



## ***Torrance County***

### ***Local Emergency Planning Committee***

*Chair: Stephen Garrett*

*Vice-Chair: David Dean*

*Secretary: Maria Martinez*

*Information Coordinator: Tracey Master*

*Emergency Manager: Samantha O'Dell*

#### **GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

#### **FOR**

**Tuesday, April 22, 2025 @ 9:00am  
205 S. Ninth Street, Estancia, NM 87016**

1. Vice Chairman David Dean called the meeting to order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Welcome and Introductions.
4. A quorum was determined.
5. Approval of Agenda-David Dean made a Motion to approve the agenda. Tracey Master 2<sup>nd</sup>. The agenda was approved.
6. Approval of April 22, 2025, LEPC General Meeting Minutes- Tracey Master made a Motion for approval. David Dean 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Minutes were approved.
7. Event Updates:
  - Moriarty Easter Egg Hunt postponed due to weather.
  - City of Moriarty Cleanup Week May 12<sup>th</sup>-May 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - Moriarty High School Graduation May 23, 2025.
  - Chief Tom Carter-The new Estancia Baseball Park had a couple hundred people attend the Grand Opening Day.
8. Agency Updates:
  - USFS-Michael Myrick spoke on the Tussock Moth infestation in the Box Canyon.
  - Torrance County new Fire Chief starts April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
  - TCSO-Reecie Eckard spoke on increased patrol in the Manzano's due to the dry conditions. The crashes on I-40 due to the weather conditions the week before.
  - Tracey Master inquired about how information is communicated to the Emergency Manager, Samantha O'Dell, in case of needing

the emergency shelter opened and it was determined that it is the NM State Police and/or the Torrance County Sheriff's call when the emergency shelter is needed to be opened.

- Emergency Manager-Samantha O'Dell informed us that Julie Pickering moved to the Safety/Risk Manager Position.

9. Website Update: Samantha O'Dell stated that the LEPC has been added to the Torrance County Page and the agendas are on both the Torrance County and Facebook Pages.

10. Chemicals in the County: Liquified Petroleum Gas (LPG)

- Dennis South did an impromptu presentation on Liquified Petroleum Gas. Liquified Petroleum Gas is hydrocarbon gases, specifically propane, butane and isobutane and are flammable. He pointed us to the Website, Propane 101.

He discussed how Propane cylinders pose a danger and are to always to be sitting upright and propane companies will not refill tanks if not sitting upright because of the safety issues. In case of fire do not use water for extinguishment. In case of a crash involving a propane truck back up and get a safe distance away in case of ignition.

Samantha showed a video on three separate explosions at facilities involving liquid petroleum gas. Showing the ignition and devastation thereafter. Espanola is planning training on liquid petroleum/propane for fire fighters in the future.

11. Presentation: Sam Hernandez, Outreach Coordinator for NM811

- Sam went through a PowerPoint of reasons for calling NM811 before digging and the dangers of not calling first. He went over the 1978 Excavation Law.

12. Public Forum- Dannette Cabber mentioned that propane tanks are not allowed in the Torrance County Landfill and that RNL in Albuquerque will take empty tanks. David Dean asked about ERG Placards and was advised about the ERG app.

13. Next General Meeting: May 27, 2025, at 9:00 am

14. David Dean made a Motion for Adjournment. Stephen Garrett 2<sup>nd</sup>. The meeting adjourned at 10:30am.