

**Hertford County Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**November 19, 2013**  
**Hertford County EOC – Winton**

**Meeting started at 2:30 PM**

**Welcome, Introductions and Overview of Agenda – Chris Smith**

Welcome and Overview of Agenda given by Chris Smith. The membership list was passed around for invitees to sign and update information as needed.

**Guest Speaker, Stephen Thomas – NCSBI Criminal Intelligence Unit  
Gang Violence and NC Trends**

Discussed different types of gangs, signs, awareness of situations people may encounter. (See attached PDF presentation)

**Exercise Discussion- Chris Smith**

Chowan Active Shooter exercise was completed and the After Action Review was emailed to everyone. Emergency Response agencies participated in a hostage exercise at GEO in October.

Chris discussed possible upcoming exercises. RRT1 suggested white powder would be great training opportunity. Active Shooter in public schools was offered as possible grant funding opportunity.

**Business – Chairperson**

Old Business – The county's Emergency Operation Plan (EOP) was updated and revised in June and is on the EM website in PDF.

New Business – Chris reviewed Henderson County online EOP that a contractor created for Extremely Hazardous Substance facilities. This can be added to the current county plan to meet the response plan component for these facilities. The contractor already does the EOP for the county. Chris advised funding will be requested through NCEM for this project to be done for Hertford County along with other Northeastern counties. (See attachment PDF)

**EM Updates – Chris Smith**

Sidescan Sonar was utilized in Washington county request to find drowned victim. The mission was a success and a great asset to have located here. (See attached image).

Shelter Project electrical upgrade is near completion. Funded by Domestic Preparedness Region funding.

Central Communications – Grant has been awarded through NC 911 Board to fund consolidation of all public answering points into one central center. More information can be found on the counties website at [http://www.hertfordcountync.gov/?page\\_id=6883](http://www.hertfordcountync.gov/?page_id=6883)

### **Updates from other Committee Members**

#### **Hospital Updates – Jan Street**

Discussed challenges being felt from the economic report. Some changes in Vidant’s ED doctors.

#### **Nucor – Terry Hairston**

Nucor’s new DRI (Dry Reduced Iron) facility has been pushed back to next year.

#### **RRT 1 – James Peele**

Upcoming Incident Stress Debriefing Class was shared. Class dates March 5,6,7,8.

#### **HC Public Schools – Francis Bazemore**

Schools system is working on greater security measures. Two way communications are being looked at to have in each class room.

#### **Other members**

Nothing to report

**Meeting adjourned 3:45 PM**

**Next meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in May 2014**