



COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON

Local Emergency Planning Committee

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER
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Date: Wednesday, December 6, 2023

Location: Northampton County Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

100 Gracedale Avenue Nazareth, PA 18064

Meeting Minutes

Attendance

AB	Aaron Black	Ardent Mills	MRA	Michael A. Rampulla	NCEM
DM	Dave Malloy	Public	MRe	Michael Reich	Bethlehem City Fire Dept.
DN	David Novajosky	Ardent Mills	MW	Matt Waldmiller	Crayola
JB	John Bast	Public – LEPC Vice-Chair	NC	Nic Goebeler	DHS / CISA – Presenter
JE	Jose Echeverry	Air Liquide	RB	Ramin Blanco	EWMI / Rapid Response
JF	Joseph J. Fittos, III	EWMI / Rapid Response	RC	Rajesh Crawford	Ardent Mills
KK	Kevin Krotzer	Lehigh County Spec. Ops.	RH	Ron Hulsizer	NC-911
KM	Keleigh McAllister	Air Liquide	TG	Thomas E. Guth, Jr.	NCEM – LEPC Secretary
KT	Kevin Thomas	Bethlehem City Fire/HazMat	TW	Todd Weaver	NCEM – Agency Director
MP	Mike Phillips	PA DEP	WA	Warren Achey	Beth. City Fire Dept. - Chief
MR	Mike Rinker	NCEM – LEPC Chair			

I. Call to Order

- MR called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

II. Public Comment

- None.

III. Approval of the September 12, 2023 Meeting Minutes

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

IV. Presentation: Mr. Nicolaus Goebeler, DHS/CISA – ChemLock Program

V. Financial Report (presented by MRa) As of December 4, 2023

Year to Date Total Revenue	\$ 235,257.58
Expenditures:	69,797.00
Total	\$ 155,718.42
Encumbrances:	97,896.51
Available Balance	\$ 57,821.91

Revenues – Fees & Collections (in dollars)	
Emergency Planning Fees	8,600.00
Hazardous Chemical Fees	52,225.00
County Cost Reimbursement	8,495.00

Expenditures (in dollars)

<u>Misc. Employee Benefits</u>	<u>Serv. & Other Operating Supplies</u>
• Education 0.00	• Educational & Recreational: 0.00
• Staff Training & Development 5,223.81	• Refreshments / Food: 695.02
• Convention Expenses 2,650.00	• Operating Supplies: 2,207.75
<u>Communication</u>	• Personal Protective Equipment: 0.00
• Telephone: 11,324.05	<u>Program Operating Cost</u>
• Postage 132.40	• Repair & Maintenance of Equipment: 2,560.97
<u>Administrative Supplies & Equipment</u>	• Misc.: 0.00
• Minor Equipment: 6,781.39	<u>Safety & Security Equipment</u>
• Security & Safety supplies: 1,823.77	• Capital: 0.00
<u>Professional Services</u>	
• Professional Services: 46,140	

- MR requested & made a Motion to Approve the December 6, 2023 Financial Report: 1st by TW, 2nd by JB, all in favor.
- Sara Title III Collections – As of December 6, 2023 (presented by MR)
 - Tier II billing & payments – Total facilities billed: **178**

Billed / Assessed:	\$ 62,725.00
Fees Collected:	\$ 60,200.00
Fees Outstanding:	\$ 2,525.00

VI. Plans *(presented by MR)*

- Emergency Response Plans
 - Updated
 - Polytek Development Corporation
55 Hilton Street, Easton, PA 18042 *(Williams Township)*
 - New
 - None
- Preparedness, Prevention, Contingency Plans
 - Updated
 - None
 - New
 - None

VII. Site Visits *(presented by MR)*

- Completed
 - New Enterprise Stone & Lime – Bath, PA Plant
7901 Beth Bath Pike, Bath, PA 18014 *(East Allen Township)*
 - Thermo-Fisher Scientific
6771 Silver Crest Road, Nazareth, PA 18064 *(East Allen Township)*
- Upcoming
 - Nothing scheduled

VIII. Agency Response Reports

- Northampton County Emergency Management *(provided by MRa)*
 - Four (4) hazardous materials related responses since the previous meeting;
 - 9/13 – 205 W. 3rd Street, Bethlehem City
Tractor trailer truck heating oil spill *(approx. 400 gallons released)*
 - 9/25 – 1040 S. Broadway, Plainfield Township
Gasoline spill into Bushkill Creek
 - 10/27 – Tyber Medical, 89 S. Commerce Way, Hanover Township
Nitric Acid spill in the facility *(approx. 15 gallons w/patients)*
 - 11/8 – 3540 Neville Way, Upper Nazareth Township
Removal of explosive devices from a residence

