

Live Oak County Local Emergency Planning Committee

The Live Oak County Local Emergency Planning Committee is a function of local government that was mandated after 9-11. Judge Jim Huff is the lead of this effort according to law, but this is an effort to let you know more about this group that consists of county emergency management, fire departments, law enforcement, business, and industry. The committee meets six times a year at the Live Oak County Justice Center at noon every other second Wednesday of the month beginning in February. The next meeting is February 9, 2022.

The purpose of the LEPC is to better prepare the county for emergencies, especially those that involve chemicals. TIER 2 reports are sent to the County Emergency Manager annually from companies who use or store chemicals on site. Judge Jim Huff has categorized the benefits of joining the LEPC as follows:

1. Provide and implement better emergency response due to training by the LEPC.
2. Provision of public education on emergency response procedures whether due to weather such as hurricanes, acts of violence, terrorism, or chemical emergencies.
3. Offer Hyper-Reach, a public broadcast system, to inform the public on situations in order to protect and serve.
4. Participate in Fire Prevention Week and Agriculture Days to inform youth on emergency procedures.
5. Provide emergency response pamphlets from OSHA and other sources to the public and media.

Membership in the LEPC is open to any county business, individual, educational or governments institution, health services, media, or organizations. The membership is tax exempt. A fee schedule has been approved in order to support the mission of the LEPC. Fees are as follows: Industry/Pipeline (Facility Owner/Operator) and Transportation/Trucking \$1000; Operation Service Provider \$ 500.00; Business \$ 200.00; State/Local Government (Each Dept. Fire, Police) \$ 100.00; Health Services \$ 100.00; Broadcast Services/Media. Volunteer Services Organizations, Federal Government; Community Organizations are not charge a fee but encouraged to join.

Joining Hyper-Reach is encouraged to empower you with information to stay safe and protected. Signing up is easy, fast, and simple. It can save your life, your family, and your property. The alerts that can be received on your phone, in a text or both is up to you. In order to sign-up for Hyper-Reach alerts you have several choices. Go to <http://hyper-reach.com/txliveoaksignup.html> ; or call 361-436-8011; or text alerts to 361-436-8011. You will need to provide your name, physical address (not P. O. Box); City, State, Zip, Landline Phone or

Mobile number; statement if you want weather alerts, community alerts or both. You may also provide an email address for these alerts.

The officers of the Live Oak County LEPC are Chair, Lee Wallek, Vice Chair, Henry Pullin; Secretary, Lisa Stewart; Treasurer, Zac Durham, Live Oak County Emergency Manager. Bobby Stewart has retired and is working part-time with Zac Durham as he has just recently taken over the full-time role of Emergency Manager. You are encouraged to join the LEPC in 2022 and to sign-up for the Hyper-Reach notifications.