

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

The Cumberland County Local Emergency Planning Committee met on Thursday, July 25, 2019 at Cargill.

**Members in Attendance:**

James Bullard, Chair LEPC, Cape Fear Valley Emergency Medical Service  
Calvin Bishop, At-Large  
Gene Booth, Emergency Services Director  
Freddy Johnson, Cumberland County Fire Chief Association  
Robert Melvin, Eaton Corporation  
Dean Demark, Ft. Bragg  
Mark Ingram, Chemours  
Brett Chandler, Fayetteville Police Department  
Ronnie Willet, Fayetteville Fire Department  
Robert Brinson, Fayetteville Fire Department  
Johnathan Morgan, Cumberland County Sheriff's Office  
Henry Eisenbarth, At-Large  
Fred Williams, Fayetteville Veterans Affairs  
Renee Larson, Parker Gas  
Steven Rogers, CDRC  
Hendrix Valenzuela, Emergency Management Coordinator

**Others in Attendance:**

Scott Bullard, Fayetteville Fire Department  
Josh Langdon, NCEM  
Reid Southerland, NCEM  
Jason Faragoi, Cumberland County Emergency Services  
Kyle DeBlare, Cumberland County Emergency Services Intern  
Christina King, Cumberland County Emergency Services  
Scott Schuelke, Cargill  
Terry Crawford, Cargill  
Toni Crawford, Cargill

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

**Safety Briefing:**

- Terry Crawford who is the environmental health and safety coordinator gave a quick safety briefing on where the group would evacuate in the event of an emergency. He also gave a tour of the facility.

### **Membership Update:**

- James informed the group that we are still in need of a local and environmental representative and an EM representative to join the LEPC. He also informed the group that Ray Jackson with PWC is our new utilities representative.
- Gene stated that Geneve Mankel who was the Public Information Officer (PIO) for the county has resigned. We are now in need of PIO representative.

### **Water Intake Discussion:**

- Josh Langdon from NCEM shared with the group about the water intake update. He stated that if you have a Tier II facility and water intake flowing in are in the same spot as a Tier II site that the State EM response team will need to know where it is. He stated that if they know what the chemicals are, they can plan for it and have the water treatment plant take an extra step to purify the water. They can also cut off their intake.
- He also informed the group that there are 9,000 Tier II sites in NC, and they gave the Department of Environmental Quality a list of their sites. The Department of Environmental Quality have over 15,000 water intake sites in NC. They are going to put all that information together to see how many matches up out of the two. Josh stated that he is not expecting it to be a big number but will find out at their meeting next week. He will let James know those numbers once he gets that information.

### **Competitive and Non-Competitive Grant Update and Discussion:**

- Jason shared with the group that we receive the approval for the non-competitive grant for \$1,000. We have not decided as to where we are going to conduct the exercise.
- Jason also informed the group that we received the competitive grant for \$10,000 and the funds will be used as a HazMat exercise. The exercise has not been determined yet and we're still deliberating on ideas of what can be done to involve other agencies. The exercise must be transportation related and we have until December 31<sup>st</sup> to use the funds.
- James wanted to meet with the group again before our next meeting to discuss what exercise we plan to do. He is going to send out a notice next week to facilitate the meeting.

### **Discussion of recent incident:**

- Calvin Bishop informed the group about an incident that occurred at their facility. He stated that there was a fire that broke out in one of their tanks. They had to use liquid nitrogen to put the fire out. There were about 100 tons of materials that had to be removed from the tank due to smoldering.
- Terry Crawford stated that there were no accidents or injuries that occurred from this incident.

### **Overview of Cargill:**

- Ciara who is the facility coordinator gave an overview of the facility and what they do. They process soybeans and makes an average of 115 per ton and has a goal to make 130 - 150 tons per hour production wise. The facility receives soybeans from local farmers to help support the local community. They also refine peanut oil.

### **Open Discussions:**

- Gene updated the group on the new changes in Emergency Services. He spoke about the new building that was purchased and how we are moving forward with the design and construction bid. He also informed the group that we have a new EM Coordinator and that the board approved us to hire a second EM Planner. He also stated that our 911 staff members are working diligently on getting their Emergency Fire Dispatch (EFD) and Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) accreditation.
- Fred Williams with the VA informed the group that they have a new Director and a new Associate Director for the VA located on Ramsey Street. He also stated that their new Community Living Center (CLC) will open next month. Fred also shared with the group that he will be hosting our next meeting at the VA located on Raeford Road on Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Robert Brinson with Fayetteville Fire shared with the group that the Fayetteville HazMat team appointed three new members. He also stated that they will receive some state funding for the NC Search and Rescue Program. He informed the group that they received 2.2 million dollars last year. He stated that they should receive 2 million dollars upfront for the program this year and 1 million dollars for the sustainment of the program moving forward. The funds will be divided amongst the communities in rural areas.
- Mark Ingram with Chemours shared with the group that they will have a Mutual Aid drill in September and an Active Shooter drill in November.
- Dean DeMark with Ft. Bragg shared with the group about having some HazCom classes. Gene will set up a date to have the classes and will send out the information to everyone when it is scheduled.
- Jason informed the group that the county purchased their own WebEOC. He also stated that we have another program called Crisis Track which is a tool used for damage assessment.
- Freddy Johnson Sr. informed the group that their exercise at Honeycutt Elementary School went very well and was well attended. He also stated that the Highway Patrol is changing their radio system.

**The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 31, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at  
VA Medical Center on Raeford Rd.**