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**LOCAL EMERGENCY  
PLANNING COMMITTEE**



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# **General Meeting**

## **September 20, 2007**

**9:30 AM – 11:30 AM**

**Maryland Department of the Environment**  
**1800 Washington Blvd.**

# Meeting Agenda

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**9:30**      **Sign-in and Refreshments**

**9:40**      **Adoption of Prior Meeting Minutes**

**9:45**      **LEPC Background, Administration, and Development**

## **PRESENTATIONS**

**9:55**      **Production & Storage of Hazardous Chemicals in Baltimore:**  
An Overview of Industry Trends and 2006 Tier II/EHS Reports  
– Richard Sarudy, BCFD and Craig Owen, SBIMAP

**10:15**      **Code Red 2007: Successes and Lessons Learned from the City's**  
Response to this Summer's Heat Waves  
– Dr. Joshua Sharfstein, Commissioner of Health and Lt. Robert  
Maloney, OEM

# Meeting Agenda (Cont'd)

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## PROGRAM/SECTOR REPORTS

### 10:35 Government

- Training & Exercises
  - People's Community Health Clinic Exercise (8/11/07)
  - SBIMAP TTX (8/21/07)
  - Pandemic Flu Special Needs TTX (8/29/07)
  - Nautical Shield (9/8/07)
- Hazmat/WMD
- Public Health Preparedness
- Law Enforcement
- Public Warning

# Meeting Agenda (Cont'd)

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- 10:50**    **Citizens**
- CERT
  - RACES
  - Community Reports

- 11:05**    **Businesses**
- BECON
  - SBIMAP
  - Non-Profits
  - Other

**11:20**    **Old Business**

**11:25**    **New Business**

# LEPC Background

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## ❖ 1986:

Congress passed the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) to ensure that government and the public had access to the information needed to plan for chemical emergencies.

## ❖ EPCRA requires each state to:

- Establish a State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)
- Create local emergency planning districts (of which Baltimore City is one)
- Establish an LEPC in each district.

# LEPC Background

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- ❖ Baltimore City LEPC continues to exercise its role with respect to hazardous chemicals.
- ❖ We have now expanded our scope to include preparedness for all hazards and all communities.

# LEPC Functions

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- ❖ Opportunity for the public to learn about hazards facing their communities and what government is doing to prepare and respond.
- ❖ Gateway for citizens to get involved in preparing their families, communities, and businesses.
- ❖ Forum for the public, private, and non-profit sectors to collaboratively build better disaster plans, stronger response systems, and more prepared communities.
- ❖ Repository of information related to regulated businesses (statutory role) and hazmat response plans.

# LEPC Vision

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- ❖ An informed and prepared public
- ❖ An effective, coordinated system of mitigation, response, and recovery
- ❖ Safe and resilient communities

