

**Hazardous Materials Emergency Response**  
**September 20, 2017**  
**9:00 am**

**AGENDA**

**A. Review Hazardous Materials Emergency Plan**

**B. Agenda Development for October 12 Community Meeting - draft**

- Introductions
  
- Emergency Plan review by Panel
  - Emergency Responder Protocol
  - School District Role
    - During school hours
    - After school hours
  
- Questions

## September 20, 2017 Meeting Minutes

The WCASD held an Emergency Preparedness Meeting on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at the Spellman Education Center, 782 Springdale Dr. Exton PA.

Representatives from various first responders attended the meeting included local municipal governments, police departments, fire departments, hospitals, county emergency management, and school district personnel. Attendees included: Frank Sullivan, Hazardous Materials Coord. and Haz Mat Team Chief CC Dept. of Emergency Services; Don Herb, Dep. Chief CC Haz. Mat Team, CC Dept. of Emergency Services; Bill Turner, Deputy Dir. for Emergency Mgt., CC Dept. of Emergency Services; Scott Bohn, Chief West Chester Borough PD; Mike Cotter, Juvenile Officer, West Goshen PD; Joe Gleason, Chief, West Goshen PD; Greg Stone, Captain, West Goshen PD; Brenda Bernot, Chief, Westtown East Goshen PD; Mike Meiswich, School Resource officer, Westtown East Goshen PD; Michael Lynch, Township Manager, East Bradford Township and Supervisor, West Goshen Township; Bill Ronayne, Emergency Mgt. Coord., East Bradford Township; Mike Holmes, Assistant Emergency Mgt. Coord., East Goshen Township; Rick Smith, Township Manager, East Goshen Township; Kevin Miller, Emergency Mgt. Coord., East Goshen Township; Judy Lizza, Township Manager, Thornbury Township – CC; Teresa DeStefano, Thornbury Township - CC; Lisa Covatta, Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator, West Goshen Township; Andrea Testa, Emergency Mgt. Coord., West Goshen Township; Robert Pingar, Township Manager, Westtown Township; Chaz Brogan, Director of Operations, Good Fellowship Ambulance & EMS; George 'Bud' Turner, Chief, West Whiteland Fire Company; Shawn McGlinchey, VP Risk Management, Krapf Bus Companies; Emilie Lonardi, Superintendent, Downingtown Area SD; Rob Reed, Assistant Superintendent, Downingtown Area SD, Tim Hubbard – Chief Security Officer, Downingtown Area SD; Peg Egan, Principal, Saints Peter & Paul, Sister Regina Elinich, Principal, Saints Simon & Jude; Sister Teresa Ballisty, Principal, Saints Philip & James; Jim Scanlon, Superintendent, West Chester Area SD; Bob Sokolowski, Assistant Superintendent, West Chester Area SD; Kevin Campbell, Director of Facilities & Operations, West Chester Area SD; Tammi Florio, Director of Elementary Ed, West Chester Area SD; Sara Missett, Director of Secondary Ed, West Chester Area SD; Leigh Ann Ranieri, Director of Pupil Services, West Chester Area SD; Michael Wagman, Director of Technology, West Chester Area SD; Marilee Giardinieri, Nurse Coordinator, West Chester Area SD; Donna Ryan, Principal GAE; Ellen Gacomis, Principal PWE, West Chester Area SD; James Whitesel, Facilities & Operations, West Chester Area SD; Linda Cherashore, Admin. Ass't./Board Sec., West Chester Area SD; Terri-Lynne Alston, Principal EXE, West Chester Area SD; Beth Hayes, Admin. Assistant Communications Coordinator, West Chester Area SD; Jen Neill Communications Coordinator, West Chester Area SD

An agenda and the draft plan was made available to the group.

The goal of the meeting was to review the Hazardous Materials Emergency Protocol plan for the upcoming Community Meeting to be held on Thursday, October 12 @ 7 pm in the East HS auditorium.

Attendees introduced themselves.

The emergency protocol plan and agenda for the October 12 meeting will be posted on our website. Dr. Scanlon will send the plan and invite to parents through School Messenger. Attendees will be asked to sign up for the event to gauge interest and audience/auditorium capacity.

A small group of first responders met to review the initial plan, it was suggested that the Emergency Protocol be changed from pipeline to hazardous materials as it is the same protocol.

PECO, SUNOCO etc. must notify us if there is a problem.

In July, Jim sent a letter to Joseph McGinn, Sunoco Logistics asking that the district, as a key stakeholder in the event of a problem, be notified immediately. He copied Gov. Wolf and they indicated there would be instant notification, however Sunoco has not yet responded to the request.

Specialized Procedures were reviewed.

In the event of an issue there are two choices: shelter in place or evacuate. Facilities and Operations must shut down air intake (must be coordinated with head custodians in older buildings; newer buildings can be shut down remotely).

During the school day, principals are in charge until emergency responders arrive. If recommended, then we evacuate. If we evacuate, we will let parents know where the reunification site is. (Sites are confidential and will not be released to the public).

The plans will be reviewed with our staff.

Communications protocol

All district administrators are registered with the ReadyChesco alert system; will push out to parents/community members to register as well. In the event of an incident, we will alert parents and discourage pickups, but realize that we cannot control parents' response.

Does this apply to after school activities?

We would bring kids into the building to shelter in place until decision is made to evacuate. We will add this to the plan.

Rob Pingar expressed his concern regarding radio signals in our schools. Kevin Campbell stated that Metro. Comm. is going to do an onsite review of radio signals in our schools to give an estimated cost and areas to improve signal strength. \$500,000 has been allocated in the 2017-2018 WCASD school year budget for the engineering study/review of radio signals and the installation of bi-directional amplifiers, where needed.

In the event of an evacuation, Krapf has 802 buses in Chester County and can coordinate with other bus companies in the area.

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Agenda and emergency plan will be put up on our website and sent to our parents.

We will take questions from the families who attend. People will write questions on cards. Volunteers will sort them by category.

Will Sunoco be there? We will not have Sunoco at the meeting. They are willing to be there, but the meeting is not about stopping the pipeline and focus would change if they attend. The meeting is about the county's safety plan for any hazardous material breach.

Will we address how deep the pipeline is and the profile of the pipeline for our area? Our schools have that data. We will have a space on our website for this information also, but we do not want the meeting to be about technical information.

Question about risk assessment-how much danger could we possibly be in? We have the AccuFacts report from an outside expert and presented to West Goshen Township posted on our website.

Communication Question-School district communication vs area communication? Who sends the message? District will share with parents the facts we know from HazMat team. Any parent signed up for ReadyChesco Alert may receive information sooner.

What about the press/media in terms of our plan? Bill Turner commented that it is one of the first contact made so the media has the correct facts and can report accurately.

The panel for October 12 will be:

- Brenda Bernot, Chief of Police, Westtown-East Goshen Police Department
- Frank Sullivan, Hazardous Materials Coord. and Haz Mat Team Chief CC Dept. of Emergency Services
- Don Herb, Dep. Chief CC Haz. Mat Team, CC Dept. of Emergency Services
- Bill Turner, Deputy Dir. for Emergency Mgt., CC Dept. of Emergency Services

We are still looking for a representative from the fire company community and either Paoli or Chester County Hospital. Paoli is our trauma center.