



# CITY OF BOSTON

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## BOSTON LEPC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The next Boston LEPC Meeting will be held on June 16, 2010 at 10:00 AM at Bunker Hill Community College, 250 New Rutherford Avenue in Charlestown. We are pleased to present our featured speaker for the event, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Secretary of Public Safety and Security Mary Elizabeth Heffernan. As the Secretary, she is responsible for the policy development and budgetary oversight of secretariat agencies, independent programs and several boards which aid in crime prevention, homeland security preparedness and ensuring the safety of residents and visitors in the Commonwealth. This meeting promises to be a most interesting event. Any and all interested guests are invited to attend.

If you would like to attend this meeting and for further information, please contact either LEPC Director Fire Captain James Bruynell or LEPC Coordinator Jennifer Ryan as listed below:

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## TIER II REPORTING

Each year under Section 312 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act commonly referred to as EPCRA all Title III facilities are required to report by March 1 a Tier II report to the local and state authorities. Because the Boston LEPC is conducted under the heading of the Boston Fire Department, it is not necessary to send a copy of the report to the local fire department as mandated in other regions. The other copy must be sent to the Massachusetts State Emergency Response Commission (SERC). The current practice is to submit an electronic copy using the Tier2Submit software.

## Contacts

- Massachusetts  
Emergency  
Management Agency  
[www.mass.gov/mema](http://www.mass.gov/mema)
- US EPA Tier II  
[www.epa.gov/emergencies/content/  
epcra/tier2.htm](http://www.epa.gov/emergencies/content/epcra/tier2.htm)

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## BOSTON TITLE III FACILITIES

We currently have within the confines of the City of Boston over 300 Title III facilities listed by our records. There are still quite a few facilities from which we have not received a Tier II report for RY 2009 and a few that have not reported for either RY 2008 or RY 2009. There are stiff fines imposed by the Environmental Protection Agency for not filing a Tier II report. If your facility has moved from the City of Boston, has relocated to another location in the city, ceased operation, or no longer meets the threshold requirements for reporting, please notify us in writing or e-mail the reason for removal and the name of an authorized agent for your business or facility.

### COMING INTO COMPLIANCE WITHOUT A PENALTY

There is an avenue of circumventing the penalties imposed by the law if you for any reason have not accurately reported for your facility. There is available from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) an Audit Policy Eligibility Checklist. This document is provided to voluntarily disclose violations under the EPA's policy, *Incentives for Self-Policing: Discovery, Disclosure, Correction, and Prevention of violations*, Fed. Reg. 19618 (April 11, 2000) (Audit Policy). Completion of this checklist is not mandatory. However, use of this checklist will greatly expedite EPA's determination. If you choose not to use the checklist, you must submit documentation necessary to satisfy the nine criteria listed in the Audit Policy.

For further information or to obtain a copy of this checklist contact the EPA or the Boston LEPC office.

### NEW REQUIREMENTS EFFECTIVE RY 2009

If you have not complied with the new requirements when you filed for last year do not be concerned. The EPA, SERC and local/regional EPCs have decided that implementation takes time and are not looking for strict compliance for last year's Tier II reports. Once, however the transition has been implemented, the new requirements will be put in place.

The new changes can be found in the *Chemical Inventory* section under the *State Requirements* tab.

### FACEBOOK

The Boston LEPC is now on Facebook. Check out the page for updated information regarding current events, training opportunities and meeting announcements. Feel free to post information about your agency's events and meetings.

## DECEMBER 2009 LEPC MEETING

The Boston LEPC held its semi-annual meeting on Thursday, December 19th at the Boston Fire Department's Special Operations Training facility with a presentation on the subject of Hazardous Material Decontamination Procedures.

The LEPC reached out to the health care community and were pleased when Massachusetts General Hospital and Children's Hospital volunteered to be presenters. District Fire Chief Michael Ruggere presented "An Overview of the Boston Fire Department's Hazardous Materials and Decontamination Process" and then assisted by Captain Edward Anderson and Lieutenant Michael Townes, did a walk through presentation of the Mobile Decontamination Truck. The next presentation was done by William "Rusty" Lorenzen, MS, Radiation Safety Officer for Children's Hospital. He stressed the unique challenges involved when decontaminating children and also talked about radiological emergencies and equipment.

Sixteen members of the HazMat Team from MGH under the guidance of Jacky Nally, their HazMat Program Coordinator, suited up in Level "C" decontamination suits. A mock up was set up using mannequins as victims and the teams processed the victims through the various stages of decontamination using the tent-like structure you see in some of the pictures. Water was pumped into the building using Engine 39's pump and into the set-up to simulate an actual decon. The entire Boston Fire Department Hazmat Division and the members of Engine 39 deserve a lot of the credit for set-up, break down and assistance in general.



Members of Massachusetts General Hospital Emergency Decontamination Team and the Boston Fire Department.

## LEPC UPDATE

The Boston LEPC, as an extension of the Boston Fire Department Emergency Planning and Preparedness Division and a close collaborator with the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management, had a busy season dealing with unpredicted natural events.

The H1N1 crisis was no sooner over when we were hit with record setting rainfalls which caused unsettling problems across the region. This caused local emergency planning groups across southern New England to spring into action supplying emergency relief and temporary sheltering.

Ironically, the next major event that triggered a coordinated multi-agency emergency response was due to a lack of water. The MWRA water main break in Weston caused a shortage of potable water impacting 30 communities in the Greater Boston area that directly affected medical care facilities, elderly housing and disrupted local businesses requiring shipments of massive water supplies to pre-designated points of distribution.

On the preparation side, the Boston EPPD/LEPC was involved in two major interagency operational exercises.

*Operation HERMES* is a project that unveils a terrorist threat to 3 major but separate venues in Boston which calls for a Unified Command and response from various state, local and federal first responder and law enforcement, and transportation agencies.

*Operation READY* entails a Boston-bound 747 passenger jet that is forced to ditch into Boston Harbor one mile short of Runway 33L with 100 viable survivors that must be extricated from the scene and transported by rescue boat to a Casualty Collection Area set up in close proximity to Logan International Airport.

The Boston LEPC is currently working with MEMA, who has funded a private consulting firm and other interested stakeholders, to set up a Chem/Bio addendum to the State's HazMat Emergency Support Function utilizing drills and exercises that will help form a template for a response to BSL 2, 3, and 4 laboratories across the State.

*NOTE: Related story and photographs of "Operation READY" can be accessed through the Boston LEPC page on Facebook.*