



Galveston County Local Emergency Planning Committee

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Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Galveston County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) will be held on Thursday, August 14th, 2025, from 12:00am - 2:00pm at: Community Room at the Galveston County Health District Mid-County Annex, located at 9850-A, Emmett F Lowry Expy A108, Texas City, TX 77591. Lunch will be provided.

- ITEM 1. The meeting was called to order by Chair Brian at 12:05 PM.
- ITEM 2. A motion was made and seconded to approve May 8, 2025 meeting minutes. The motion carried with no opposition.
- ITEM 3. The Treasurer's Report was presented, noting the current balance of \$20,000. Expenditures included website hosting, public education, outside storage, post office box, and quarterly meeting meals (most recent meals cost approximately \$1,000 for 50 attendees). A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.
- ITEM 4. Old Business
- LEPC Direction and Engagement – The committee discussed moving beyond maintenance mode and rebuilding active participation. Ideas included adding board positions such as Sergeant-at-Arms or Directors-at-Large and hiring administrative help.
- Tier II Report Tracking – Improvements to online data collection are underway.
- Shared Resources Needs Assessment – Members discussed compiling a list of specialized equipment or capabilities for potential regional purchase or grant funding, such as drone skimmers, mobile air monitoring, and decontamination units.
- Meeting Location – The current room will no longer be available after today. Odyssey rooms are available across the parking lot. Options discussed included using a central community facility with catered meals, holding meetings at restaurants with private rooms, or rotating between member facilities.
- Annual Social Event – The idea of an annual social networking event was discussed. Possible venues include the San Luis Resort or partnering with existing community events, with timing after hurricane season or during the holidays.
- Website and Membership – The website now supports Tier II submissions and dues payments (credit card fees apply). Members were reminded to use the online form as their invoice.
- ITEM 5. New Business
- Committee Updates & Openings – The Communications Committee Chair position remains open. Planning & Exercise Committee co-chairs were announced as Angel Murphy and Cesar Garcia.

Education Committee – Ongoing Wally Wise Turtle school presentations; seeking more schools and volunteers for grades 1–3.

- Training & Events – Upcoming opportunities announced:
- Hazmat suppression refresher (Oct 27–29)
- EPA emergency response plan workshop (Sept 9–10)
- Biennial Air Quality Report presentation (Sept 18)
- Free removal class (Sept 2–5)

ITEM 6. Committee Reports

Emergency Communications Committee: No report.

Public Education and Information Committee: Volunteers needed for outreach events with Wally Wise Turtle.

Training and Exercises: Members encouraged to submit information on upcoming drills or exercises.

ITEM 7. Presentation

Julio Gonzalez from Sentinel Resilience Group presented on cybersecurity awareness, including phishing, smishing, password management, two-factor authentication, common scams, and reporting to IC3.gov. He emphasized separating personal and financial email accounts, vetting vendors, and safeguarding personal data.

ITEM 8. Member updates

Members shared agency updates and upcoming training announcements. Galveston County OEM reminded members of available preparedness guides and flyers for community distribution.

ITEM 9. Announcements

Remaining 2025 LEPC meetings:

October 9 – Agenda to include:

- 2026 budget approval
- Meeting date approval for 2026
- Officer elections

Meetings will remain scheduled from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM at the Galveston County Health District Mid-County Annex, unless otherwise noted.

ITEM 10. Meeting adjourned at 1400.