

Arkansas Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Commission

December 13, 2013

Minutes

The Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Commission met on December 12, 2013 at 1:05 p.m. at the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management in North Little Rock, Arkansas.

Members Present:

Kevin Looney, Arkansas Department of Labor  
Dean Vanderhoff, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality  
Garnett Wise, Industrial Representative  
Ross Batson, Arkansas Highway Police  
Kenny Harmon, Arkansas Department of Emergency Management  
Scotty Bell, Virco Manufacturing Corp.  
Shirley Louie, Arkansas Department of Health

Members Absent:

Ben Blankenship, Fire Service  
David Maxwell, Arkansas Department of Emergency Management  
Rachel Nix, Arkansas Fire Training Academy  
Stanley Evans, 61<sup>st</sup> CST, AR ARNG  
Mark Allen, Arkansas State Police  
James Burns, LEPC/Rep  
Barry Birkhead, Virco Manufacturing Corp.

Others Present:

Latyce Robinson, Arkansas Department of Emergency Management  
Sheila Annable, Arkansas Department of Emergency Management  
Mark Hooker, Arkansas Department of Emergency Management

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm by Mr. Bell. He asked if everyone had a chance to review the previous meeting minutes and if there were any necessary corrections to these minutes. Mr. Wise moved to have the previous meeting minutes approved as distributed, Mrs. Louie seconded the motion, all were in favor and the minutes were approved. Mr. Bell then turned the floor over to Mr. Harmon to update the Commission on the status of the SARA Tier III report for the Haz Mat Program.

Training Numbers, Conferences, Fees and Reporting:

Mr. Harmon made reference to a handout reflecting the total number of classes that have been taught and total number of students that have attended Haz Mat training from October 1, 2012 – September 30, 2013; for a total of 329 activities and 7342 participants. This total number reflects more students training participated in for the HazMat Training Program than all other States in Region 6 combined, which is a positive attribute to the SERC/ADEM training program and all affiliates.

Mr. Harmon stated that HotZone was scheduled for October 17-20, 2013 in Houston, TX and he was in attendance. NASTTPO (National Association of SARA Title III Program Officials) partnered with HotZone at the 2013 conference and was also for this year's conference. The NASTTPO conference was scheduled for October 15-17, 2013 in Houston, TX.

Mr. Harmon stated that the fees were changed for the Tier II reporting but not for the TR-I reporting and that he will have to go back and get that corrected because \$1,000.00 was supposed to be the fee for the Tier II and TR-I. Mr. Harmon stated that he will take the cap correction back to the Legislative Committee to get this matter corrected and will take whatever actions that need to be taken to get this corrected.

Mr. Harmon made mention of a new presentation that he would like to present to the SERC committee after research and planning. He has aspirations of introducing an Annual 2-day Local/State HazMat Training Weekend Conference in early fall each year to be offered here in Arkansas for training purposes. Mr. Harmon did the first HazMat Weekend at the DoubleTree Hotel on September 19-21, 2013 with 85 attendees.

#### Old Business:

Shirley Louie needs to have her SERC Member badge made. Latryce Robinson sent an email to Ken Gibson to see what needs to be done about get this badge issued.

#### New Business:

No new business mentioned.

Mr. Bell adjourned the meeting at 1:56 p.m.

