

**Cumberland County
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
Meeting Minutes July 30, 2020**

The Cumberland County Local Emergency Planning Committee attended a virtual meeting on July 30, 2020.

Members in Attendance:

Calvin Bishop, At-Large
Dean Demark, Ft. Bragg
Jason Faragoi, Cumberland County Emergency Services
Brett Chandler, Fayetteville Police Department
Ronnie Willet, Fayetteville Fire Department
Mark Ingram, Chemours
Steven Rogers, CDRC
Stephen Hodges, Cumberland County Sheriff's Office
Celestine Raineri-Smith, Cumberland County Public Health Department

Others in Attendance:

Freddy Johnson, Cumberland County Fire Chief Association
Robert Godwin, Cape Fear Valley Health System
Scott McGuire, Fort. Bragg Fire Department
Marc Baker, Cumberland County Emergency Services
Terry Crawford, Cargill
Christina King, Cumberland County Emergency Services

Introductions:

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

Membership Update:

- Jason informed the group that on June 15th the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners approved 4 new committee members.
 - Robert Godwin with Cape Fear Valley as the First Aid Representative.
 - Celestine Raineri-Smith with the Cumberland County Health Department as the Health Representative.
 - Stephen Hodges with the Cumberland County Sheriff's office as the Law Enforcement Representative.
 - Jason Faragoi with Cumberland County Emergency Services as the Emergency Management Representative.

Membership Recommendations:

- Jason discussed with the group that we are looking to fill 3 vacant positions.
 - A public information officer (PIO) representative.
 - An additional law enforcement representative preferably someone with highway patrol.
 - A local and environmental representative.
- Chief Johnson stated that he will have Freddy Johnson Jr. who works with highway patrol reach out to Jason about sending someone who is appointed.
- Celestine with the Health Department shared with the group that Matthew Dempster who is an Environmental Health Professor at Methodist University is interested in the local environmental representative position. Jason plans to reach out to Mr. Dempster and will follow up with the group on the decision.

HMEP Exercise Details:

- Jason informed the group about the upcoming exercise drill. He stated that the exercise drill involves using medical isotopes and will take place at Cape Fear Valley hospital. He stated that the drill will be similar to the 2017 exercise that was held out at 295 highway.
- Jason also informed the group that we received 2 different bids for the exercise. Once he reviews the bid offers, he plans to share the information with Dean and Calvin on which agency we will use for the exercise.

Ft. Bragg New Foam Trailer:

- Scott McGuire with Ft. Bragg Fire Department informed the group about the new 2,000 gallon foam trailer that they recently acquired. He stated that it is stored at the Pope Airfield base and is an asset to the community. It is accessible to any response unit that may need it.
- Scott also stated that the trailer uses the new AFFF MilSpec C6 foam which is a change out from the original AFFF MilSpec C8 foam. The C6 foam is less harmful than the C8 foam.
- Calvin asked to see the safety data sheet for the new foam. Scott plans to send that information to Dean and have him share it with the group.

Tier II Grants:

- Jason shared with the group that we received 2 grants for a total amount of \$5,000.00. He stated that we are looking to combine the funds to purchase a decon unit for one of the county's hazmat vehicle. Jason informed everyone that we would have to send a formal letter to the state to request the ability to purchase the equipment. He stated that once we get the approval from the state, then we can move forward in purchasing the equipment.
- Calvin discussed with the group that he spoke with Chief Brinson about getting quotes on the type of equipment we would like to purchase. He stated that he would like to purchase one that is similar to the City's decon unit.
- Calvin stated that the turnaround process in receiving the equipment is fairly quick and we should have it on hand before our performance period ends (which is February 2021).

Open Discussions:

- Dean asked Chief Johnson about the decon trailer at Spring Lake Fire Department that was used in the 2017 hazmat exercise. He stated that the trailer had some issues at the time and needed fixing.
- Chief Johnson stated that the Spring Lake trailer was recently fixed, and their goal is to go through and fix all the trailers within the county.
- Jason spoke about the by-laws and mentioned revising article II by using the all-hazards approach.
- He informed the group that the county's PIO would like to add up to 3 years' worth of the LEPC's meeting minutes and agendas to the county's website under the LEPC link. He plans to send out a draft to everyone of what it would look like once it is set up.

The next meeting will be held on October 29, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. (Virtual Meeting).