



**Cumberland County  
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)  
Meeting Minutes April 27, 2023**

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The Cumberland County Local Emergency Planning Committee met on April 27, 2023 at Cumberland County Emergency Services Communications Center.

**Members in Attendance:**

David Richtmeyer, Fayetteville Fire Department/HazMat  
Garry Crumpler, Cumberland County Emergency Services  
Robert Godwin, Cape Fear Valley Health System  
Lou Cherry, Cumberland County PIO

**Others in Attendance:**

Scott Bullard, Fayetteville Fire Department/Emergency Management  
Greg Phillips, Cumberland County Public Health Department  
Laura Smith, Cumberland County Emergency Services  
Kelsey Grice, Cumberland County Emergency Services  
Daniel Davis, Hexion  
Roy Surmont, Mid Carolina HPC  
Kyle Boyan, Colonial Pipeline  
Jay Salvatierra, Colonial Pipeline  
Christina King, Cumberland County Emergency Services

**Introductions:**

Welcomes and introductions were made at the start of the meeting along with the approval of the preceding meeting minutes.

**Membership Update:**

- Garry shared with the group that the commissioners voted on a public At-Large representative to serve on the committee.
- He also informed the group that we still have a few vacancies on the committee and are looking for members to fill those positions.
- We need a facilities and utilities representative. In addition, we also need two law enforcement and fire department representatives.
- Garry also informed the group that he wrote a memo to submit to the county manager about changing the bylaws, which would allow non-county residents to serve on the LEPC.
- He plans to have an update about the decision at the next LEPC meeting once the county manager reviews the memo.



- Greg informed the group that Celestine with the Public Health Department will not be able to serve on the committee. He stated that he has submitted an application online to take her place as the Public Health representative.
- Chief Richtmeyer shared with the group that he would like to send out a letter of invitation to all agencies and facilities that do not have a representative serving on the committee.
- He also would like to send out a memo to members who are not attending the quarterly meetings. According to the bylaws, members who miss two consecutive meetings without any notification will be removed from the committee.

#### **Tow Company Capability Discussion:**

- Chief Richtmeyer shared with the group that towing operators met with Fayetteville PD (FPD) about some concerns they had about electric vehicles (EVs) with lithium-ion batteries.
- Most electric vehicles (EVs) are powered by lithium-ion batteries and all lithium-ion batteries use flammable materials. It can be extremely hazardous if the EV has a damaged battery.
- FPD is working on creating a separate tow list for electric vehicles (EVs). We plan to share that information with the group once it is finalized.
- Chief Richtmeyer also shared with the group that there have been five structure fires involving lithium-ion batteries in the last six months.

#### **ASHER Meeting:**

- Garry informed the group that the county received a grant to perform an active shooter exercise. ASHER is going to handle all the training, objectives, and after actions reporting following the exercise.
- Scot with CrisisTec will be performing the exercise. The next planning meeting will be held on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### **Additional Comments:**

- Chief Richtmeyer informed the group that the mayor and city council passed a 1-year pilot ordinance allowing companies to rent electric scooters and bikes to the public downtown. Individuals will be able to operate motorized scooters and bikes between the hours of 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. There will also be docking stations downtown to return the devices. The pilot program will begin around June or July of this year and will run for one year.
- He also mentioned to the group about creating a best practices document to put in place that would allow local level towing in our county. It would not be a mandatory document but would help make the HazMat spills clean-up process a lot easier and faster when working with different contractors.



- Chief Richtmeyer also shared with the group that he would like to start doing annual site tours for future meetings with some of our partner agencies and facilities. He would like to see what our HazMat capabilities are and their daily processes.

**The next meeting will be held on August 24, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Location:  
Emergency Services Communications Center - 500 Executive Place Fayetteville, NC  
28305**