



# COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON

## Local Emergency Planning Committee

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**Thomas E. Guth Jr.**  
 Secretary

Date: Wednesday December 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 10:02am.

#### II. Attendance

DM	Dave Malloy*	Public	MR	Mike Rinker	NCEM
JF	Joe Fittos, III	EWMI / Rapid Response	MRa	Michael Rampulla	NCEM
JS	Joe Sipel	Wilson Boro Fire Department	RH	Ronald Hulsizer	911 / NCEM
JA	Jon Al-Khal	Lehigh County Special Ops.	TG	Thomas E. Guth, Jr.	NCEM
KH	Kyle Horton	LVHN	TW	Todd Weaver	NCEM
MP	Mike Phillips*	Pennsylvania DEP	* - Not on LEPC Membership list.		

#### III. Public Comment

- None.

#### IV. Approval of the September 1, 2021 Meeting Minutes

- MR requested a Motion to Approve the March 2021 Meeting Minutes: 1<sup>st</sup> by DM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by JS, all in favor.

#### V. Financial Report (presented by MAR)

- Beginning balance: \$ 92,146.00
- Revenue: + \$ 53,595.05
- \$145,741.05**
- Expenditures: - \$ 64,145.39
- Encumbrance: - \$ 0.00
- Ending balance: \$ 81,859.66**

(Figures presented as of date of November 30, 2021)

- **Year-to-Date Revenues**
  - Emergency Planning Fees: \$7,275.00
  - Hazardous Chemical Fees: \$39,700.00
  - County Cost Reimbursement: \$6,620.05
- **Year-to-Date Expenditures**
  - Telephone: \$11,353.63
  - Minor Equipment: \$2,144.24
  - Operating Supplies: \$59.59
  - Professional Services: \$38,875.00
  - Repair/Maintenance of Equipment: \$11,712.00
- MR made a Motion to Approve the December 1, 2021 Financial Report: 1<sup>st</sup> by MR, 2<sup>nd</sup> by JF, 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

**VI. Plans (presented by MR)**

- Emergency Operations Plans
  - Updated
    - Talen Energy, 6605 Foul Rift Road, Bangor (*Lower Mount Bethel*)
    - Thermo Fisher Scientific, 6771 Silver Crest Road, Nazareth (*East Allen*)
  - New
    - None
- Preparedness, Prevention, Contingency Plans
  - Updated
    - None
  - New
    - None

**VII. Northampton County Response Report (presented by MAR)**

- Four (4) responses since the September 1, 2021 meeting, they were:
  - 10/8 – 501 E. Center Street, Nazareth (NAHS Stadium)
    - Bomb scare, no bomb
  - 10/25 – 728 Locust Street, North Catasauqua
    - Explosive(s) removal
  - 10/29 – I-78 East Bound MM 71.5
    - Tractor-trailer accident with spill
  - 11/17 – 3105 Milan Street, Bethlehem Township
    - Barricaded subject, explosive sweep

**VIII. Site Visits (presented by MR)**

- Completed
  - None
- Upcoming
  - Thermo Fisher Scientific, 6771 Silver Crest Road, East Allen Township
  - Praxair, 145 Shimersville Road, Bethlehem

