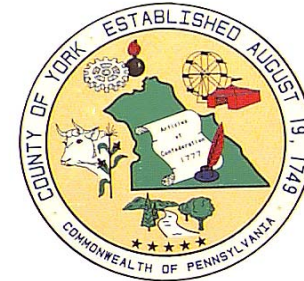


Certified Hazardous Materials Response Teams

The York County Hazardous Materials Team (HazMat 91), under the Department of Emergency Services, was re-organized from two previous hazardous material teams. This new team was re-certified as of March 2008, under Pennsylvania Emergency Management's (PEMA) specifications.

The team is highly trained and equipped to handle a wide variety of hazardous material emergencies. The team offers its expertise and service to the industries and residents of York County.

Training and equipment for the team are funded through fees paid by the facilities that manufacture or use chemicals.



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To the Residents of York County

The good things that chemicals bring into our lives have become very important to us. Hazardous chemicals are a fact of life for every community across the United States and York County is no exception. Because of the risks certain chemicals pose, the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 was passed. This Act, often referred to as SARA Title III has four basic requirements. They are: emergency planning, emergency release notification, community right-to-know reporting requirements and toxic chemical release reporting. Pennsylvania's Hazardous Material Emergency Planning and Response Act 1990-165 implements the federal SARA Title III.

Users and manufacturers of hazardous chemicals are required to submit an Emergency Hazardous Chemical Inventory Report or Tier II form to the Local Emergency Planning Committee, the local fire department with jurisdiction over the facility, and the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Council by March 1st of each year.

Although rare, there is always a chance that a chemical emergency could occur in our community, despite the planning and training of our emergency personnel and the precautions taken by the chemical and transportation industry.

What is L. E. P. C. ?

The Local Emergency Planning Committee (L.E.P.C.) was established under Act 165 of 1990. The responsibility of the L.E.P.C. is to receive information about hazardous chemicals, analyze those hazards and develop plans for responding to chemical emergencies within York County.

The L.E.P.C. is comprised of a broad representation of the community including elected officials, law enforcement, the fire community, health and environmental workers, the news media , along with local business owners and operators. These individuals volunteer their time to attend meetings, review plans and provide education to the residents of the County.

The L.E.P.C., through the SARA Planning Specialist, assists industries with planning, training, exercises and coordination with emergency responders. It is through this outreach that the emergency responders and the industry strengthen their ability to respond to real chemical emergencies.

The L.E.P.C. has also provided outreach to the community through it's participation in events such as health fairs and emergency services programs.