

LA PORTE RESPONDS

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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



- By State law, the Mayor is the Director of Emergency Management for La Porte, he or she may appoint an Emergency Management Coordinator.
- The La Porte Office of Emergency Management consists of 3 full-time employees:
 - Emergency Management Coordinator
 - Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator
 - Administrative Assistant/LEPC Coordinator



LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE



- In cooperation with the La Porte Office of Emergency Management, the LEPC develops plans to warn and protect the community in case of a chemical emergency.
- LEPC's are a product of federal legislation that was passed in the wake of the Bhopal disaster in India, where an accidental release of a hazardous chemical resulted in the thousands of deaths and as many as 200,000 were injured.
- **How this helps us:**
 - The ability to meet with industry following an incident. We are able to make the site aware of our expectations and how to meet them.
 - Conduct Reverse Drills – Improve communications between Industry and the LEPC.
 - When an incident impacts the LEPC (cities), we will review and discuss at the LEPC meeting and with other LEPCs.

La Porte, Morgan's Point, and Shoreacres
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

LEPC
...safety in knowledge®

LA PORTE FIRE DEPARTMENT



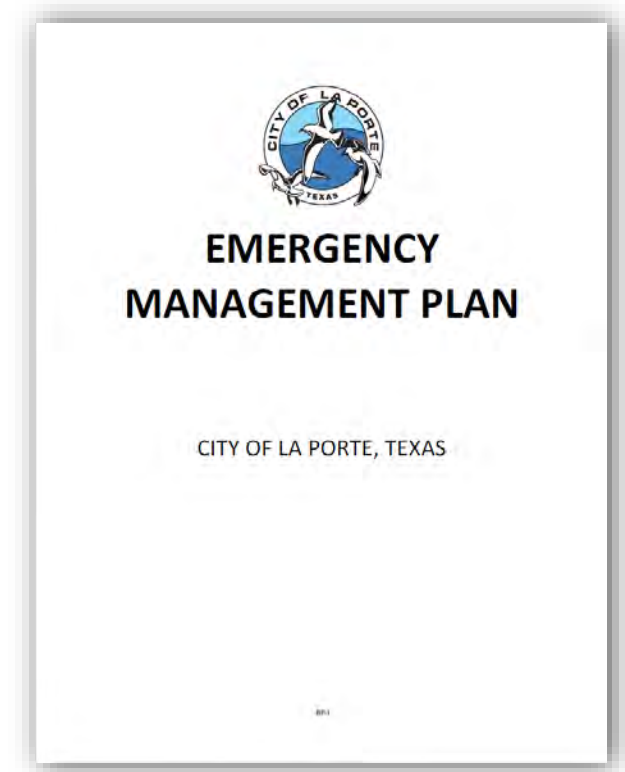
- Combination Department since the early 1940's
- 14 career positions
- 55 Volunteers
- 4 Stations and one Training Center
- One Career Firefighter/EMT at each station
- Response time to any call averages less the 3 minutes Career trucks and 6 minutes with Volunteer trucks
- Current ISO rating at 2



DO WE HAVE A PLAN? YES!



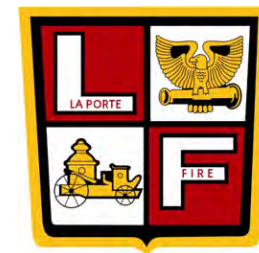
- The City of La Porte has various plans, policies, and procedures that establish an operational framework and guidelines for response to a hazardous materials or industrial incident.
- The response to an industrial incident involves coordination between multiple departments and agencies who share responsibility for various response activities.
- The written plans and procedures the City has in place reflect these different duties. These plans are tested frequently through tests, training, drills, and exercises.
- The level of response and support required depends on the circumstances of each event.



WHAT DO OUR PLANS LOOK LIKE?



