



# COASTAL PLAIN LEPC GENERAL MEETING January 16, 2020

## Members Present:

Brandon Luttrell – President  
Shanna Owens – SPCO OEM  
Rickey McLester – Halo Flight  
Victor Cano – Cheniere  
Marty Wind – KLUX  
Dan Gibson – TVFD  
Cody Mulloy – PCCA  
James Duener – GLO  
Jason Pfluger – Odem ISD  
Sheldon Wiginton – Refugio EMC  
Dane Brodsgaard – SPC OEM GIS  
Duane Campbell – Vopek Terminal  
Gus Lopez – Chemours

Rick McLester – Vice President  
Ann Bryan – SPC E911  
Brett Emerson – ExxonMobil/GCGV  
Dan Watkins – GCGV  
JoAnn Ehmann – IOB  
Darren Rudowsky – OxyChem  
Samanda Hernandez – SPCDPH  
Alex Garcia – American Red Cross  
David Dorn – RTFC  
Garry Barney – TDEM  
Nathan Kelley – APFD  
Clara Rieder – SPCHD  
Macy Culpepper – SPC OEM

Oscar Rivera – Board Member  
RJ Thomas – CBCOG/IOBVFD  
Johnny Gonzales – GCGV  
Brian Dunlop – Cheniere  
Jim Leahey – Voestalpine  
Danielle Hale – PCCA  
David Krebs – Board Member  
Scott Marion – Portland FD  
John Perez Jr. – FHR CC  
Roger Smith – Dow/Seadrift PL  
Eugenio DeLeon – Sinton PD  
Troy Dodson – Moda Midstream

**I. Call to Order/Approval of Minutes:** The meeting was held in Sinton, Texas at the San Patricio County Civic Center. President Brandon Luttrell called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. He thanked everyone for coming and asked for them to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Brandon asked if everyone had a chance to go over the November meeting minutes. JoAnn Ehmann said in the Executive meeting minutes the date of the audit needs to be changed to December 31, 2015 to December 31, 2018. The change was noted and accepted as corrected. JoAnn Ehmann then made a motion to approve the November Executive and General Meeting Minutes and it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by RJ Thomas and the motion passed.

**II. Financial Report:** Sara Williams was not present. Brandon said there is currently \$1,012.70 in the bank. He said we have an abnormal balance because we just paid both the Alert and Non-Alert System. The Alert System Payment was \$13,600.00 and the Non-Alert System payment was for \$25,000.00. Brandon said we should start receiving Tier II Contributions which will help get us back to a healthy balance. He understands there is a \$4,000.00 check that was delivered to the Sheriff's Office for the LEPC so that will be deposited soon. We are a nonprofit and we do rely on contributions and donations to maintain a healthy balance. Danielle Hale asked Brandon if she can have a list of those that did not contribute towards the Non-Alert System and she will start contacting them. Brandon said that list will be sent to her. JoAnn Ehmann made a motion to approve the financial report and it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by RJ Thomas and the motion passed.

## III. Subcommittee Reports:

- 1. Communications – Oscar Rivera** – still working on the P25 upgrade. Refugio County is still looking for money to replace their tower and dispatch center. RJ Thomas said he is working on a grant to help Refugio County.
- 2. Exercise & Design – Rickey McLester Jr.** – said he had nothing to report. Victor Cano of Chenier said on March 26<sup>th</sup> they are working with the Coast Guard on conducting and Infectious Disease Drill and are looking for folks to participate. Please contact him if you are interested.
- 3. Fire Chiefs – Nathan Kelley** – said they met last night and had a lot of participation from all three counties. He said Sara Williams attended and took the minutes and he appreciates her help. The Inventory resource list is ongoing. They are exploring Ship Yard Fire Fighting training. Fourteen first responders have been killed this year. Brandon said it is not just the law when first responders are on the side of the road with lights on but anyone with hazards lights on. Please slow down and move in the other lane when you see someone with hazard lights on. Halo Flight is updating their landing

zones. Rickey McLester said when Halo Flight is landing they will have a larger vehicle park alongside the roadway for safety reasons. They are upgrading protocols to do that. Nathan said ten fire departments have signed onto their Mutual Aid Agreement. There are three cities that have not signed yet but they are working on that. He said Joshua Carrillo with Hazardous Materials from Union Pacific Railroad reached out to him for volunteers for the class he will be conducting in April.

4. **Hazard Analysis & Vulnerability – Rick McLester** – said he had nothing to report.

5. **Health & Medical – Tracy Nytra** – was not present. Brandon read an email from her. “Hi! Hope your day is great! I’m sorry I won’t be able to join you, we had a call in and I’m at work. Continue to fight the flu, wash hands, seek treatment, stay home from work and school if you are sick, still giving flu shots”. Clara Rieder said Austin has its first case of Measles. We are almost into the peak of Flu season so please get vaccinated. It takes fourteen days for the flu shot to kick in. Strep and the Roto virus is high. Stay hydrated. Samantha Hernandez with the County Immunizations department said flu shots are \$20.00 at the San Patricio County Health Department.

6. **Public Information & Awareness – Gus Lopez** – said he had nothing to report.

7. **Resource & Funding – Gary Moore** – was not present. Brandon reminded everyone we are operating on donations.

8. **Training – RJ Thomas** – said the Training Subcommittee met on December 20<sup>th</sup>. RJ was elected as presiding officer. They adopted the San Patricio County EMPG work plan as their current Exercise and Training schedule. He expects to add a training list to a web site in the near future. A need for further Public Safety Radio user training was identified. Training program for the Texas SCIP will be available around March. RJ will provide a radio frequencies list to the group prior to training. Marine Fire Awareness training should be available around the Port starting in February.

IV. **Action Items.** There were no Actions Items.

V. **Special Topics:** There were no Special Topics.

VI. **Next Meeting Schedule:** The next scheduled meeting is March 19, 2020.

VII. **Public Comments:** Shanna Owens said there will be a CERT Class in Taft on January 20<sup>th</sup>. There might be another class in Mathis in September. If you would like more information on the CERT Classes, you may contact her. They are having an Integrated Preparedness Planning meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup>. Roger Smith of Dow/Seadrift Pipeline said on January 21<sup>st</sup> there will be Damage Prevention Council of Texas meeting in Alice at the AEP on 411 Duval Street, Room 114. For more information, call him or Jessie Torres at 361-799-0959.

VIII. **Adjourn:** Brandon thanked everyone for coming. With no further business Brandon adjourned the meeting at 2:13 p.m. RJ Thomas made the motion to adjourn the meeting and it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rick McLester.

Sara Williams – Secretary/Treasurer

