



COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON

Local Emergency Planning Committee

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Date: Wednesday September 1, 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

DM	Dave Malloy	Pennsylvania DEP	MRA	Mike Rampulla	NCEM
JB	John Bast	Public / LEPC Vice chair	RH	Ron Hulsizer	NCEM / 911
JS	Joe Sipel	Wilson Boro Fire Department	SP	Stephanie Pinho	BioSpectra
KH	Kyle Horton	LVHN	TG	Thomas E. Guth, Jr.	NCEM
KL	Kevin Landis	Bethlehem City Fire Dept.	TV	Ted Veresink	Health Officer
KT	Kevin Thomas	Bethlehem City Fire Dept.	TW	Todd Weaver	NCEM
MR	Mike Rinker	NCEM / LEPC Chairperson			

* - Not on LEPC Membership list.

III. Public Comment

- None.

IV. Approval of the June 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes

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

V. Presentation (1003hrs until 1020hrs)

- Ashley Nilsen, On-Site Coordinator with EPA
 - Discussed the progress with the Bangor Borough spill / leak

VI. Financial Report (presented by MAR)

- Beginning balance: \$ 92,146.00
- Revenue: + \$ 48,753.05
- \$140,899.05**
- Expenditures: - \$ 54,464.68
- Encumbrance: - \$ 550.00
- Ending balance: \$ 85,884.37**

(Figures presented as of date of August 31, 2021)

- MR requested a Motion to Approve the September 1, 2021 Financial Report: 1st by KL, 2nd by JB, all in favor.

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

- Tier II billing & payments – Total facilities billed: **158**
 - Billed / Assessed: **\$ 47,200.00**
 - Fees Collected: **- \$ 44,600.00**
 - Fees Outstanding: **\$ 2,600.00**

VII. Plans (presented by MR)

- Emergency Operations Plans
 - Updated
 - Amazon, 1610 Van Buren Road, Palmer Township
 - New
 - None
- Preparedness, Prevention, Contingency Plans
 - Updated
 - None
 - New
 - None

VIII. Northampton County Response Report (presented by MAR)

- Seven (7) responses since the June 1, 2021 meeting, they were:
 - 6/5 – 822 Mulberry Street, Catasauqua (Lehigh County)
 - Foam trailer responded upon request as additional resource.
 - 6/24 – 250 S. Broadway, Wind Gap
 - Vehicle into a house with diesel spill.
 - 6/25 – 3950 Schelden Court, Hanover Township
 - Chlorine leak at a commercial business.
 - 7/18 – 48 Schoeneck Avenue, Upper Nazareth Township
 - Vehicle into a house with fuel spill
 - 8/16 – Northampton & Chestnut Street, Bath Borough
 - Vehicle accident with diesel spill.
 - 8/27 – 100 N. Commerce Way, Hanover Township
 - Dumpster fire at commercial business – phone consult only
 - 8/28 – 3311 Airport Road (LVIA), Hanover Township (Lehigh County)
 - Alert 2 response – cancelled while en route.
- In reference to the Mulberry Street (Lehigh County) response, JB inquired if we used foam from our supply during the fire and if so if we were reimbursed to repurchase the used product. TW stated that there was an agreement to refund our agency for any used foam during the fire and an invoice had been sent requesting those funds.

IX. Site Visits (presented by MR)

- Completed
 - Northampton Generation Company, 1 Horwith Drive, Northampton
- Upcoming
 - Thermo Fisher Scientific, 6771 Silver Crest Road, East Allen Township

X. Training Reports

- Northampton County (presented by MAR)
 - 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 MR)
 - August 8th: Hazmat Awareness at NCFS
 - Sept. 24th: Incident Safety Officer course at NCFS
 - October 10th: Hazmat Operations at NCFS

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

- Responses
 - 48 Schoeneck Avenue, Upper Nazareth Township
 - Vehicle into dwelling with fuel spill
- Training
 - Hazmat Academy 2021
 - Hazmat Chemistry Course (planning for late fall 2020 / early winter 2021)
 - PEMA Hazmat Team Certification

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

- Responses
 - Have had five (5) responses since the last LEPC meeting, they were:
 - 6/10 – I-78 (Level 2)
 - ❖ Vehicle accident with fuel spill (30-50 gallons)
 - 6/21 – 1801 W. Market Street (Level 2)
 - ❖ Used motor oil tank leak/spill, 175 gallons removed via contractor.
 - 7/21 – 320 E. 1st Street (Level 1)
 - ❖ Rail car investigation, relief valve operating, normal operation.
 - 8/12 – Bethlehem Water Authority step-down building (Level 1)
 - ❖ Inside odor investigation, no issues found, normal operation.
 - 8/24 – 1000 Kirkland Village Cir (Level 2)
 - ❖ Mineral oil spill, complete loss of oil from ground transformer, 400 gallons, contained, turned over to clean up contractor. KT added that Lewis Environmental is handling the cleanup of the site.
- Training
 - Nothing reported.

- KT also shared with those in attendance that the Civil Support Team (CST) assisted and operated during all eleven (11) days of Musikfest this year. The CST team brought in twenty-two (22) members to assist with monitoring of their equipment and surveillance of the festivals grounds. Per KT the CST team and Beth. Fire Dept. came across four (4) medical grade isotopes during the event.
- KT also made those in attendance aware that this same CST team (fewer personnel) will be assisting them during the upcoming Celtic Fest in late September.

XIII. Old Business

- CO Meter Project:
 - Per MRa – this was completed and can be removed from any future agendas.
- City of Bethlehem Hazmat Truck upgrades:
 - Per KT – they are requesting that Bethlehem City pay for the upgrades and then the county/LEPC will reimburse the city for the agreed to costs of the upgrades.
 - TW – explained to those in attendance the reasoning for Bethlehem City to have to “front” the payment and then receive reimbursement from the LEPC funds.
- Meter Simulators:
 - MRa came up with two (2) quotes that would fit what we are looking at purchasing, the quotes were;
 1. Lion Company (handheld simulator) cost: \$1,604.00
 2. Hazmat Resources (haz-sim) cost: Approx. \$6,000.00
 - There was a motion made to purchase the cheaper of the two options (Lion Company - \$1,604.00).. 1st by JB, 2nd by KT.

XIV. New Business (presented by MR)

- None presented.

XV. Upcoming meetings

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

XVI. Good of the Order

- DM (DEP representative) advised those in attendance that he was retiring on September 4, 2021 and would no longer be participating in the LEPC within his current capacity. Requested to stay aboard as a “public / member-at-large” if possible.
 - There was a motion requested to make DM a public / member-at-large, 1st by JB, 2nd by TV, all in favor.

XVII. Adjournment

- MR requested a Motion to Adjourn the meeting:
 - 1st by TV, 2nd by JB, all in favor
 - Meeting adjourned at 10:38am