

**Cumberland County
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
Meeting Minutes April 25, 2019**

The Cumberland County Local Emergency Planning Committee met on Thursday, April 25, 2019 at Fayetteville Fire Department Station 12.

Members in Attendance:

James Bullard, Chair LEPC, Cape Fear Valley Emergency Medical Service
Calvin Bishop, At-Large
Freddie Johnson, Cumberland County Fire Chief Association
Caleb Stoker, Hexion
Robert Melvin, Eaton Corporation
Mark Ingram, Chemours
Greg Phillips, Cumberland County Public Health Department
Brett Chandler, Fayetteville Police Department
Fred Williams, Fayetteville Veterans Affairs
Renee Larson, Parker Gas
Steven Rogers, CDRC
Geneve Mankel, Cumberland County PIO

Others in Attendance:

Scott Bullard, Fayetteville Fire Department
Jason Faragoi, Cumberland County Emergency Services
Debbie Hickson, Nitta Gelatin
John Romero, Nitta Gelatin
Christina King, Cumberland County Emergency Services

At the start of the meeting welcomes and introductions were made. The preceding meeting minutes were accepted and approved by members.

Membership Update:

- James informed the group that we are still in need of a local and environmental representative. We are also in need of an EM and a utilities representative. James stated that he is working with someone at South River Electric, but he has not confirmed yet in joining the committee.

Tier II Grant Funds:

- James shared with the group about having a conference to utilize the tier II grant funds. He stated that Dean could teach a couple HazCom classes to the fire departments and others in the industry. We plan to use the conference room at Social Services for the classes. We have not yet scheduled a date for the event but we have until December 31st to use the funds.

Aqueous Film-Foaming (AFFF):

- Chief Freddie Johnson informed the group that the fire services does use the AFFF foam. He is aware that the foam is cancerous and can cause harm to the environment. Chief Johnson stated that the fire departments does not use the foam often. He shared with the group that he would like an implementation period put in place to phase out the foam that they are using and then replace it with an alternative foam once it's finished. He stated that the AFFF foam is very expensive and it's bought in bulk. It's mainly used to put out extremely large fires geographically throughout the county and regionally if needed. He stated that the fire departments use the foam more outside of the county than within the county.

Exercise Discussion:

- James mentioned the exercise that took place at Hexion. He stated that overall it went very well and is looking forward to seeing what the after action will say.
- Scott Bullard stated that his crew always benefits from being on site for the exercises and it was a good process that helps with decision making.

Tier II walkthrough:

- Jason Faragoi discussed with the group about how to create an account through E-Plan. He stated that once an account is created it will go to Gene to be accepted. Once Gene accepts the account, the user will receive an email to go back into the system to set up their account. The E-Plan site is mainly used for users to submit their Tier II reportings. Jason stated that when the tier II reports are submitted the system will generate an ID that will be sent directly to him. He also stated that he will be the one reviewing the submitted reports and filing them. The reports are usually received annually at the start of the year.

Discussions:

- Calvin Bishop stated that there is a new EPA guidance that came out that affects water intake facilities. The EPA law has implemented new notifications about facilities upstreams. Calvin also stated that he would like to have a meeting to discuss this matter more in depth about the LEPC requirements.
- James informed the group that he would like to request someone from the Cumberland County Fire Association to become a member of the LEPC. All was in favor of this motion.
- Chief Johnson stated that he is going to assign a fire chief to be at the LEPC meetings from now on.
- Fred Williams informed the group that he will be hosting the October 31st meeting at the VA located on Raeford Road.

The next meeting will be held on July 25, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at Cargill.