



State Emergency Response Commission

**Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2024**

The State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) met on Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at 1:00PM at the Arkansas Division of Emergency Management.

Members Present:

Secretary Daryl Bassett, Arkansas Department of Labor and Licensing
Mr. Barry Brandt
Ms. Cassie Cochran, Arkansas Department of Health, *Designee*
BG Brad Cox, Arkansas National Guard, *Designee*
Judge Marvin Day
Director A.J. Gary, Arkansas Division of Emergency Management
Deputy Director James Goodwin, Arkansas Fire Training Academy
Chief Jeff Holmes, Arkansas Highway Police, *Designee*
Secretary Shane Khoury, Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment
Mr. Jason Morris, Chairman
Mr. Eugene O’Nale, Co-Chairman

Members Absent:

Secretary Mike Hagar, Arkansas Department of Public Safety, Division of State Police
Mr. Matthew Scott

Others Present:

Mr. Scott Bass (ADEM)
Mr. Toby Harrington (ADEM)
Ms. Andrea Hopkins (ADEE)
Mr. Mark McEntire (ADEM)

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Director Gary opened the meeting by welcoming everybody to the first SERC meeting of 2024.

Members of the SERC introduced themselves.

Scott Bass provided an overview of the SERC and LEPC Act (A.C.A. §12-82-101). *PowerPoint is available upon request.*

Mark McEntire provided an overview and update of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA), LEPC requirements, and the Tier 2 program in the State of Arkansas. *PowerPoint is available upon request.*

Mark McEntire provided an overview of the State HazMat Office Training program and the importance for training statewide. There was discussion of available HazMat training in Colorado and New Mexico. The discussion concluded with LEPC participation in Arkansas having approximately 42 of the 75 counties having active LEPCs.

Open discussion regarding the Union Pacific train derailment in Lonoke Co. (Cabot) and White Co. (Beebe).

Chairperson Selection

Mr. Jason Morris offered to be the SERC Chairman and everyone accepted. Mr. Eugene O’Nale expressed interest and was selected the SERC Co-Chairman.

Upcoming Events

The annual Emergency Management Conference (Hot Springs) and the County Judges Association meeting (North Little Rock).

ADEM discussed procuring a Learning Management System (LMS). ADLL and ADH both offered assistance with looking into a LMS.

Open Discussion

AFTA recertification, ADH EMS training requirements, general requirements for first responders, LEPC discussion at the ADEM Area Meetings with local emergency management, and ADEM hosting an LEPC Workshop in the future utilizing HMEP grants.

Next Meeting

Scheduled for Wednesday, September 18, 2024 via ZOOM at 1:00PM

SERC Chairman Jason Morris closed the meeting at 2:38PM.

Respectfully submitted by Scott Bass