

Hertford County Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2015

Hertford County EOC-Winton, North Carolina

Meeting Called To Order At 2:10 p.m.

Welcome, Introductions and Overview of Agenda-Chris Smith

Welcome and approval of the May 28, 2015 minutes. No changes or additions to the minutes. The membership list was passed around for attendees to sign and update as needed. (See Attached)

Guest Speaker- Sam McLawhorn, of NCHP HAZ MAT Team

Mr. McLawhorn presented an overview of hazardous materials traveling through North Carolina via our highway system. The NCHP HAZ MAT Team was established to provide a secure escort through the state of North Carolina of hazardous spent radio-nuclear waste. Most of this hazardous waste is being shipped from Canada and New York to a hazardous waste landfill site in South Carolina. Currently there are thirty-five (35) members of the HAZ MAT team statewide. All members are certified Hazardous Materials Technicians.

Exercises-Chairperson

Roanoke Chowan Community College "Active Shooter" exercise has received grant funding. Target date for the exercise is late May early June 2016. Law Enforcement, EMS and Fire personnel are encouraged to participate in this most crucial training. Chris will be meeting with the consultant in the upcoming weeks.

Hertford County Emergency Management is planning a Viper Radio Communications exercise in January, 2016. This exercise will be a joint effort with Gates County Emergency Management as well. Chris Smith will send out information in the future for the joint exercise to include all entities using the Viper Radio System.

Hertford County Public Health Authority will be having an exercise at Hertford County Middle School. Caroline Smith with HCPHA is seeking volunteers to participate from other county agencies. The Sheriff's Department and EMS will be participating as well. Caroline will forward information regarding date and time of the exercise to Chris. Chris asked the group to suggest exercises that would be beneficial.

New Business

Tier II Funding-Chairperson

Tier II Grant award has been received in the amount of \$1,104.04. The money must be used by December 31, 2015. The categories which the money may be utilized is as follows:

- a. Costs Incurred Facilitating LEPC Meetings
- b. Support of Regional LEPC Meetings and Collaboration
- c. To Enhance LEPC Outreach Efforts
- d. To Host or Support Local and Regional LEPC Conferences
- e. To Create or Update Hazardous Material Emergency Response Plans
- f. To Support Local or Regional Hazardous Materials Response Exercises

- g. To Support Purchases of Equipment Necessary to Support The LEPC and Its Mission
- h. To Support Hazardous Material Risk Assessments Currently Being Conducted By NCEM

Chris suggested to replace the gas mask respirators which expire this year. The equipment is part of Hertford County's "Decon" response trailer. The cost of the respirators is approximately \$60.00 per mask. We currently have an inventory of 20. Mike Warren of NCHP suggested that the money be used to replace the masks. The LEPC group was in agreement.

Updates from other Committee Members

North Carolina Highway Patrol-Mike Warren

Area NCHP Staff is up from eight (8) to twelve (12).

Hertford County EMS-James Broglin

No Report.

Hertford County Public Health-Caroline Smith

Caroline advised the group that the Health Department has grant monies received following the EBOLA outbreak that needs to be utilized by April 2016. She asked the group to let her know if there is any equipment needed by any of the LEPC group that can be purchased with EBOLA grant such as First Aid Kits, to notify her. Mike Warren asked if the First Aid Kits are more advanced than the "general" kits you could purchase from Wal-Mart. Caroline will check into the contents of First Aid Kits. James Broglin advised that Ahoskie Police Department is in need of First Aid Kits for all their patrol cars, currently they do not carry kits.

Hertford County EM-Chris Smith

Our mobile command trailer has been received and is being readied for service. The mobile command trailer can be utilized for training as well as incidents.

Hertford County recently hosted a CAMET trailer training session. CAMET trailers are used for supporting shelters that accepts pets during an event. Hertford County EM is purchasing core equipment to help provide support to the shelter that allows pets. Currently Hertford County Animal Control has no equipment to support a "pet friendly" shelter. Hertford County High School is the only pet friendly shelter in the county.

Gates County EM-Billy Winn

Gates County Emergency Services recently hosted an exercise with the 42nd WMDST. The scenario involved terrorist and hazardous materials threat. The exercise was quite impressive and is a vital resource in the event of a hazardous event.

Nucor-Billy Vaughan

Nucor has radiation detectors in place to detect hazardous radioactive materials coming into the plant. Metals found to have radioactive materials present are sealed in a drum and shipped out to be properly exposed of.

Red Cross-Megan McDonald

Megan McDonald advised the group that the Red Cross is hosting a Fire Safe drive in the Ahoskie area on November 21, 2015. The purpose is to provide as many homes as possible with smoke alarms and provide fire safety education. Volunteers will be going door to door to provide this service. If anyone knows of a home that needs a smoke alarm, contact the Red Cross.

Hertford County Public Schools

The new Superintendent, Dr. William Wright will assume his position on December 1, 2015.

Hertford County Public Health (Inspections)-Ed Evans

No issues or information to report.

Hertford County Cooperative Extension-Stephanie HelmKamp

County Extension Agent position remains open as of this date. No other issues or information to report.

Other Members

No other members had anything to report.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:15 pm

Minutes taken by Pam Carr- EM Senior Administrative Assistant.