

Hertford County Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting Minutes
May 27, 2014
Hertford County EOC – Winton

Meeting started at 2:00 PM

Welcome, Introductions and Overview of Agenda – Chris Smith

Welcome and overview of agenda and packet of information given by Chris Smith. The membership list was passed around for invitees to sign and update information as needed. (See attached).

Guest Speaker, Tye Adams – Chesapeake & Albemarle Railroad Co.

Discussed different types of product shipped to facilities and risk associated in Hertford County (Nucor & Berry Plastics), NCDOT Handbook use, emergency procedures, method of contact and situations of needed notification. Cards passed out of contact information in the event of a situation involving train. (See attached).

Exercise Discussion- Chris Smith

Chris discussed possible upcoming school tabletop this summer. Statewide Emergency Response Plan in process for all public schools part of the NC's Safer School Initiative. Will be contacting needed agencies when date is pinned down with schools.

Business – Chairperson

Old Business – The LEPC's publication of "right to know" of hazardous materials being used, stored, or transported in Hertford County was run in the May 10, 2014 issue of the Roanoke Chowan News Herald. As of this date no one has requested any information.

New Business – 2013 Annual report was disseminated. No discussion. The 2014 LEPC Approval and checklist were disseminated for information purposes. (See attached)

EM Updates – Chris Smith

Central Communications – (911) Central Communications Director has been hired and will start managing county employees as of July 1. New building is in the design phase and is funded by a 911 grant.

Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness Grant was received to create plans for Hertford County EHS facilities. The consultant will start working on those after July 1. They will be added into the county plan and disseminated to appropriate emergency response agencies. EHS facilities in Hertford County passed out. (See attached).

Viper Law Enforcement channel patch will be operable in July. This will allow Viper users to contact communication with Viper or VHF. Fire channel patch is complete.

Chris reviewed ID card that will be used by county and emergency agencies. It has bar code that has embedded information and can be used by tracking software that EM has to track and account for resources. It is new and some issues are still trying to be ironed out.

Updates from other Committee Members

Hospital Updates – Jan Street

Inquiry of how Chowan had progressed in completing some of the things found in the exercise, mainly the handling of student family in an event. Chowan Public safety said some things were still being worked on, but some agreements were in place to use local church to hold families.

Discussed challenges with multiple bus accident this year. Discussion between EM, ED, and LE on how to make things run a little smoother. Current form working well. Discussion on arm bands for students.

East Carolina Behavioral Health- Has mental health first aid training available. Implementing 211 – information line to help alleviate allot of question that go to 911. There is also a 211 phone application.

HC Department of Social Services – Brenda Brown

Office in Ahoskie has some electrical issues and is closed until the issue can be corrected. Providing those services out of Winton until resolved.

Other members

Nothing new to report.

Meeting adjourned 3:10 PM

Next meeting 3rd Tuesday in November 2014