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Tips for Keeping an LEPC Active

Region 6 LEPC Workshops



let's get
active



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So what
makes for a
successful
LEPC ??



Factors for Success

From Previous Surveys:

- Dedicated membership
- Regular and meaningful meetings
- Leadership which believes in LEPC mission
- Support from local elected officials



Unsuccessful Factors



Previous Surveys

- Lack of serious chemical risks in the community
- Lack of interest by citizens and stakeholders
- Lack of even basic funding

Few simple tips for energizing dormant LEPC, or keeping one active



Sadly, many believe the best way to energize an LEPC is to have a major incident.



Not encouraging that...

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Feed 'Em !



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Use meetings as a training forum

- Stay up to date on rule changes
- Roles and responsibilities
- New technologies for response equipment, resources



LEPC leaders must believe in the purpose

Must be able to inspire others to also believe in the purpose

- **Keep purpose, goals, and approach relevant and meaningful.**
- **Build commitment and confidence**
- **Diversify mix and level of skills**
- **Manage relationships with outsiders, including removing obstacles**
- **Create opportunities for others**
- **Do real work**

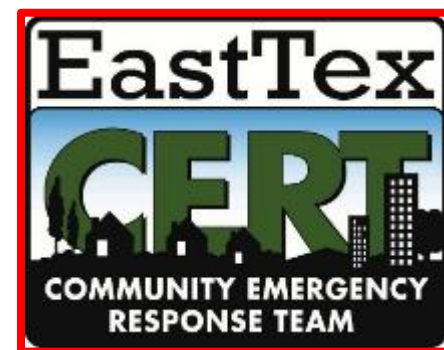
Consider social activities to build relationships between LEPC members

Ensure all LEPC members are involved in planning and execution of exercises

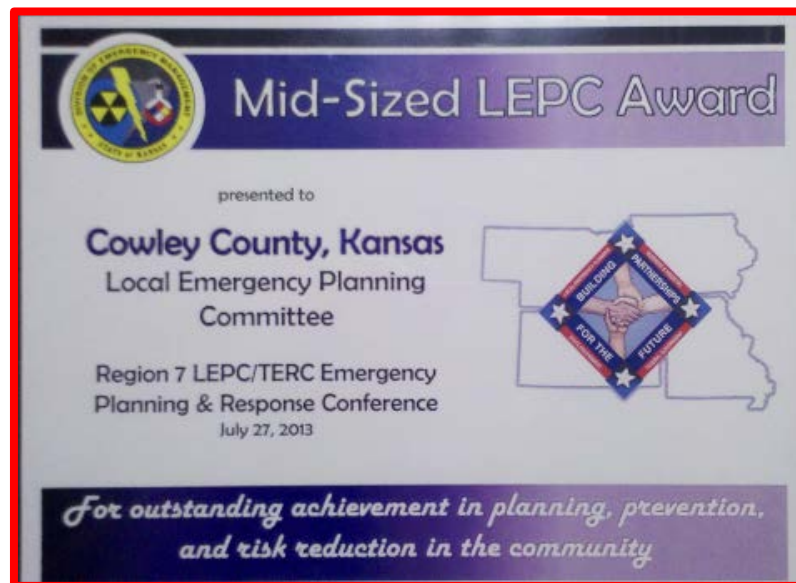
Encourage volunteers to work together at community events, such as county fairs, etc.



“Tell me and I'll forget; show me and I may remember; involve me and I'll understand.”



Don't just use your own LEPC members to accomplish all the tasks you wanted completed... find others in the community who want to help (students, volunteers – Citizen Corp, senior citizens, teachers, etc.)



Recognize achievement

- Causes people to strive for more achievements
- Nominate members for awards within their own organization or societies
- Provides visibility to facilities within their own corporate structure

Hold Productive Meetings:

- Annual Meeting to review plan
- Meeting at Tier II deadline
- Regular but flexible meetings
- Guest Speakers