- **Lehigh County Special Operations** *(provided by KK)*
 - Three (3) responses within Northampton County since previous meeting;
 - 9/13 – 205 W. 3rd Street, Bethlehem City
Tractor trailer truck diesel spill *(approx. 400 gallons released)*
 - ❖ Command Response – Limited Team Response
 - 9/25 – 1040 S. Broadway, Plainfield Township
Gasoline spill into Bushkill Creek
 - 10/27 – Tyber Medical, 89 S. Commerce Way, Hanover Township
Nitric Acid spill in the facility *(approx. 15 gallons w/patients)*
 - ❖ Splash/spill solution containing 15 gallons of Nitric Acid, 15 gallons of water and 500ml of Hydrogen Fluoride – Full Team Response

- **Bethlehem City Hazmat Team** *(provided by KT)*
 - Six (6) responses reported – 17 responses YTD;
 - 9/13 – 205 W. 3rd Street, Bethlehem City
Tractor trailer truck heating oil spill *(approx. 400 gallons released)*
 - ❖ Level II – 306/406 Tanker carrying No. 2 Heating Oil, contained without major release into the Lehigh River
 - 9/29 – 709 W. Spring Street, Bethlehem City
Chemical reaction due to mixing of household cleaning products
 - ❖ Level II – 1 patient transported to hospital w/ symptoms consistent of chemical exposure.
 - 10/13 – Route 22, Bethlehem City
Unfounded response for a reported leaking tanker on highway
 - 10/21 – 1425 Mercury Street, Bethlehem City
Building collapse w/ hazmat release from a transformer
 - ❖ Level II
 - 11/18 – 1017 Crawford Street, Bethlehem City
EMS assist for Biohazard conditions
 - ❖ Level I
 - 11/22 – 601 E. Broad Street, Bethlehem City
White Powder Incident
 - ❖ Level II

IX. Agency Training Reports

- **Northampton County Fire School** ([NCFS Site Link](#)) (provided by MR)
 - Courses Completed:
 - None discussed.
 - Courses Scheduled:
 - 12/4 & 12/11: HazMat Operations Refresher course @ Washington Township Fire Company
 - Courses Planned:
 - 1/13: Hazmat Awareness Course @ NCFS
 - 3/9, 3/14, 3/16 & 3/21: Hazmat Operations Course @ NCFS

- **Northampton County Emergency Management** ([NCEM Site Link](#)) (provided by MRa)
 - Courses Completed:
 - None discussed.
 - Courses Scheduled:
 - 12/8: AWR-302 Pipeline Security for Rural Communities
 - 1/22 – 1/26: L-195 Mission Specific Incident Command
 - 2/7 & 2/8: MGT-343 Disaster Mgmt. of Water System & Waste Water
 - 3/3: Firefighting Foam Basics Course
 - 4/2 & 4/3: MGT-341 Disaster Preparedness for Healthcare Organizations
 - 5/14 & 5/15: MGT-317 Disaster Management of Public Services
 - 6/14 – 6/16: PER-213 Wide Area Search
 - 6/17 & 6/18: MGT-345 Disaster Management of Electrical Power Systems
 - 7/24: MGT-452 Physical & Cyber Security for Critical Infrastructure
 - 8/21: AWR-213 Critical Infrastructure Security & Resilience Awareness
 - 9/25 & 9/26: MGT-310 THIRA Course
 - 11/13 & 11/14: MGT-315 Conducting Risk Assessments for Community Assets
 - ❖ *Courses are posted onto our agency website as we get the course flyers.*
 - Courses Planned:
 - TBD: HSEEP Homeland Security Exercise & Evaluation Program

- **Lehigh County Special Operations** (provided by KK)
 - Courses Completed:
 - Completed an in-house Hazmat Technician Certification course for team members. Ten (10) members received Tech level Certification.
 - Courses Scheduled:
 - Lehigh County has a list of upcoming courses.
 - Courses Planned:
 - Nothing reported.

