



COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON

Local Emergency Planning Committee

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER
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Date: Wednesday, June 5, 2024

Location: Northampton County Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

100 Gracedale Avenue Nazareth, PA 18064

Meeting Minutes

Attendance

AB	Austin Boccardi	St. Luke's Health Network	MRe	Michael Reich	Bethlehem City Fire - Chief
AH	Adam Hamrick	OSHA	MRi	Mike Rinker	NCEM – LEPC Chairperson
BI	Brian Issa	US Cold Storage	NB	Nicole Burton	Lehigh County EMA
DM	Dave Malloy	Public	NG	Nicolaus E. Goebeler	DHS / CISA – Chem. Inspector
ER	Eric Rickenbach	PEMA EAO	RHi	Ryan Hinkel	US Cold Storage
IM	Ian Macleod	BioSpectra	RHu	Ron Hulsizer	NC-911
JB	John Bast	Public – LEPC Vice-Chair	RS	Robert Schegan	PEMA EAO – Deputy Director
JS	Joe Sipel	Wilson Borough Fire Dept.	SR	Steve Rinker	OSHA
KL	Kevin Landis	Bethlehem City Fire / HazMat	TC	Timothy Craven	DEP
LF	Luis Figueroa	Bath Borough – Local EMC	TG	Thomas E. Guth, Jr.	NCEM – LEPC Secretary
MP	Mike Phillips	DEP	TV	Ted Veresink	Public
MRa	Michael A. Rampulla	NCEM	TW	Todd Weaver	NCEM – Agency Director

I. Call to Order

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

II. Public Comment

- None.

III. Approval of the March 6, 2024 Meeting Minutes

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

IV. Financial Report (presented by MRa) *As of June 5, 2024*

Starting Balance	\$ 133,298.82
Year to Date Total Revenue	\$ 140,412.92
Total	\$ 128,860.23
Year to Date Expenditures:	\$ 179,211.38
Ending Balance	\$ 94,500.36
Year to Date Encumbrances:	\$ 33,637.95
Available Balance	\$ 21,908.50

Revenues – Fees & Collections (in dollars)

Emergency Planning Fees	4,800.00	County Cost Reimbursement	54,700.92
Hazardous Chemical Fees	31,950.00	Hazardous Materials Grant	48,962.00

Expenditures: (5/6/2024 through 6/3/24)

<p><u>MISC Employee Benefit</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education - \$0.00 • Staff Training & Development - \$950.00 • Convention Expenses - \$1,710.00 <p><u>Communication</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Telephone - \$3509.69 • Postage - \$0.00 <p><u>Admin Supplies & Equipment</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor Equipment - \$0.00 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Encumbrance. - \$12,470.45</i> • Security & Safety supplies - \$0.00 	<p><u>Serv. & Other Operating Supplies</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educational & Recreational - \$0.00 • Food - \$505.08 • Operating Supplies - \$0.00 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Encumbrance - \$3,677.50</i> • Personal Protective Equipment - \$0.00 <p><u>Professional Services</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional Services - \$59,778.10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Encumbrance - \$15,990.00</i> <p><u>Program Operating Cost</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repair & Maintenance of Equipment - \$551.00 • Misc. - \$0.00 <p><u>Safety & Security Equipment</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital - \$60,589.50 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Encumbrance - \$1,500.00</i>
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Total Quarterly Expenses - \$131,113.06

Total Quarterly Revenue - \$108,113.41

- MR requested & made a Motion to Approve the March 6, 2024 Financial Report:
 - 1st by KT, 2nd by JB, all in favor.

- Sara Title III Collections – As of June 5, 2024 (presented by MRi)

- Tier II billing & payments – Total facilities billed: **197**

Billed / Assessed: **\$ 64,250.00**

Fees Collected: **\$ 34,550.00**

Fees Outstanding: **\$ 29,700.00**

V. **Plans** *(presented by MRi)*

- Emergency Response Plans
 - Updated
 - Talen Energy – Martins Creek Plant
6605 Foul Rift Road, Bangor, PA 18013 *(Lower Mount Bethel Township)*
 - New
 - None to report.
- Preparedness, Prevention, Contingency Plans
 - Updated
 - None
 - New
 - None

