordinary Events

- Possible natural origins
- Pandemic Influenza
- Imposition of isolation or quarantine
- Uncontained and capable of spreading
- Scope may be a function of epidemiologic modeling
- Contaminated victims
- Temporary Internment
- Possibility of forced disposition of remains
- Unassociated tissue burial



Extraordinary Mass Fatalities Events

Response -

Peaks in

Recovery -

Peaks in



Next Steps/Planning Issues

- Create local mass fatalities planning group or include mass fatalities response planning in current LEPC meetings
- Get Justice of the Peace, Funeral Home Directors and other death industry professionals involved
- Understand laws and regulations that govern mass fatalities response
- Review the Texas Department of State Health Services Fatalities Management for Catastrophic Incidents Response Operating Guidelines and Mass Fatalities Management Toolkit



Next Steps/Planning Issues

- Incorporate NIMS in local plans and response
- Determine roles and responsibilities
- Plan for operation with diminished staff
- Discuss local religious beliefs and customs
- Training and exercise your mass fatalities incident response
- Identify potential locations for morgue or family assistance center
- Explore refrigerated storage alternatives



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Planning Issues - Resources

- Mutual Aid / Neighboring JP
- Funeral Directors / Mortuary Services
- Law Enforcement / Fire / EMS / Public Works
- Emergency Management (County/State)
- DSHS Response Teams / Texas State Guard
- Private-Sector / National Weather Service
- American Red Cross / Salvation Army
- CERT / Baptist Men's / BCFS
- RAC / MHMR / MMRS / Hospitals
- Emergency Management Assistance Compact



Other Planning Issues

- Volunteer / Donations management
- Joint Information Center planning
- Traumatic stress / Psychological First Aid and CISM for responders
- WMD – radiological contamination
- DO YOU KNOW YOUR LOCAL PLAN!!!



Thank You

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