

Michigan Citizen-Community Emergency Response Coordinating Council (MCCERCC) Minutes

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Emergency Management & Homeland Security Training Center
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Present:

Capt. Eddie Washington, Amy Butler, Brad Deacon, Doran Duckworth, Dennis Edwards, Larry Estlack, Kenneth Gembel, Jackie Hampton, Samuel Hopkins, Jim Breuker, F/Lt. Harold Love, Clifford Messing, Musette Michael, Kristine Opsommer, Dr. Jackie Scott, Sgt. Kevin Sweeney, Marcia Varble, Dr. William Wagoner, Dr. Stewart Wang, Mark Wesley

Excused:

Michael Lovelace, Gail Novak-Phelps

Absent:

Warren Evans, BG Michael McDaniel, Andy Neuman, Eileen Phifer

Others Present:

Jim Breuker, Doran Duckworth, Sandy Glazier

The Michigan Citizen-Community Emergency Response Coordinating Council (MCCERCC) Meeting was called to order at 2:20 p.m. Captain Washington discussed the purpose of the Council, reviewing highlights from the Executive Order establishing the MCCERCC, and the roles and responsibilities each committee has served in the past. He stated the objectives of the meeting as deciding on the frequency and format of future meetings, expectations of administrative assistance, and reporting requirements. The value of the Committee is a broad-ended community audience and integrated view.

Mr. Doran Duckworth gave a brief history on the Michigan Hazard Mitigation Coordinating Council (MHMCC). The Council was created by Executive Order 1998-5 to address mitigating disasters through advocacy, coordination, awareness, cost reduction, and sustainability. Membership consisted of representatives of seven state agencies in addition to the Property and Casualty Insurance Industry, Urban Planning Association, and Local Emergency Management Program. The committee's responsibilities included:

- Development, maintenance, and implementation of state hazard mitigation plan.
- Development, maintenance, and implementation of guidance materials in support of hazard mitigation efforts of state and local governments, and private entities.
- Review of hazard mitigation projects to determine funding eligibility under the Stafford Act and National Flood Insurance Reform Act.
- Fostering and promotion of hazard mitigation practices within state and local government, and the general public.

At this point it was determined Sgt. Kevin Sweeney's presentation on the Citizen Corps and the responsibilities the Council would be assuming on its behalf would be postponed until the next meeting, as there would not be sufficient time for it to be discussed.

Mr. Jim Breuker gave a presentation on the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC), which was mandated by Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) Title III. Its role was to provide

leadership in implementing SARA Title III and to make recommendations on hazardous materials enforcement, response, planning, and training. Various items the Commission was tasked with include:

- Chair/Vice-Chair from MSP/EMHSD and DEQ/EAD respectively.
- MSP/EMHSD oversees Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs): appoint members, review plans, coordinate activities, designate districts, etc.
- DEQ/EAD handles reporting elements of SARA Title III.
- Develop hazardous materials response plans (procedures, coordinators, evacuations, etc.).
- Respond to public information requests, evaluate and/or improve training levels of first responders, develop exercise schedules.

A questionnaire will be distributed via e-mail for member input. Meetings will potentially be held every six to eight weeks initially and will last approximately two hours.

The floor was opened for participants to share their concerns:

- Department of Environmental Quality's previously required reporting will need to continue and was not included in the Executive Order.
- How will the acronym be pronounced?

The time and location of the next meeting is to be determined.

Minutes approved by Captain Washington, Chair.