



COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON

Local Emergency Planning Committee

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 Secretary

Date: June 2nd 2021

Location: Northampton County Emergency Operations Center (EOC)
 100 Gracedale Avenue Nazareth, PA 18064

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

- MR called the meeting to order at 1000 hours.

II. Attendance

JA	Jonathan Al-Khal	Lehigh County Special Ops.	RHa	Ryan Hay	LVHN
JB	John Bast	Public / Member-at-Large	RW	Rick Weaver	Northampton Cty. Fire School
KK	Kevin Kalman*	Public	SP	Stephanie Pinho	BioSpectra
KT	Kevin Thomas	Bethlehem City Fire Dept.	TG	Thomas E. Guth, Jr.	NCEM
MAR	Michael Rampulla	NCEM	TV	Ted Veresink	Health Officer
MR	Mike Rinker	NCEM	TW	Todd Weaver	NCEM
RH	Ron Hulsizer	NCEM 911			

* - Not on LEPC Membership list.

III. Resignation of Mr. Jeffrey Steiert, Vice-Chair

- MR read the resignation letter written to the membership by Mr. Steiert requesting that the membership approve his resignation as Vice-Chairperson of the Northampton County LEPC and allow him to convert to membership participation as a Public / Member-at-Large.
- MR requested a motion to approve both the resignation of Mr. Steiert as Vice-Chair with approval to include Mr. Steiert as Public / Member-at-Large
 JB made motion to approve both items, 2nd by TV, all in favor.

IV. Public Comment

- Mr. Kevin Kalman (KK) with PennTIME (transportation incident management background) requested to speak during the meeting and inquired if he should speak now or under "new business". MR advised him to wait for "new business" portion of the meeting.

V. Approval of the March 3rd, 2021 Meeting Minutes

- MR requested a Motion to Approve the March 2021 Meeting Minutes:
 1st by JB, 2nd by TW, all in favor.

VI. Financial Report (presented by MAR)

- Beginning balance: \$ 92,146.00
- Revenue: + \$ 47,774.30
- \$133,920.30**
- Expenditures: - \$ 43,932.23
- Encumbrance: - \$ 4,801.50
- Ending balance: \$ 85,186.57**

(Figures presented as of date of meeting)

- TW spoke to the membership in attendance about some of the monies received (where they come from, allocations, etc.) as well as about some of the costs funded by LEPC monies.
- JB inquired if the LEPC has or will see any federal stimulus type funds that have been (and will be) released to municipalities / counties in the near future.
 - Per TW DCED and county offices are still not certain about all of the parameters in regards to spending the monies they have and will receive.
- MR made a Motion to Approve the June 2nd, 2021 Financial Report: 2nd by KT, all in favor.

Sara Title III Collections – As of June 1st, 2021 (presented by MR)

- Tier II billing & payments – Total facilities billed: **158**
 - Billed / Assessed: **\$ 47,200.00**
 - Fees Collected: - \$ 37,950.00
 - Fees Outstanding: **\$ 9,250.00**

VII. Plans (presented by MR)

- Emergency Operations Plans
 - Updated
 - Bethlehem Landfill, 2335 Applebutter Road, Bethlehem, PA
 - North American Bulk, 3190 Daniels Road, Nazareth, PA
 - Northampton Generating Company, 1 Horwith Drive, Northampton, PA
 - New
 - None
- Preparedness, Prevention, Contingency Plans
 - Updated
 - None
 - New
 - None

VIII. Northampton County Response Report (presented by MAR)

- Five (5) responses since the March 3rd, 2021 meeting, they were:
 - 3/18 – oil or other combustible liquid spill
 - 3/28 – search for person on land
 - 4/8 – oil or other combustible oil spill – Bangor Borough – ongoing – EPA
 - MAR spoke in detail about this incident, its evolution thus far and mitigation, response actions put forth via EPA
 - 5/3 – phone consult on hydraulic oil spill
 - 5/31 – phone consult – hazardous condition, other

IX. Site Visits (presented by MR)

- Northampton Generating Station had reached out about us visiting their facility. Looking to schedule that visit within the next two (2) weeks.

X. Training Reports

- Northampton County (presented by MAR)
 - March 20th: Hazmat Operations skill training
 - Fall 2021: Attempting to reschedule cancelled MERRTT class
 - Fall 2021: Scheduling Hazmat Ops Refresher course
 - N/A : Hazmat IQ course – *depending on funding (poss. TAG Grant)*
- Northampton County Fire School (presented by RW)
 - June 14th: Hazmat Operations Refresher at Forks Township Fire Company
 - August 8th: Hazmat Awareness at NCFS
 - October 10th: Hazmat Operations at NCFS
 - Per RW – Pro-Board testing is still not available at the school. Submitted their COVID-19 mitigation plan, awaiting a response from the Commonwealth.

