

**Wednesday, January 16, 2002**

Attending were: Jim Reynolds, Larry Edwards, Blaine Auville, Gene Burns, Jim Maple, Nickey Goff, Jennifer Eaton, Steve Bayer, John Knapp, Roger Evans, Greg Eaton, Gary Deem, Roberta Cox, Larry Stephens, Rick Modesitt, Danny Goodwin, Dwane Weekley and Duane Jones.

New Chairman Roger Evans introduced himself and asked the other members present to do the same.

**Minutes:**

There were no changes to the minutes and they were approved on a motion from Larry seconded by John and passed unanimously.

**Old Business:**

Duane explained the Community Alert Network test recently conducted by Washington County as discussed at their January LEPC meeting. They concluded that the system only works as well as the information provided by the counties. Roger will discuss the formation of a CAN Committee with Terry. The need for the formation of a Drill Committee will also be discussed. Duane discussed the drill being planned by the Joint Emergency Management Committee. They would like to have all agencies represented including the Coast Guard. Chief Maple discussed the terrorism drill to be held in September by the Coast Guard. It will be a large scale table top drill. No scenario has been decided upon. Parkersburg has named a new Chief of Police. Chief Bob Newell will be invited to participate. Roger reported that GE is maintaining a high level of security awareness and believes other chemical industries are as well. Terry has a meeting scheduled with Tim Knopp regarding the EOP update. Nickey reported that the recent public forum on terrorism did not have much participation. Duane said that another forum has been scheduled for mid February and hopefully it will be better publicized and generate more interest.

**New Business:**

The SERC Grant application has been received and must be submitted by June 30. Roger asked everyone to think about possible uses for the grant and discuss them at the March meeting. A few ideas to think about are creating an agenda of special speakers which would benefit the group and share and provide training and information for groups who could not afford it. Several members need to have their appointments to the committee renewed.

**The next meeting of the Wood County LEPC will be at 11:30 AM, Wednesday, March 20 at 911 Core Road.**