



**Cumberland County
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
Meeting Minutes July 28, 2022**

The Cumberland County Local Emergency Planning Committee met on July 28, 2022 at FTCC General Classroom.

Members in Attendance:

Calvin Bishop, At-Large
Marc Baker, Cumberland County Emergency Services
Brett Chandler, Fayetteville Police Department
Greg Phillips, Cumberland County Public Health Department
Celestine Raineri-Smith, Cumberland County Public Health Department
Lou Cherry, Cumberland County PIO
Henry Eisenburg, At-Large

Others in Attendance:

Gene Booth, Cumberland County Emergency Services
Laura Smith, Cumberland County Emergency Services
Scott Bullard, Fayetteville Fire Department/Emergency Management
David Richtmeyer, Fayetteville Fire Department/HazMat
Chief Freddy Johnson, Cumberland County Fire Chief Association (CCFCA) - Stoney Point
Mike Hill, Fayetteville Fire Department
Reid Southerland, NCEM
Carson Walker, South River EMC
Roy Surmont, Mid Carolina HPP
Christina King, Cumberland County Emergency Services

Introductions:

Welcomes and introductions were made at the beginning of the meeting. The preceding meeting minutes were approved by the committee.

Membership Update:

- Andrew McLean with American Red Cross was nominated by the committee to serve as the community services representative.
- Donna Godwin with Dupont was nominated by the committee to serve as the facilities representative.
- We are still looking for someone to fill the utilities representative position that resides in Cumberland County.



- Gene informed the group that the County Commissioners states that you must be a county resident to serve on the LEPC.
- Calvin Bishop and Henry Eisenburg membership term will end in November of this year. We will need to find two replacements for these positions.
- Eisenburg asked if Calvin could serve another term on the committee. Gene implied that he would send a memo to county management to inquire about Calvin serving another term on the LEPC. He will inform the committee about their decision at the next meeting.

EOC Exercise:

- Marc thanked everyone that participated in the EOC exercise. He stated that there were some identified gaps, but they are working on correcting those issues. Overall, it was a good exercise, and no recommendations were made moving forward.

Aircraft HAZMAT Exercise:

- Marc informed the group about the upcoming Aircraft exercise. He stated that they received some good suggestions for the facilitation of the exercise.
- The exercise will be held at Beaver Dam Fire Department on August 27th at 8:30am.

Operational Level Response to HazMat Training:

- Marc shared with the group about the upcoming operational level response to Hazmat incidents training course. The training event will be held at FTCC beginning September 6th through September 8th.

CMERRT Training:

- Marc also informed the group again about the Compressed Modular Emergency Response Radiological Transportation Training (CMERRTT). The training will be held at FTCC on October 1st and October 15th. It is an 8-hour course, and anyone interested can sign up through NC TERMS.
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Additional Comments:

- Calvin spoke about the Lithium-Ion Battery issue. He stated that it is an ongoing challenge for individuals working in the fire service. He also stated that larger cities have developed teams to help combat this issue and foams will not take it out.
- The AFFF Foam is also another ongoing issue, and the fire service is seeking funding to obtain a safer foam to use.
- Chief Johnson shared with the group that CCFCA received 1 million dollars in state funding. He is going to use some of those funds to replace the foams for both the City of Fayetteville and the County wide fire departments. The funds will be divided up to be spent over the course of the next four years.
- Marc informed the group about the THIRA meeting that was held on July 12th. He stated that it was a good turn out and many community members attended the event. He plans to send out the published report to everyone soon.



- Carson with South River EMC informed the group that his division schedules in house trainings for individuals within the county. He asked that you reach out to him with any questions or if interested in holding a training course.
- Gene gave an update on the new building. He stated that there were some supply chain issues and some delays with the UPS back up equipment. Those issues have been resolved and we are hoping to move into the new center by the end of this year.
- Calvin made a motion to host the next LEPC meeting in October at the new FTCC Fire & Rescue Training Center. He stated that the facility will be open for business towards the end of September.

The next meeting will be held on November 3rd, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Location: FTCC Fire & Rescue Training Center. 776 Tom Starling Road.