- The City has an Emergency Operations Plan that includes a Basic Plan with 22 different annexes.
- This plan describes the City's emergency response organization, assigns responsibilities for various emergency tasks, and describes who does what, when, and how during all phases of emergency management.
- Annexes related to a chemical or industrial emergency:
 - Annex A – Warning - Emergency Management
 - Annex I – Public Information – City Secretary
 - Annex Q – Hazardous Materials – Fire Department





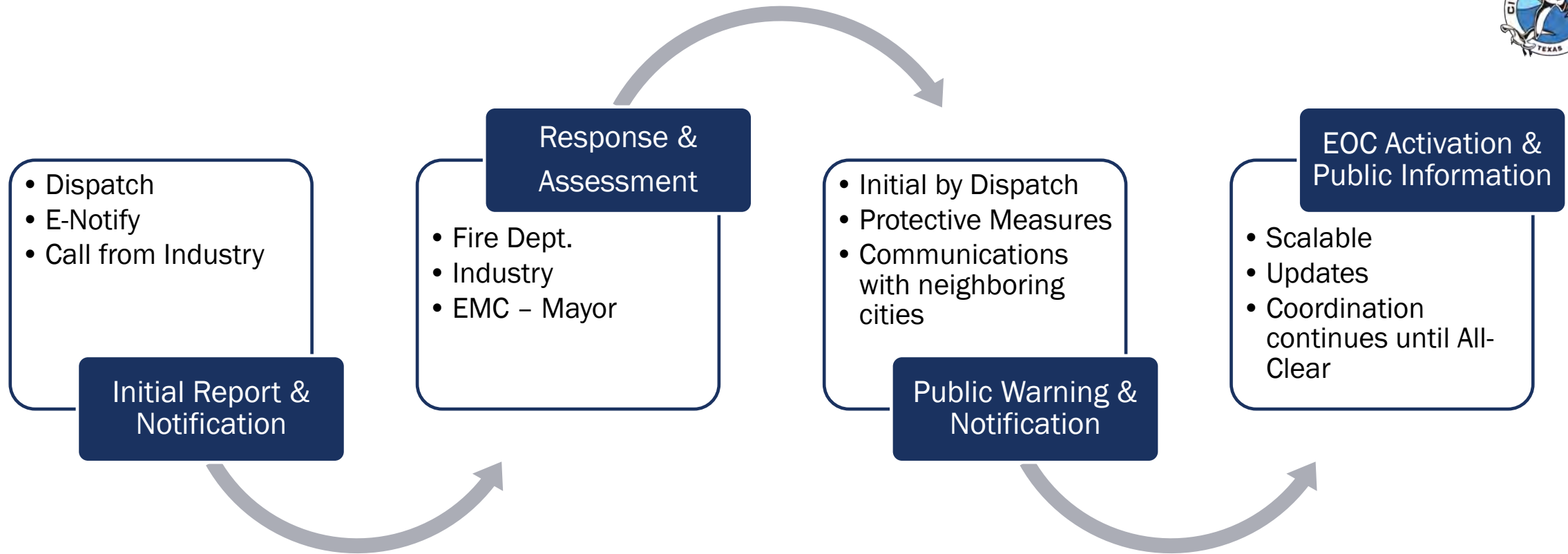
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- These annexes outline the basic framework for how the City will respond during an incident, and show that it is a coordinated effort among multiple departments and agencies to respond to an incident, determine what actions to take, activate warning systems, and keep the public informed.
- In addition to the Emergency Operations Plan, there are various departmental policies and procedures that may be implemented during an industrial incident.

ANNEXES

ANNEX	FUNCTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES
BASIC PLAN	(C/P) MAYOR/OEM
ANNEX A - WARNING	(C/P) OEM, (P) POLICE
ANNEX B - COMMUNICATIONS	(C/P) POLICE, (S) IT, (S) OEM
ANNEX C - SHELTER & MASS CARE	(C/P) PARKS, (S) OEM
ANNEX D - RADIOLOGICAL PROTECTION	(C/P) FIRE, (S) OEM, (S) POLICE
ANNEX E - EVACUATION	(C/P) PARKS, (S) POLICE, (S) OEM
ANNEX F - FIREFIGHTING	(C/P) FIRE, (S) OEM
ANNEX G - LAW ENFORCEMENT	(C/P) POLICE, (S) OEM
ANNEX H - HEALTH & MEDICAL SERVICES	(C/P) EMS, (S) OEM
ANNEX I - PUBLIC INFORMATION	(C/P) CITY SECRETARY, (S) CMO, (S) OEM
ANNEX J - RECOVERY	(C/P) OEM, (P) FINANCE, (S) PLANNING
ANNEX K - PUBLIC WORKS	(C/P) PUBLIC WORKS, (S) OEM