- **Bethlehem City Hazmat** *(provided by KT)*
 - Courses Completed:
 - Hosted a 24-hour Introduction to Computer Aided Management of Emergency Operations (CAMEO) course at the Wind Creek Event Center from 9/13 – 9/15.
 - Conducted a full scale exercise at Linde Gas – 145 Shimersville Road, Bethlehem City on 10/19. Simulated an Ammonia leak with a Level A entry performed.
 - Courses Scheduled:
 - 2/22: Emergency Response Decision Support System (ERDSS) course being held at the Wind Creek Event Center in Bethlehem City.
 - Courses Planned:
 - Nothing reported.

X. Agency News & Updates

- **Northampton County Emergency Management**
 - Nothing reported.
- **Lehigh County Special Operations**
 - Nothing reported.
- **Bethlehem City Hazmat**
 - Nothing reported.

XI. Old Business *(provided by MR)*

- Lithium Ion battery Class / Training
 - Per KT, the HazMat Guys has a four (4) hour long Lithium Ion battery training course based specifically on the threats and risks of ion battery incidents, more of an informational type training for any response level. Cost for this course would be \$4,495 dollars for up to thirty (30) students, each additional student over 30 would cost an additional ten dollars (\$10) each.
 - KT also shared that Hazard 3 / Safeware is offering an eight (8) hour Lithium Ion battery training course titled: “Risk Based Response to Battery Emergencies”. This Lithium Ion battery training course geared towards Technician level certified responders and the cost would be \$5,950 dollars. KT has requested that if approved for funding this course be held in Bethlehem City to accommodate their working technician responders and possibly Lehigh County/Allentown techs.
 - TW made a motion for the following:
 - APPROVE funding via LEPC funds for BOTH courses and
 - Host the 4-hour (Hazmat Guys) Lithium Ion battery course at the Northampton County EOC – cost of \$4,495 (\$10 additional for all attendees over 30 total) and

- Host the 8-hour (Hazard 3 / Safeware) Lithium Ion battery course at a site in Bethlehem City (KT will find location to host) – cost of \$5,950.
 - ✓ Motion 2nd by JF, all in favor.
 - *NOTE: MR did ask about a motion approving a cap of funding to be provided for the courses – JB said a cap was not needed with costs in hand, no motion made of this request.*
- Bullex Simulator – Fire School
 - TW reports that the Bullex simulator system at the Northampton County Fire School works fine. There was concern of damages to the system due to experiencing flood waters on the school property that also flooded the simulator. Simulator was tested in October and works fine with no known issues.

XII. New Business *(provided by MR)*

- 2023 HMEP Grant Year 1 Report submitted on 10/23/23.
- FY2023 PERG Grant
 - LION Training Props
 - Split pipe flange,
 - Pipe & Valve and the
 - Residential gas meter
 - Universal Green Foam (55 gallon drum - 8 total)
 - Drager X –site kit w/black case (2 total)
 - Drager X –am 8000 meter (2 total)
 - Light Tower (Generac diesel, towable, vertical light tower)
 - ICS-300 class
 - ICS-400 class
- KT discuss interest in obtaining LEPC funds to host an eight (8) hour Technician level “Fuel Transfer” course. Course would encompass all areas of fuel transfer during a hazardous materials incident. The Hazmat Guys has a Technician level fuel transfer course for a cost of \$5,995. KT is hoping, if approved, to host the course, somewhere within Bethlehem City during the 2nd or 3rd quarters of 2024. Per KT there would be no other costs associated with this course.
 - TW had inquired that if this class was to be held in Bethlehem City to make it conducive to both Bethlehem City and Lehigh County technicians whom may attend, if it would be possible that Lehigh County may cover 50% of the cost for the course.
 - KK stated that the Lehigh County LEPC most likely would support funding 50% of the course cost.
 - TW made a Motion to approve the funding of this course from Northampton County LEPC funds with the assumption that Lehigh County LEPC fund 50% of the course. 2nd by JB, all in favor.

XIII. Upcoming meetings

- Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 10:00am – Northampton County EOC
 - Wednesday, June 5, 2024
 - Wednesday, September 4, 2024
- ✓ If interested in hosting a meeting at your facility, please let us know.

XIV. Good of the Order

- KK advised that he has bags of Cellblock to leave at our EM garage. Will bring them to the garage after this meeting.

XV. Adjournment

- MR requested a Motion to Adjourn the meeting:
1st by JB, 2nd by TW, all in favor
 - Meeting adjourned at 1041hrs.

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For previous meeting agenda, minutes and more information.**