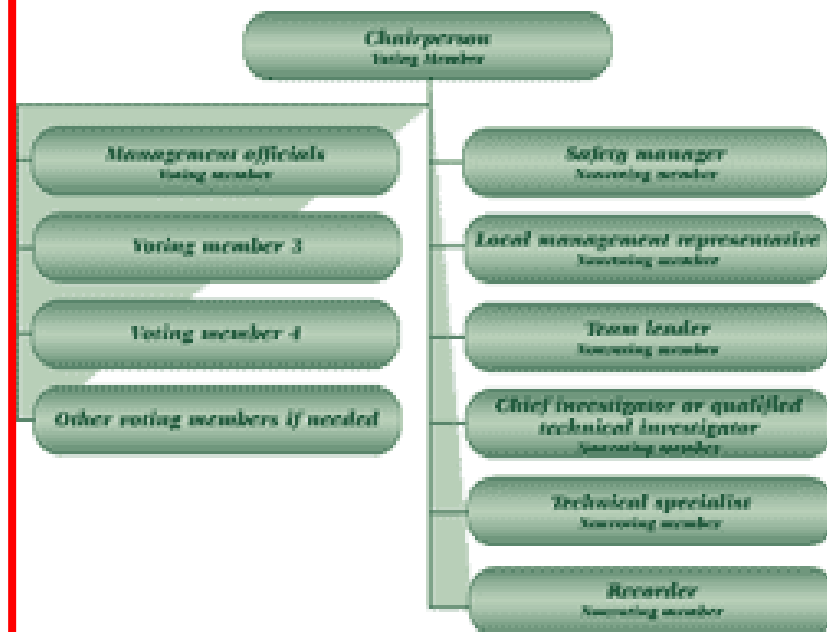


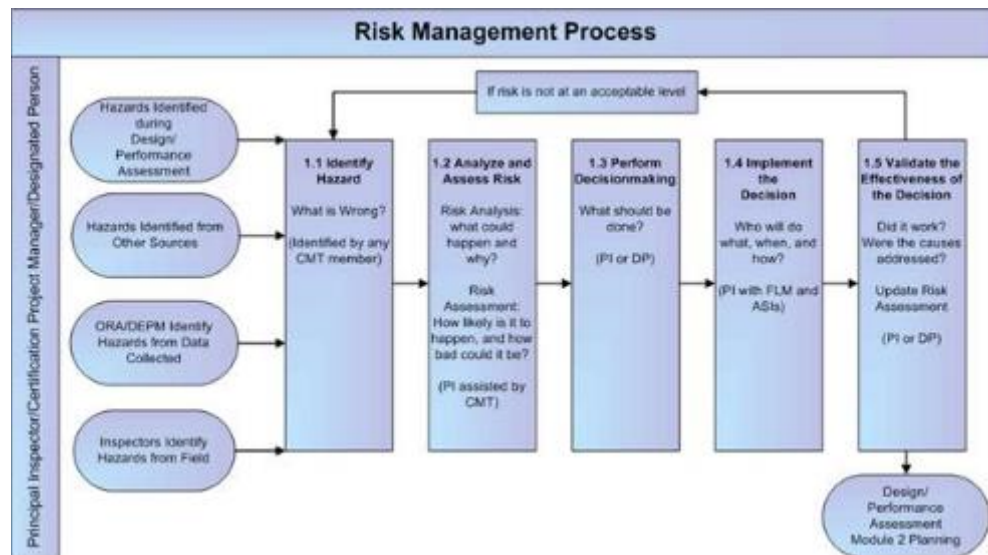
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Conduct emergency response review after incident



Accident Review Board





Conduct facility process reviews

Hold meetings at facilities within the community



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**Involve all members in exercises,
especially table-top exercises**



**Operation
Shelter Care**

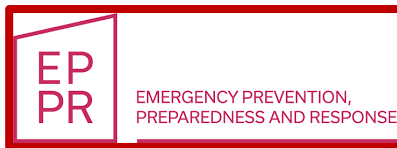
Tabletop Exercise

Some simple things to remember for your LEPC:

- **LEPCs don't like surprises**



- **More assistance leads to more compliance**



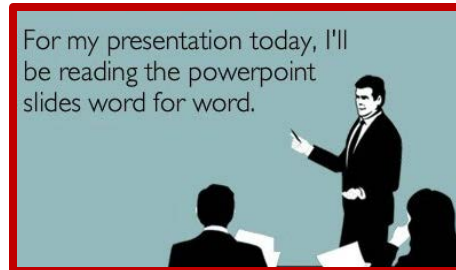
- **Prevention can be born out of preparedness**

- **A well-rounded LEPC equals compromise and good community relations**



Some simple things to remember for your LEPC:

- **Help can come from unexpected places**



- **It's all in the presentation!!**

- **The commitment is there, it's the time that's needed**



- **Information should not be a paper burden**

Some simple things to remember for your LEPC:

- Get the most out of the data collected



- All companies must be aware of accidents waiting to happen

- Yes, it is an unfunded mandate, but...



