

**Cumberland County
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
Meeting Minutes February 7, 2019**

The Cumberland County Local Emergency Planning Committee met on Thursday, February 7, 2019 at Fayetteville Fire Department Station 12.

Members in Attendance:

James Bullard, Chair LEPC, Cape Fear Valley Emergency Medical Service
Gene Booth, Cumberland County Emergency Services
Calvin Bishop, At-Large
Henry Eisenbarth, At-Large
Caleb Stoker, Hexion
Robert Melvin, Eaton Corporation
Mark Ingram, Chemours
Brett Chandler, Fayetteville Police Department
Johnathan T. Morgan, Cumberland County Sheriff's Office
Fred Williams, Fayetteville Veterans Affairs

Others in Attendance:

Scott Bullard, Fayetteville Fire Department
Dean DeMark, Ft. Bragg
Marsha Lunt, CEM-Fayetteville
Jason Faragoi, Cumberland County Emergency Services
Christina King, Cumberland County Emergency Services

The meeting was called to order by James Bullard who welcomed everyone in attendance and discussed the membership updates that was not recorded in the previous meeting minutes. James informed the group that we will continue to follow the by-laws policy regarding membership attendance. He stated that we are going to identify and track the members who have not attended the previous meetings and will remove their membership from the committee. James also stated that we are going to continue to recruit more people to join the LEPC and fill our two vacant positions. The preceding meeting minutes were accepted and approved by members and the membership updates that were discussed would be added to the previous meeting minutes.

Introductions and Emergency Services Updates:

- James congratulated Gene on becoming the new Emergency Services Director.
- James also thanked everyone who hosted a LEPC meeting last year. He stated that the meetings were all well invested in and he received a lot of good information and ideas from everyone. He hopes that we can take the information that we've learned from those meetings and use it as our committee grows and expands in the future.
- Gene thanked everyone for coming and updated everyone on the upcoming changes that are going to take place in Emergency Services. He informed the group about the new Emergency Services building that the county purchase at 500 Executive Place Drive. He stated that the new building will house our Emergency Operation Center, the 911 call center, and the Fire Marshal's office. Gene also stated that the city's 911 center will

possibly co-locate with us when we move into our new building. It has not been confirmed with the city as of yet if they will be co-locating with us. However, there is a blue-print design in place to accommodate them if they do decide to join us. Gene stated that he hopes to consolidate with them in the future to better assist the citizens of Cumberland County.

- Gene also mentioned the high turnover rate of our telecommunicators. He hopes that the new facility could possibly help in decreasing the high turnover rate because it would be more accommodating for our telecommunicators. Gene also mentioned the salary increase that would be given to our telecommunicators to help in the retention rate.
- Gene informed the group that there would be an RFP meeting next week to discuss if the county would stand alone or co-locate with the city. He stated that it might be 12-18 months before we can move into the building, but it could possibly take longer depending on constructions and if there are any delays.
- Gene also discussed with the group that Fayetteville Tech along with the collaboration of the county plans to build a new Emergency Services Training facility on Tom Starling Road. It has not been released as of yet, but it was presented at the Fire Chief's Association meeting. The building would cost an estimated amount of \$19 million. Fayetteville Tech would fund \$8 million and the county would fund the remaining balance of about \$10 million or more. The training center would be used by all first responders. Fayetteville Tech hopes to make it a regional training center. Gene stated that we should see more information being released about the training center in the near future.

Membership Update:

- Caleb Stoker's 3-year membership was re-up at the last meeting.
- Gene stated that he is going to review everyone's time and update it. He also stated that either he or Jason Faragoi will get in contact with all the members that are reaching their 3-year term to see if they would like to continue to be apart of the LEPC committee.

LEPC Election Update for 2019:

- James Bullard – Chair
- Calvin Bishop – Co-chair
- Christina King - Treasurer

Tier II Reporting:

- Gene stated that we are slowing receiving the Tier II reporting and that everyone should key it in through the ER plan.
- Gene also informed the group that the city of Fayetteville, first responders, and the Fayetteville Police Department should go to the ER plan website to register for responder access. The site would allow users to look at the Tier II reporting's of our facilities in the county. It would allow users to see the daily average of chemicals that they are required to report. It would also show responders what they are looking for when they are responding to a facility.
- Gene also mentioned that when you register, he will get an email to approve it. Once he approves it, you should receive a message from the ER plan site that gives you access to create an account.

Exercise Update:

- James mentioned that there had been a delay in conducting the exercises. However, the exercise team will be having a meeting tomorrow to discuss a date and time for our next exercise.
- Gene stated that once the team finalizes a date and time for the exercise, he will send out an email to the group with that information.
- James asks that everyone who plans to attend the exercise to give a weeks' notice so that we can account for everyone attending for safety purposes.

Tier II fee purchasing and planning:

- Gene stated that we bought an iPad with the last \$1,000 grant. The iPad is used in the LEPC meetings, for tier II reporting, and the fire inspectors also use it in the field.
- Gene would like for the group to come up with a plan on how to use this year's \$1,000 grant that we have until December 31st to use. He stated that Jason Faragoi will get an updated form on what are allowable expenses for 2019.
- Gene would like the group to brainstorm on ideas that we can do as we move forward. He also mentioned conducting a workshop as a possible idea and having a speaker to come out and do a day or a half a day training session.
- James stated that he would like that to be a topic of conversation in our next meeting.

Discussions:

- James informed the group that we have two vacant positions that needs to be filled. One is for a local environment liaison and a utilities liaison. He is hoping to get someone from South River Electric to join our committee.
- Gene mentioned that the EM coordinator position will be moved to an ex-officio member on our membership spreadsheet.
- Gene also informed the group that as his duties increase, Jason Faragoi who is the Emergency Management Planner will be filling in with some of the Emergency Management Coordinator duties in the future.
- Gene also stated that Jimmy Keefe is no longer the LEPC liaison for the county. Marshall Faircloth has been appointed to his position as the Fire Chief's Association liaison and the LEPC liaison for 2019.
- Calvin Bishop with At-large passed out a handout on the dangers of using Class-B firefighting foam, Aqueous Film-Foaming (AFFF). He informed the group that the AFFF foam is used to put out fires and does more harm than good to the environment.
- Calvin also informed the group that the AFFF foam has a high cancer risk and that anyone that uses it should limit themselves to some of the exposure. Calvin also stated that it is ruining the water systems and there is no way to filter it out. He stated that it has not been advertised from the State Fire Marsal's office, but it is taking a national stance in other states.
- James asked the group if anyone would like to host any of the upcoming meetings for the year.
 - Fayetteville Fire Department Station 12 will host the April 25th meeting.
 - Calvin Bishop with At-large is interested in hosting the July 25th meeting but will let us know once the location is confirmed.

- Fred Williams with the VA is interested in hosting the October 31st meeting at the VA Health Care Center off Raeford Road.

Conclusion:

- Scott Bullard who hosted the meeting gave a tour of the new Fire Station building that opened up last May. He stated that the building is a single fire company but was built for future expansion. He also stated that it is set up for a 50-year life span. Scott also informed the group that the building has a lot of community rooms and classes are held there for the community.

The next meeting will be held on April 25, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at Fayetteville Fire Department Station 12.