

Section 6: Emergency Response Resources

EPCRA §10003(c)(6) reads:

Description of emergency equipment and facilities in the community and at each facility in the community (with EHS) and identification of persons responsible for such equipment and facilities.

Community Emergency Response Resources

The LEPC must have a good understanding of the communities' resources. DeKalb County is a largely agricultural county with many independent municipalities and a state university, Northern Illinois University. The LEPC is working on obtaining information on fire departments, emergency management agencies, public works departments, and parks and recreation departments.

The LEPC is working with other organizations to obtain comprehensive lists of community emergency response equipment. The LEPC does not intend to recreate these lists when other organizations maintain similar listings.

Fire Departments

The Illinois Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) maintains a comprehensive list of DeKalb County Fire Department apparatus, equipment, and resources. In addition, MABAS maintains a comprehensive list of all HazMat equipment and resources in the area.

The LEPC will obtain the following information for each Fire Department:

- Fire Chief
- Address
- Contact information

The LEPC needs to obtain additional information from each department:

- Designated contacts
- The department's MABAS division.
- Radio frequencies (primary and alternate).

The LEPC would also like to obtain the following information for each fire station:

- Address
- Radio signatures (call signs) at each fire department.

- Apparatus at each fire station.
- Special squads on duty (Rescue squad, HazMat squad).
- Special Equipment and other available resources.

Emergency Management Agencies

Three municipalities, DeKalb City, Sandwich and Sycamore, also maintain Emergency Services and Disaster Agencies (ESDA's). The LEPC will obtain the following information for each ESDA:

- ESDA Director
- Address
- Contact information

The LEPC seeks to obtain the following information:

- Designated contacts
- Emergency phone numbers and non-emergency phone numbers
- Radio signatures and frequencies
- A list of vehicles and support equipment (which can include the following):
 - squad vehicles
 - light wagons
 - generators
 - capacities
 - portable lights
 - pumps, types and sizes

Public Works

Many municipalities maintain a Public Works department. The LEPC will obtain the following information for each Public Works department:

- Public Works Superintendant
- Address
- Contact information

The LEPC seeks to obtain the following information on the types and quantity of equipment on hand:

- Dump trucks (including capacity)
- Tractor
- Trailers
- Approximate quantities of clean sand/gravel

Facility Emergency Response Resources

The LEPC will work on obtaining facility-specific listings of emergency response resources.

EHS facilities in DeKalb County are regulated by the Illinois Department of Labor. These facilities are required to plan for chemical emergency response under OSHA's Hazard Communication standard (CFR 1910.120) for facilities handling hazardous materials.

Facilities are required to have response equipment on hand, or contract with a outside emergency response contractor. Many facilities will stock spill materials such as absorbent pads or booms.