ANNEX L - ENERGY & UTILITIES	(C/P) PUBLIC WORKS, (S) OEM
ANNEX M - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	(C/P) OEM, (S) PURCHASING
ANNEX N - DIRECTION & CONTROL	(C/P) CITY MANAGER, (S) OEM
ANNEX O - HUMAN SERVICES	(C/P) PARKS, (S) EMS, (S) OEM
ANNEX P - HAZARD MITIGATION	(C/P) PLANNING, (S) OEM
ANNEX Q - HAZARDOUS MATERIALS & OIL SPILL RESPONSE	(C/P) FIRE, (S) OEM, (S) POLICE
ANNEX R - SEARCH & RESCUE	(C/P) FIRE, (S) POLICE
ANNEX S - TRANSPORTATION	(C/P) PARKS, (S) POLICE, (S) OEM
ANNEX T - DONATIONS MANAGEMENT	(C/P) PARKS, (S) OEM, (S) FINANCE
ANNEX U - LEGAL	(C/P) CITY ATTORNEY, (S) JUDGE, (S) CSO
ANNEX V - TERRORIST INCIDENT RESPONSE	(C/P) POLICE, (S) OEM



BASIC FLOW DURING AN INDUSTRIAL INCIDENT – PROPER NOTIFICATION



Initial Report
& Notification

- Report to Dispatch
- Call to OEM/FD
- Social Media



Response &
Assessment

- Fire Dept.
- Pollution Control
- Neighboring Cities
- Industry
- EMC – Mayor



Public Warning &
Notification

- Initial by Dispatch
- Protective Measures
- Communications with neighboring cities



EOC
Activation
& Public
Information

- Scalable
- Updates
- Coordination continues until All-Clear

INCIDENT WITHOUT NOTIFICATION... ODOR, INDUSTRY, ETC....



INCIDENT WITHOUT NOTIFICATION

- Although the discovery is different for the following, our response remains the same:
 - Industrial site with no notification:
 - Make contact and request information from site
 - Prompt site to make appropriate notifications
 - Request assistance from HCOEM
 - Odor Issue “Nuisance Odor”:
 - OEM & FD will attempt to track down and request assistance from industrial partners
 - Request HC Pollution Control
 - Odor Issue *with impacts:
 - Immediately identify the need to take protective actions
 - Continue to work to determine a source



INCIDENT COMMAND – EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER



- Incident Commander
 - Provide warning to immediate vicinity of the incident site.
 - Will concentrate on immediate response actions at the incident site, and direct activities of deployed emergency response elements.
- Emergency Operations Center
 - Based on the size of the incident or level of support needed, the EOC may be activated.
 - Will oversee dissemination of warning information and implementation of protective actions for the public beyond the immediate incident site.
 - Initially, the Office of Emergency Management will handle incident support activities and other tasks, such as emergency public information.



ALL CLEAR



- Once the on-scene Incident Commander has determined the threat has ended, the Incident Commander will notify the EMC/EOC Manager that an All-Clear can be issued. Once the All-Clear has been issued, this information will be disseminated to the public using the same warning systems.



INCIDENT REVIEW



- After an incident, the EMC will work with other departments and staff to conduct an After Action Review to identify aspects that went well with the response, and areas that need improvement. This review results in various action items that are taken to improve response in the future. It is shared with all involved parties and the EOC staff. This allows for continual improvement to better serve our community during an emergency or disaster.

LESSONS LEARNED



- Communications
 - Internally – Online Word document plus Teams call to keep EOC Staff up to date
 - With neighboring cities – Teams call to allow for open communication with neighboring cities and to share information.
- Warning Systems
 - More testing & training
 - Verification of distributed messages
 - Upgrade of phone notification system
- Incident Action Plan Software
 - This software allows the City to quickly develop an action plan that can be shared internally and with responding agencies.

WARNING SYSTEMS

Systems Used by the City	Systems Activated by Dispatch Using Emerge
Swift911 Phone Notification System (Phone, Email, and Text)	Swift911 Phone Notification System
Outdoor Warning Sirens (13) Includes Morgan's Point & Shoreacres	Outdoor Warning Sirens
Alertus Beacons and Computer Alerts	Alertus Beacons and Computers
Social Media (Facebook/Twitter)	*Emerge is used for the Tuesday Test, Saturday Siren Test, and during a Shelter in Place emergency
City's Website	
Ready LP App Push Notifications	
E-Notify and CAER Online	
Digital Roadway Signs	

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

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