

EMERGENCY RESPONSE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE CHARTER

PURPOSE

Based on the long range vision of the La Porte, Morgan's Point, and Shoreacres LEPC (the LEPC), emergency-response in all its forms has been identified as a major area where service to the community is warranted.

The La Porte LEPC exercises the City's Emergency Operations Plan at least once a year to test procedures, equipment and other resources, and make sure emergency response personnel have been properly trained in their roles and responsibilities. Lessons learned during these exercises are incorporated into the plan and shared with other LEPC members.

SPONSOR & REPORTING

The Executive Committee and the LEPC Chairpersons are the sponsors of the Emergency Response & Resources Committee. The Committee will report on its progress via e-mail, phone, and/or the Executive Committee and general membership meetings.

CHARTER/SCOPE OF WORK

Scope of committee will include, but may not be limited to:

Primary

- (1) Establishing an exercise/drill schedule and the planning and coordination of drills for the communities of La Porte, Morgan's Point and Shoreacres.
- (2) Conducting training needs assessments.
- (3) Coordinating training programs.

Secondary

- (4) Requesting grant funding to provide for identified training needs.
- (5) Evaluating response capabilities and resource needs.
- (6) Assisting with security and emergency response issues when providing information regarding the LEPC.

Committee Considerations for both Primary & Secondary Scope

The committee, during its meetings, should consider the value of the following items:

- Meetings or communications shall be held as deemed necessary to accomplish the mission and goals of the LEPC.
- Interfacing with the Emergency Communications Committee, Hazardous Materials Facilities Liaison Committee, Planning Committee, and/or Public Education and Information Committee, as well as potential outside groups such as Channel Industries Mutual Aid (CIMA) or adjacent LEPCs as deemed necessary in order to effectively implement the charter/scope of work of this committee.
- Drills and exercises are the best way to validate the LEPC's emergency management plan to make sure responders are ready for a chemical emergency.