



**Cumberland County
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
Meeting Minutes October 26, 2023**

The Cumberland County Local Emergency Planning Committee met on October 26, 2023 at Cumberland County Emergency Services Communications Center.

Members in Attendance:

David Richtmeyer, Fayetteville Fire Department/HazMat
Marshal Faircloth, Cumberland County Board of Commissioners
Logan Herndon, Fayetteville Fire Department
Andrew McLean, American Red Cross
Greg Phillips, Cumberland County Health Department
Gene Booth, Cumberland County Emergency Services
Garry Crumpler, Cumberland County Emergency Services
Lou Cherry, Cumberland County PIO

Others in Attendance:

Daniel Davis, Hexion
Hannah Callihan, Hexion
Ronald Taft, North Carolina Emergency Management (NCEM)
Jason Faragoi, Ft. Liberty Emergency Management
Steven Holmes, South River Electric (SREMC)
Abiodun Awoyemi, Fayetteville State University
Johnny Lanthorn, Fayetteville PWC
Ike Copeland, Fayetteville PWC
Ondrya Mangato, Fayetteville PWC
Peter Coffe, Fayetteville VA Emergency Management
Mark Baker, Fayetteville VA Emergency Management
Jorge Rivera, Goodyear
Terry Chalk, Goodyear
Tony Collado, Darling Ingredients
Stefan Coutoulakis, North Carolina Emergency Management (NCEM)
Christina King, Cumberland County Emergency Services

Introductions:

Welcome and introductions were made at the beginning of the meeting. The committee approved the prior meeting minutes.



Membership Update:

- Garry informed the group that we still have a few vacant positions and are looking to fill them as soon as possible. We are looking for a facilities and a utilities representative to serve on the committee.
- He asked the group to let him know of anyone they would like to recommend.
- Garry also stated that we're still working on the memo to present to the county commissioners about changing the bylaws. We want the bylaws changed to allow non-county residents to serve on the committee.
- Gene stated that he would like to present the memo to the county manager with as much information as possible. The memo would ask for an exemption of the person being recommended and the agency they work for.

Exercise Updates:

- Garry shared with the group that the Active Assailant exercise went well. They had several participants from the school system and first responders.
- He also stated that the AAR report is now available and will send it out to the group to review.
- Garry informed the group that they observed some gaps and shortfalls during the HazMat exercise. Also, not enough participants attended the event.
- Moving forward, he plans to work on ways to better improve their first response when going out to the facilities. The AAR report for the HazMat exercise is also available to the group to review.
- Garry informed the group that we will be submitting the application requests to conduct hazardous materials exercise soon. He asked the group to let him know what exercise they would like to test at their facility. He plans to submit it with the application to the state for approval.

Presentation by NC Department of Public Safety:

- Stefan Coutoulakis with NCEM informed the committee on the updates and changes with Tier II reporting. He also spoke on how to correctly submit Tier II reports and E-Plans.
- Tier II reporting starts January 1st and due by midnight on March 1st. They are from the previous calendar year.
- Stefan also mentioned the gaps they are finding in water treatment plants and on Tier II reports. He discussed ways on how to correct those errors and best practice submittals.
- He also deliberated on the concerns with lithium-ion batteries especially in the school system. He informed the group that EPA states that it only has to be reported on Tier II reports if it reaches a 10,000 lbs. threshold.
- Stefan's presentation will be made available to share with the committee.



Additional Comments:

- Garry asked the group if they would be interested in doing virtual meetings for individuals who are unable to attend in-person. There was no definite answer but may be an option at a later time.
- He also asked the group to let him know if they would like to have any specialty speakers come to their facility or conduct any trainings at their site.
- Chief Richtmeyer asked the group to let him know if they would like to plan an exercise event or if they have any exercises coming up. He stated that we can help to facilitate it.
- He also asked the group to let him know if any facility is interested in hosting the next meeting at their site.
- Our next meeting in January will be our elections meeting. We will vote in our three officers (chair, vice chair, and secretary).

The next meeting will be held on January 25, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Location: PWC - 955 Old Wilmington Rd. Fayetteville, NC 28301