

ALLEN COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
(LEPC)

Meeting Minutes: October 16, 2025

Members present: See attached attendance page

Jared Gesler called the meeting to order at 0938 several members still on the way started meeting with LEPC exercise overview by Drew Munshower.

EOC exercise on October 22nd, 2025

Objectives: EOC, Resource Management, Population Protective Actions, Emergency Public Information, Traffic and Access Control, Hospital Services

Jared Gesler Gave the training meeting report.. Hazmat Tech Class is scheduled for first week of December, have many signed up to attend.

Enough Members arrived that roll call was taken at 0946 and a quorum was present.

Approval of August 2025 Minutes was motioned by Rick Skilliter and seconded by Travis Fillhart no further discussion took place. Motion carried.

Jared Gesler reviewed the financial report. Steve Harvey Motioned to approve the financial report as presented, Rick Skilliter seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Committee Reports:

- Public Health- Gearing
 - Governor Dewine had issued an executive order on intoxicating hemp. The order was appealed with a temporary block being issued on the order
- Information / Emergency Coordinator – Gesler
 - Drew Munshower reviewed the fatal semi accident that resulted in a spill and I-75 closure.
- Evacuee Shelters – Barber
 - The red cross is in the process of updating their shelter lists in Allen County, there are currently four shelters identified and the Red Cross is looking to add to the list. Shelter exercises are being planned for next year with one in Allen County being a possibility.
- Transportation – Doyle
 - Construction season is wrapping up., The Thayer Rd. project is complete with Thayer Rd now open.

For the good of the order:

A vote to replace R.J. Maier with Jeremiah Aigler was presented by Jared Gesler. A motion to approve was made by Rick Skilliter, seconded by Jared Gesler. No further discussion was had and motion carried.

Minutes by: Jared Gesler

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The LEPC/EMA contract was presented. No questions or changes were put forward. Rick Skilliter Motioned to approve the contract with Travis Fillhart seconding, no further discussion was conducted, motion carried.

Jared Gesler requested that the LEPC approved supporting the NOW Hazmat Conference using \$210.00 of LEPC funds. Travis Fillhart Motioned to approve with Steve Harvey seconding. No further discussion was had and motion carried.

Lima Fire Deputy Chief Andrew Groman presented Lima Fire is assembling a confined space rescue team. The long term vision of the team is to have a county USAR team and becoming a state asset. Craig Hohenbrink asked what continuing education would be required for certification. DC Groman stated once the team becomes a state asset there would be continuing training but currently proficiency training will be maintained in house. DC Groman requested LEPC funding up to \$16250.00 to bring in BGSU to provide training.

Rick Skilliter made a motion to approve up to \$16250.00 contingent that the SERC allows the use of funds for this training. Steve Harvey seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion carried.

Jared Gesler Moved that the LEPC cancel the Meeting for December due to Holiday and end of year needs. Tim Williams seconded the motion with no further discussion conducted. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourns at 10:17

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Attendance

	Name	Representing	Present
1	Brian Rader	ODOT	
2	Cliff Barber	Red Cross	X
3	Clint Rolland	Interdyne	
4	Cody Doyle	AC Regional Planning	X
5	Craig Hohenbrink	Ineos	X
6	Dave Woodward	WoofBoom Radio	X
7	Don Diglia	Shawnee Schools	
8	Eric Phillips	Ft. Amanda Specialties	
9	Gene Smith	St. Rita's	
10	Jack McDermitt	Lima Fire	
11	Jared Gesler	AC EMA	X
12	Jeremiah Aigler	Chem Trade	
13	John Walters	Citizen	
14	Jon kinn	Bluffton Fire Dept.	
15	Kevin Bruin	Community	
16	Kevin Cox	Perry Twp.	X
17	Melinda DeLaRosa	Allen Soil and Water District	
18	Michael Hensley	AC Council on Aging	
19	Neil Goodwin	Nutrien	
20	Paul D. Way	Cenovus	
21	Rick Sanchez	Lima Memorial	
22	Rick Skilliter	CISM	X
23	Scott Floyd	Proctor and Gambel	
24	Shelly Gearing	Allen County Health Dept	X
25	Stephen Harvey	Lazer Spot	X
26	Steve Waligora	Lakeview Farms	
27	Tim Williams	Lima Water Dept	X
28	Tina Hentrich	Ford	X
29	Todd Mohler	AC Sheriff's Office	
30	Travis Fillhart	Ford	X

Guests: Cody Kleman (Messer LLC) Martin Edwards (Messer LLC) Jeremiah Aigler (Chem Trade)
Adnrew Groman (Lima Fire)

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