



CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL TO LA PORTE INDUSTRY

Truck Study Results Shared with CAC

To help carry out its role in hazardous materials (hazmat) emergency planning, the La Porte, Morgan's Point, and Shoreacres Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) updated its 2015 Truck Transport Commodity Study and shared the 2021 study results with the Citizen's Advisory Council (CAC) to La Porte Industry at the February CAC meeting. LEPC Executive Committee member Joey Boyd said the study looked at the kinds of hazardous materials being transported by truck in or through the area and where, when, and how that occurs.

Data were collected by the Texas A&M Transportation Institute in 11 locations. They saw an estimated 14,000 trucks daily between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., of which 1100 (7.9%) displayed US Department of Transportation (DOT) placards indicating they were carrying hazmat. The busiest locations were near the SH 146-SH 225 intersection.

Overall truck traffic levels were about 15-30% higher than in the 2015 study, but hazmat traffic was 10-30% lower. The percentage of trucks carrying petroleum crude declined. There was a higher percentage of hazmat labeled as marine pollutants or flammable liquids. The percentage of violent polymerization materials remained ~3% and that of toxic inhalation hazards remained ~2%. Details may be found in the presentation slides at www.laportecac.org.

The CAC meets again Tues. Mar. 1 at 6:00 p.m. by Zoom. Visitors are welcome to attend the Annual Report on Worker Safety at CAC Plants. Contact info@laportecac.org or 713-851-1116 to obtain details.