

**Henry County Railroad Safety Task Force
Friday, February 6, 2009
MEETING MINUTES**

The Henry County Railroad Safety Task Force met Friday, February 6, 2009, at 1:00 p.m., at the Monroe Township Firehouse in Malinta. The following is the list of people in attendance and their respected email addresses:

Name	Email
Randy Germann	rgermann@henrycountyengineer.com
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Louis Streicher	loux2@wcnet.org

The following matters were discussed:

- Everyone signed in
- Introduced Malinda Bolbach
- Informed group of Chris's new position in Columbus
- Discussed Hamler's lights and gates problems
 - *The 3 lights and gates in Hamler will drop and stay down when there is no train coming*
 - *Same problem happened last year and was fixed and is now occurring again*
 - *School busses are stuck behind the gates until they raise*
- Derailment at C.R. 17
 - *Showed pictures of derailment*
 - *EPA came out to check if there was a petroleum spill*
 - *Maumee Western did not report the derailment to anyone*
 - *Discussed consequences of a train derailment at C.R. 17c the residents on that road and emergency services would have no access to their houses*
 - *The County Engineer's Office is planning on extending a road from C.R. 0 to C.R. 17C, which would give the residents access to their houses*
- Melinda informed us that we will get a new inspector in March
- Discussed Supplemental Assistance Money
- Melinda informed the group of grant money available for emergency training (HAZMAT training)
- Should get a list of HAZMAT distributors (LEPC should have this list)
- Discussed videos ordered by the Engineer's Office for the schools to use
- Discussed Operation Lifesaver in Schools
 - *Educating different age groups about the dangers of rail crossings and railroads*
 - *Decided it would be best to educate Pre-Teen to Driving Age (Jr. High to High School)*
- Discussed the crossing at County Road E and State Route 18
 - *Melinda told the group a gated crossing is much harder to close than a passive crossing*

- *If you recall at last meeting Chris said he had a meeting set up with the ORDC regarding that crossing*
- *Melinda informed us that we could possibly receive money to redirect the road but we would probably have to close one of our rail crossings.*
 - *It is not unprecedented to redirect a road*
- Discussed having a school bus driver form for RXR crossings
 - *Does the School Bus Drivers have the AARDOT number's*
 - *Should probably get those to the Sheriff and the school's bus garages*
- Randy asked Melinda about lights and gates for the crossing at C.R. F and the I&O railroad.
 - *Melinda was going to check into it*
- Discusses reorganization of the group
 - *Possible members can include*
 - *Representative from the County Engineer's Office*
 - *Representative from the County Sheriff's Office*
 - *Representative from the Fire Departments*
 - *Representative from the Southern Ambulance District*
 - *Representative from the Henry County Township Trustees Association*
 - *Representative from the Southern Ambulance District*
 - *Representative from the PUCO*
 - *Representative from the ODOT*
 - *Representative from the ORDC*
 - *Representative from the EMA/LEPC*
 - *Representative from the Schools/School Bus Drivers*
 - *Representative from the Commissioners*
 - *The County Commissioners would have to approve this reorganization*
 - *The County Commissioners will no longer appoint individuals but will let the organization to delegate their own representative*
 - *Bob volunteered to lead this effort*
- Meeting minutes can now be obtained online at www.henrycountyengineer.com
- Patrick will arrange the next meeting via email
- Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Patrick McColley, E.I.
Henry County Engineer's Office