- Integrated planning at all levels can overcome obstacles

Some simple things to remember for your LEPC:

- Facilities are partners, not targets

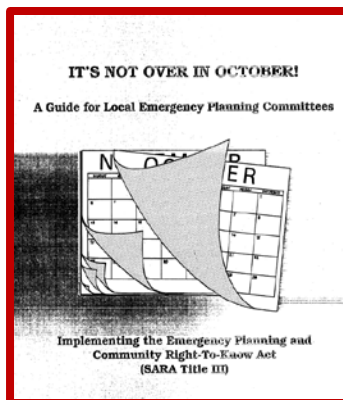


- Constantly go back to the basics



- It's Not Over when the Plan is Written

- Integrate Tier 2 info with other data



Some simple things to remember for your LEPC:

- Industry and emergency responders must be informed and involved



- LEPC support all-hazard planning



- Money Isn't Everything

- Develop partnership with neighbors



Some simple things to remember for your LEPC:

- Outreach is a continuous process



- Membership Should be Inclusive

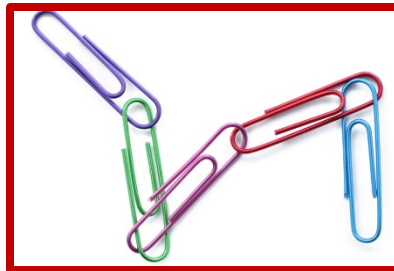
- Success involves commitment, patience, and persistence



- LEPC role can go beyond planning

Some simple things to remember for your LEPC:

- **Remove Hindrances**



- **Keep linked with other programs**

- **Stay Positive !**



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LEPC Contact Lists

- **Arkansas**

<http://ardem.publishpath.com/emergency-management-coordinators>

- **Louisiana**

http://www.lsp.org/pdf/Local_Emergency_Planning_Committees.pdf

- **New Mexico**

<http://www.nmdhsem.org/LEPCs.aspx>

- **Oklahoma**

<http://www.deq.state.ok.us/lpdnew/saratitleiii/ohmerc.htm>

- **Texas**

<https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/tier2/local-emergency-planning-committee.html>

Resources for LEPCs

- EPCRA / LEPC On-Line Training
<https://www.epa.gov/epcra/epcra-training-states-tribes-lepcs-local-planners-and-responders-non-section-313>
- HAZWOPER Awareness On-Line Free Training
<http://rrt6.org/TrainingRepository.aspx>
- CAMEO / ALOHA / MARPLOT Software
<https://www.epa.gov/cameo>
- Download Presentations from LEPC workshops
www.epaossc.org/lepcworkshops

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Local Emergency Planning Committees

The Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) is a product of federal legislation that was passed in the wake of the Bhopal disaster in India, where more than 2,000 people died because of an accident involving accidental release of a hazardous chemical. To prevent similar occurrences in our own communities, Congress passed the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act (EPCRA), also known as the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA Title III), in 1986.

EPCRA helps to increase public knowledge and access to information on chemicals at individual facilities, their uses, and releases into the environment.

LEPCs are volunteer organizations that consist of emergency responders, industry, government, education, media, and community groups. Their main functions are to provide for joint emergency planning, training, and public outreach.

As a result, communities, working with industry, are better able to protect public health and the environment.

The role of LEPCs is to form a partnership with local governments and industries as a resource for enhancing hazardous materials preparedness. Local governments are responsible for the integration of hazmat planning and response within their jurisdiction. This includes ensuring the local hazard analysis adequately addresses hazmat incidents; incorporating planning for hazmat incidents into the local emergency plan and annexes; assessing capabilities and developing hazmat response capability using local resources, mutual aid and contractors; training responders; and exercising the plan.

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EPA-550-F-15-003.pdf	Chemical Safety Alert: Safer Technology and Alternatives -- 2015	LEPC Documents	8/28/2016	171 KB	Download
EPA-550-F-15-002.pdf	How to Better Prepare Your Community for a Chemical Emergency: A Guide for State, Tribal and	LEPC Documents	8/28/2016	118 KB	Download

They Need Your Help

The makers of Tier2 Submit are considering redesigning multiple aspects of the program.

They'd like to hear from users how they use the software, what works well, and what can be improved.

Would you be open to speaking with the developer to discuss how you use the program and what improvements you'd like to see in future versions?

Your feedback will be very useful as they consider how to make the program more user-friendly.

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