

Hertford County Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting Minutes
May 21, 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, Berry Plastics

History, Product Overview, Plant layout, and Facility Protection – Todd Bennet & Mitzy Benhart

See attached PPT. Discussed the program, response, procedures for request and capabilities.

Exercise Discussion- Chris Smith

Funding has been awarded through State EM Training Funds to host a mass shooting at exercise at Chowan University. This will consist of a Tabletop to first discuss and build upon plan. Then followed by a full scale exercise to test plan. Will notify all players when date is established with Chowan.

Rivers Correction has requested to do a Fire Exercise utilizing some local Emergency Response departments. It is planned for June and Chris will advise the requested departments when plan is finalized.

Business – Chairperson

Old Business – Publication of Right to Know Documentation

Chris advised the group that the LEPC's publication of "right to know" of hazardous materials being used, stored, or transported in Hertford County was run in the January 10, 2013 issue of the Roanoke Chowan News Herald. As of this date no one has requested any information.

New Business – None at this time.

EM Updates – Chris Smith

Hertford County has a Sidescan Sonar that will serve the 13 county area for location of drowned victims and salvage and recovery. It is being purchased through DPR funding. Training will be done in June and then will be in service.

A Viper patch is being installed on the fire frequency for interoperability purposes in June. The next one will be the LE frequency, which is being planned for July.

Tier II reporting was discussed and the online version was demonstrated to all response agencies.

In the process of updating the county's Emergency Operation Plan. Agencies wanting input in areas that involve there agency response, need to meet with Chris before meeting with contractor arrives in June.

Public Health Updates – Caroline Smith

Discussed Public Health Calendar. See attached. SNS Exercise is being planned in the coming future.

Updates from other Committee Members

Nucor-Terry Hairston

Nucor will be installing a new DRI (Dry Reduced Iron) facility that may pose a fire hazard. Nucor, EM and Winton FD will meet and discuss possible foam needs. Terry will get more information from other plants already running this type of facility.

Gilliam & Mason – Bradley Gilliam

Thanked everyone who participated in the exercise using there facility.

James Peele – RRT 1

Disaster Assistance Work Group (DAWG) Incident Management Team Exercise at Carteret County. 13 NE counties participated including Hertford EM and RTT 1. Discussed white powder response and exercise possibility for our area.

Ken Dilday - Ahoskie FD

New station in final completion. Looking to move in by the end of the next month.

Jason Odom - NC Forest Service

Under Department of Ag now have encountered some departmental changes.

Meeting adjourned 4:00 PM

Next meeting 3rd Tuesday in November 2013