**IX. Training Reports**

- Northampton County (presented by MAR)
  - 12/18/21: G-290 Basic PIO Course (2-day 12/18 & 12/19)
  - 2/15/22: Home Made Explosive Devices Course
  - 3/7/22: C-MERRTT
  - 3/8/22: T-MERRTT
  - 3/22/22: Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings
  - 3/22/22: Understanding School Bombings
  - 9/28/22: G-271 Severe Weather Course (2-day 9/28 & 9/29)
  - 10/25/22: Medical Preparedness to Bombing Incidents (2-day 10/25 & 10/26)
  - mid-2022: “Above the Line, Below the Line” Hazmat IQ Course (TAG Grant)
- Northampton County Fire School (presented by MR)
  - Scheduled Courses (to be held at NCFS unless noted)
    - 1/15/2022: Hazmat Awareness
    - 3/12/2022: Hazmat Operations
    - 8/17/2022: Hazmat Awareness
    - 10/9/2022: Hazmat Operations
  - Pro Board Testing Schedule
    - 1/15/2022: Hazmat Awareness
    - Fall 2022: Hazmat Operations (date to be determined)
  - Courses in Progress
    - None
  - Courses Cancelled
    - 10/10/2021: Hazmat Operations, only 5 registered to attend
  - TW added the spring/fall 2022 course scheduled has been posted and Pro Board testing/courses will resume soon.

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

- Responses
  - 10/30/2021: I-78 EB, MM 71.5
    - Tractor-trailer roll over with hazmat.
      - JA – truck was hauling sodium hydroxide, vehicle was inspected for leak(s) due to the collision and roll over. Contractor handled the minimal clean up due to the incident.

- Training
  - Hazmat Academy 2021
    - JA – Academy is complete! Seven (7) team members went through the certification course(s).
  - Hazmat Chemistry Course (*planning for late fall 2020 / early winter 2021*)
    - JA – Course completed. Members from Lehigh County Special Operations and Allentown Fire Department attended the three (3) day, 24 hour course. Approx. 30-35 attendees joined the event.
  - JA – working on some other courses for 2022

**XI. City of Bethlehem Hazmat Report & Training (*presented by N/A – not in attendance*)**

- Responses
  - N/A
- Training
  - N/A
- TW stated that per their Fire Chief (Achey) they (Bethlehem City fire hazmat team) is working through their re-certification process.

**XII. Old Business**

- City of Bethlehem Hazmat Truck upgrades:
  - TW reported that the monies provided via LEPC is working its way through the city budget approval process to get their hazmat truck updated as requested..
- Meter Simulators:
  - Per MRa, ordered not ETA on shipment arrival date.

**XIII. New Business**

- Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) Award
  - TG shared with the attendees the details of the 2021 TAG Grant award including the monies awarded, what they will be spent on, etc.
  - TW asked for approval to spend some LEPC funds to provide refreshments to the attendees of the HAZMAT IQ “Above the Line, Below the Line” course when it is held in 2022 (*not date set at this time*).
    - TW made a Motion to Approve the spending of LEPC to supply attendees of the HAZMAT IQ course with refreshments: 1st by TW, 2nd by JA, all in favor.
  - TW spoke to those in attendance about the need for new equipment for our agency and response personnel. TAG Grant was submitted to fund enough to purchase all necessary materials however; language within the grant application caused the award to decrease from the requested amount. TW request a motion to approve the use of LEPC funds to purchase items such as: SCBA, bottles, etc. that the TAG Grant will now not cover.
    - MR requested a Motion to Approve the spending of LEPC funds to purchase additional SCBA equipment (and related) for NCEM response personnel: 1<sup>st</sup> by JF, 2<sup>nd</sup> by KH, all in favor.

- New LEPC Membership
  - TG and MR discussed the addition of new LEPC Members to the group:
    - Mr. Mike Phillips, Pennsylvania DEP (*replacing Mr. Dave Malloy*)
    - Mr. Donald Zipp, New HHS at BioSpectra
    - TW stated that new members would be added and sent to County Council / County Executive for approval in the beginning of 2022.

**XIV. Upcoming meetings**

- March 2, 2022 at 10:00am – Northampton County Operations Center
  - 2022 Scheduled Quarterly LEPC Meetings (*held at NCEM EOC, unless noted*)
    - June 1, 2022
    - September 7, 2022
    - December 7, 2022

**XV. Good of the Order**

**XVI. Adjournment**

- MR requested a Motion to Adjourn the meeting:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> by DM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by MP, all in favor
  - Meeting adjourned at 10:20am

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