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Tuesday, June 7th, 2022, 1pm-3pm
Quarterly Meeting
VIRTUAL
MEETING AGENDA

1:00p Welcome and Call to Order

- **Chief James Wallace, Director, OEM**

-Chief thanked all for attending the meeting including the participants, speakers and new representatives from groups who will be reporting out during each meeting.

1:05p Review of Agenda Structure and SARA Title III Report

- **Shelly Smith, Preparedness Section Chief, OEM**

-Shelly explained the change in the agenda format including how OEM is working on including time prior to speakers to review briefings and reports.

1:10p Report of Hazmat Items

- **Kevin W. Ryan, Emergency Vehicle Driver, Baltimore City Fire Department**

-Kevin provided descriptions on items listed below and then was available for questions.

- **Incidents of Significance**

-Petroleum Mgmt. flammable liquids fire. March 7th.

-Chemical suicide in a vehicle May 17th

-Tractor Trailer, car carrier, vac truck accident, McHenry tunnel May 24th

-various spills, leaks throughout the city

- **Special Events**

-Orioles Home Opener

-NCAA Women's Lacrosse at Homewood Field- Memorial Day Weekend

-Preakness

-Premier League Soccer 7\16 at M and T- upcoming

-Paul McCartney concert 6\12 at Camden Yards- upcoming

-IAFC Hazmat Conference at Baltimore Hilton, June 8th-12th

- **Upcoming Trainings**

-Ongoing weekly Hazmat Operations Refresher Training held every Tuesday.

-Hazmat Presentation during Officer Development Course at the Fire Academy.

-Upcoming Lithium Ion (Electric Car Battery) Training coming up.

1:20p Baltimore City Health Department Update

- **Kimberly Eshleman, Director of Public Health Preparedness & Response, BCHD**

- **Covid-19 Update**

-Kim reviewed Baltimore City Covid-19 Numbers. Currently numbers are high with 7.6% testing positivity rates. Given high numbers the Health Commissioner is encouraging anyone going inside buildings to wear masks, wash hands/ use sanitizer, and social distance.

-There is a possibility for vaccines to be available for children aged 6 months-4 years.

-Rapid Test and masks are available at Baltimore City Public Libraries.

- **Shannon Snyder, Senior Public Health Emergency Planner, BCHD**

- Code Red Update

-Shannon reviewed Code Red Plan for Summer 2022 and went over statistics from Summer 2021.

1:30p Baltimore Gas and Electric Update

- **Faviola Donato-Galindo, External Affairs Manager**

-Faviola informed group BGE is preparing for Summer Readiness and extreme weather.

-She also reviewed restoration rates and additional technologies (drones) used to make repairs.

1:35p Training Information

- **Crystal Bright, Deputy Preparedness Chief, OEM**

- Available online training resources and handouts:

- EPA Website: <https://www.epa.gov/epcra>

- Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act Fact Sheet: https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2020-10/documents/epcra_quick_reference_fact_sheet.pdf

- Guide to Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act Fact Sheet: https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2020-10/documents/guide_to_epcra.pdf

- Tier2 Submit: How to Fill Out Your Tier II Form Using Tier2 Submit Software Power Point: https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2021-12/2021_tier2_submit_tutorial.pdf

-Crystal provided information on trainings, informed group they were free and accessible online.

1:40p Exercise Information

- **Elise Major-Whiteford, Senior Planner, OEM**

- EOP Flood Annex Table Top Exercise, May 10th, 2022

- Food and Water Table Top Exercise, May 24th, 2022

- Upcoming exercises

-Elise provide brief overview of each exercise listed above including the agencies who participated in each exercise.

- For the Flood Annex participants included: Department of Planning, Department of Public Works, Department of Transportation, and the Office of Emergency Management. During the table top exercise, the group discussed flood related hazards and how the agencies would respond. For the Food and Water table top exercise, participants including staff from Department of Planning, Department of Public Works, The Office of Emergency Management and the Baltimore Metropolitan Council. Similar to the Flood Annex, this table top involved discussing water and food scenario's and the agencies responses to address the scenarios.

-Elise finished her section of the meeting by informing the members that as the Emergency Operations Plan Functions are reviewed there would be additional table top exercises to test these plans.

2:00p Maryland Dept Environment

- **Pat Williams, Maryland Dept Environment MDE CRTK Project Manager**

- National LEPC-TEPC Handbook: Emergency Planning for Release of Hazardous Chemicals- published January 2022

- <https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2022-01/national-lepc-tepc-handbook-full-document.pdf>

-Pat reviewed the Handbook including its sections and topics discussed. She encouraged all to read the document to become more familiarized with the EPCRA.

-Pat also briefly reviewed EPCRA Sections 311-312: Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act Hazardous Chemical Inventory Reporting Requirements. More information on this can be found here: <https://www.epa.gov/epcra/epcra-sections-311-312>

2:10-3:00pm: Guest Speakers

- **Christopher Strong, Warning Coordination Meteorologist, National Weather Service**

- “Summer Weather Threats”

-Chris reviewed his PowerPoint and was available for questions.

-Question was asked by Kevin Ryan of BCFD inquired on if the NWS monitors Solar Flares as they can have an impact on Fire Fighter Operations. Chris said the NWS does in fact follow these.

- **Katie Flory, Community Care & Advocacy Coordinator, Maryland SPCA**

- “Disaster Prep for Pets”

-Katie reviewed her PowerPoint and was available for questions.

-Shelly Smith, OEM asked how much water is recommended for pets in Emergency Kits. Katie said to provide half of what is supplied daily for individuals.

Upcoming Meetings*:

- **September 13th, 2022, 1pm-3pm**
- **December 6th, 2022, 1pm-3pm**
- **Coming soon: 2023 Meeting Calendar**

***Meetings to be held online until further notice**

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<https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/BusinessInfoCenter/CommunityRightToKnow/Pages/tier2reporting.aspx>