XI. Lehigh County Special Operations & Training (presented by JA)

- Responses
 - No responses into Northampton County since the last LEPC meeting. However, wanted to share some information in regards to one (1) of the responses his team has responded to in Lehigh County recently. It was:
 - Lower Macungie Township – two (2) weeks ago – responded to newly constructed (unopened) Weis Grocery Market store for incident. Originally, dispatched to local fire department as automatic fire alarm (AFA) had smoke showing – however, the smoke was released CO2 from a more environmentally friendly refrigeration system installed. New system use less ammonia but have leaked / ruptured more often. No significant injuries, store was ventilated, repairs made but store did have to toss a majority of their shelved products.
 - JA requested that word spread for responding fire crews to be mindful of the building and its components, since these newer refrigeration systems are being installed in more and more stores like Aldi's, Lidl, etc.

- Training
 - Have been approved hold their Hazmat Academy in fall of 2021.
 - Course will allow for fifteen (15) to twenty (20) participants.
 - Course will be tailored to the specific needs of Lehigh County Special Operations, using their own equipment and taught by their team members.
 - Heinz 5 Step kit received.
 - Allentown Fire Department has also purchased this asset.
 - Per JA device can be used to help identify unknown solids or liquids.
 - Hazmat Chemistry Course should be held in late 2021.

XII. City of Bethlehem Hazmat Report & Training (presented by KT)

- Responses
 - Have had five (5) responses since the last LEPC meeting, they were:
 - 3/18 – 67.0 I-78 WB Level 2 Response - Breached saddle tank as a result of an MVA (75-100 gallons of diesel lost and spilling into Saucon Creek.
 - 3/22 – 716 Pembroke Rd - Level 1 Response - In door spill resulting from a home heating tank removal (small spill in basement)
 - 4/23 – 1510 Woodbine St. - Level 1 Response - Stand by to assist Coroner’s office with body removal
 - 120 W. 3rd St. - Level 2 Response - Rule out chemical suicide on triple fatality
 - 434 Birkel Ave - Level 1 Response - Assisting water department with sampling
- Training
 - Trained in house during the months of March, April and May.
 - In April, they thoroughly reviewed the plans for the Tier II facilities located within the city.

XIII. Old Business

- CO Meter Project:
 - Per TW: they went through the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PADOH) to get the count of licensed QRV response agencies in the county. Total number of agencies / vehicles was twenty-two (22).
 - Per MAR: the cost for each CO meter comes out to approx. \$110 - \$115 dollars a unit.
 - MR request a motion to approve the spending of monies needed to purchase twenty-two (22) of the CO meters.
1st by JB, 2nd by KT, all in favor.
- Bullex Simulator:
 - Per RW, the Bullex simulator at the fire school has been repaired and place back into service for use during training courses.

XIV. New Business (presented by MR)

- Election of a Vice-Chairperson to fill vacancy.
 - TV nominated JB to fill the Vice-Chairperson position. No other nominations made.
 - 1st by TV, 2nd by RW, all in favor.
 - Mr. John Bast (JB) will be processed for approval (if needed) and act in the capacity as Vice-Chairperson.
- Mr. Kevin Kalman (PennTIME / TIMS) spoke to group about the ongoing efforts to form a regional / county Traffic Incident Management type group and was looking for this group to possibly be overseen by the LEPC.
 - There was lengthy discussion about the topic and numerous questions proposed by the membership as well as from KK. KK was directed as to what his next steps in the process should be and he was offered the groups assistance whenever practical and within reason.
- KT presented the membership with a request for funding to pay for the much needed fabrication of the city's hazardous materials primary response vehicle. Per KT the monies (if approved) would go towards installing / fabricating compartments needed to hold the growing supplies needed for call outs, install a rear roll-up style door to make it easier to load / unload and haul equipment, install adjustable shelves (if not already installed in certain compartments) among other possible inexpensive items. Per KT the total cost per the quote received by Glick Apparatus came in at thirty-six thousand, three hundred two dollars and eighty cents (\$36,302.80).
 - TG inquired how old the vehicle was and how many more years does the department expect to utilize it. Per KT, truck was purchased in 2015 and shall be in use with the department for another fourteen to twenty (14-20) years. No other inquiries made.
 - MR requested a motion to approve / deny the funds requested by KT. JB made 1st motion to APPROVE, 2nd by RH, all in favor.
*** Monies approved once approved by county purchasing department to make sure all contracts meet their specified and legal needs.*
- TW discussed the idea to gather quotes to purchase a meter-training simulator. This simulator (if approved and funded) would be stored at the Northampton County Fire School to assist with educating personnel whom receive training at the facility. Per TW, the meter-training simulator would also be made available for use by other agencies / entities within Northampton County.
 - MR requested a motion to approve / deny TW from gathering only quotes at this time.
KT made 1st motion to APPROVE, 2nd by JA, all in favor.
*** Motion allows TW (or designee) to gather quotes for such a training simulator and report out the costs at the next (or future) meeting.*

XV. Upcoming meetings

- September 1st, 2021 at 10:00am – Northampton County Operations Center
- December 1st, 2021 at 10:00am – Northampton County Operations Center

XVI. Good of the Order

- Nothing to report.

XVII. Adjournment

- MR requested a Motion to Adjourn the meeting:
1st by JB, 2nd by MR, all in favor
- Meeting adjourned at 11:17am