

PUBLIC EDUCATION & INFORMATION COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE CHARTER

PURPOSE

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

The Public Education & Information Committee is to develop outreach campaigns to educate children and adults about what to do during a chemical emergency, inform the public about La Porte LEPC activities, and measure community attitudes and awareness levels. This committee functions to communicate to citizens how they will be warned of an emergency and how to Shelter-in-Place to protect them from a chemical release.

SPONSOR & REPORTING

The Executive Committee and the LEPC Chairpersons are the sponsors of the Public Education & Information 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) Development of public education and information program(s) including appropriate actions to take in advance of, during, and after emergencies that is expected from the public.
- (2) Training and outreach concerning the public alert and notification program.
- (3) Public relations with affected communities and public at large.

Secondary

- (4) Promoting public awareness of EPCRA.
- (5) Establishing procedures for processing information from regulated entities.
- (6) Implementing procedures to evaluate and address requests for information.
- (7) All publicity of 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, Emergency Response & Resources Committee, Hazardous Materials Facilities Liaison Committee, and/or Planning Committee as deemed necessary in order to effectively implement the charter/scope of work of this committee.