# LEPC Structure

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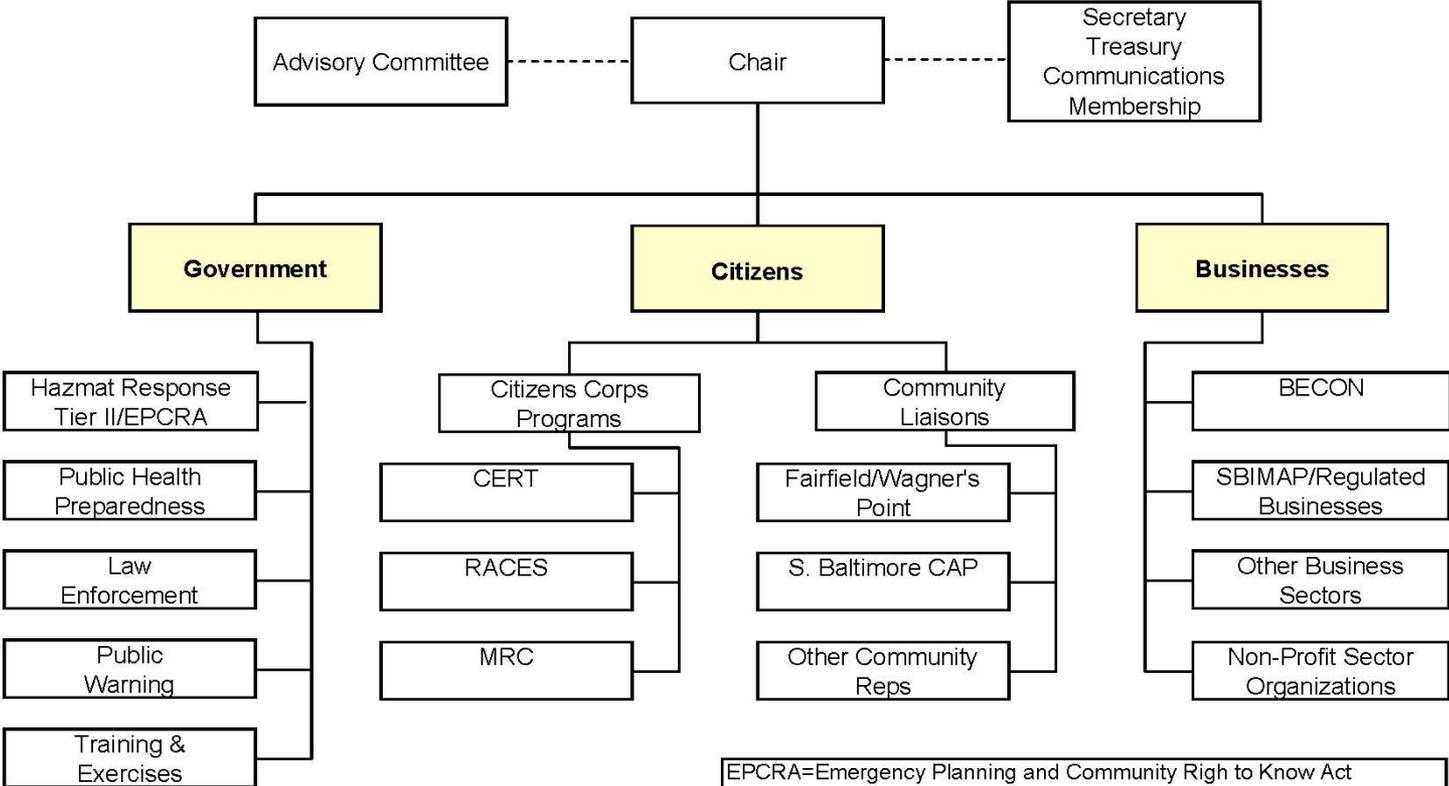
- ❖ OEM handles administrative tasks
  - Communications
  - Secretary
  - Treasury management
  
- ❖ General meetings
  - Quarterly
  - Open to the public
  - Primarily educational and networking
  
- ❖ Advisory Committee
  - Quarterly between general meetings
  - Composed of representatives of key disciplines and sectors
  - Provides direction and coordination, develops initiatives

# LEPC Structure

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- ❖ Activities and reports organized in three categories:
  - Government
  - Citizens
  - Businesses
  
- ❖ Working groups, task forces, and preparedness programs fall under these categories:
  - Some programs/projects are sub-groups of LEPC
  - Some programs/projects are managed independently of the LEPC and report to this group for information and coordination

**City of Baltimore Local Emergency Planning Committee  
Proposed Committee Structure  
August 2007**



EPCRA=Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act  
 CERT = Community Emergency Response Teams  
 RACES = Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service  
 MRC = Medical Reserve Corps  
 BECON = Baltimore Emergency Communications Network  
 SBIMAP=South Baltimore Industrial Mutual Aid Plan



**Recent Exercises:  
8/11/07 - People's Community Health Center MCI**





**Recent Exercises:  
9/8/07 – Nautical Shield**

# Citizen Preparedness Programs

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# Upcoming LEPC General Meetings

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- ❖ Thursday December 6, 2007 – 9:00-11:30 AM  
Location TBD
- ❖ March 2008 – Date/location TBD
- ❖ June 2008 – Date/location TBD
- ❖ September 2008 – Date/location TBD
- ❖ December 2008 – Date/location TBD
- ❖ **Please send us your presentation topic ideas or agenda items**