VI. **Site Visits** *(presented by MRi)*

- Completed
 - None
- Upcoming
 - Nothing scheduled

VII. **Agency Responses / Trainings / Reports - Quarterly**

- Northampton County Emergency Management *(provided by MRa)* Trainings [LINK](#)
 - Two (2) responses since the previous meeting;
 - 5/23/24 – Natural Gas Leak w/Evacuation
200 block of N. Whitfield Street, Nazareth Borough
 - 5/25/24 – Tractor Trailer Fire w/Fuel Spill
Route 33 NB, Plainfield Township
 - Trainings
 - **Courses Completed:**
 - Emergency response to Battery Incidents – 3/15
 - Lithium-Ion Battery Response – 3/18
 - HSEEP Homeland Security & Evaluation Program – 3/21 & 3/22
 - MGT-341 Disaster Preparedness for Healthcare Organizations – 4/2 & 4/3
 - HazMat Skills Ops Day – 4/6
 - Norfolk Southern Rail Safety Course *(1st of 2 held)* – 4/22
 - Norfolk Southern Rail Safety Course *(2nd of 2 held)* – 5/6
 - MGT-317 Disaster Management of Public Services – 5/14 & 5/15
 - Fuel Transfer Course – 5/17
 - **Courses Scheduled:**
 - ~~PER-213 Wide Area Search – 6/14 – 6/16 – **CANCELLED**~~
 - MGT-345 Disaster Management of Electrical Power Systems – 6/17 & 6/18
 - AWR-147 Response to Rail Incidents – 6/29

- MGT-452 Physical & Cyber Security for Critical Infrastructure – 7/24
- AWR-213 Critical Infrastructure Security & Awareness – 8/21
- MGT-310 Threat & Hazard Ident. / Risk Assessment (THIRA) – 10/2 & 10/3
- MGT-315 Conducting Risk Assess. Critical Community Assets – 11/13 & 11/14
- **Courses Planned:**
 - ICS-300 Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents
 - ICS-400 Advanced ICS – Complex Incidents
 - PER-213 Wide Areas Search – 2025
 - Per TW – Plan on holding more rail courses in the near future.
- **Report / News / Updates**
 - Nothing to report.
- **Lehigh County Special Operations** *(provided by MRi – for LC Spec. Ops.)*
 - Responses into Northampton County;
 - 3/2/24 – Train Derailment – Full Team Response
2270 Riverside Drive, Lower Saucon Township
 - 3/4/24 – Chemical Suicide Investigation / Incident – Command Response
3375 Highpoint Boulevard, Hanover Township
 - 4/28/24 – Chemical Suicide Attempt – Command Response/Bethlehem City Assist
312 Liberty Street, Bethlehem City
 - **Trainings**
 - **Courses Completed:**
 - Nothing reported.
 - **Courses Scheduled:**
 - Hazmat Guys Modular Metering Class – 11/2
 - **Courses Planned:**
 - Nothing reported.
 - **Report / News / Update**
 - New Equipment In-Service:
 - ESI
 - ❖ Sudzs It Ev nozzle
 - Red Wave FTIR
 - ❖ Xplor IR
 - ❖ Protect IR
 - Ramen
 - ❖ Rigaku ResQ CQL
 - Flame Spectrometer
 - ❖ Proengin AP4C

- **Bethlehem City Hazmat Team** *(provided by KL)*
 - Four (4) responses reported
 - 4/28/24 – Level II Incident – 312 Liberty Street
Homemade lab discovered after a medical event; numerous chemicals in various containers. Mutual Aid from LCSO.
 - 5/3/24 – Level I Incident – 1542 Linden Street
Deployment of the laser methane detector for a struck gas line, detected 36,000 PPM of Methane below grade for a gas line that was struck due to excavation.
 - 5/24/24 – Level I Incident – 1745 Lansdale Avenue
Deployment of the laser methane detector following LEL readings in area.
 - 5/28/24 – Level I Incident – 2425 Schoenersville Road
CO2 leak from a refrigeration unit.
 - **Trainings**
 - **Courses Completed:**
 - Hosted 2 – 8-hour training programs:
 - ❖ Risk Based Response to Battery Emergencies (Hazard 3 Training) and
 - ❖ Fuel Transfer/Grounding & Bonding (The HazMat Guys)
 - **Courses Scheduled:**
 - Joint exercise with BFD Water Rescue for boom deployment operations.
 - Joint exercise on 7/18 with PA CST & LC Spec. Ops. as well as many other partners.
 - **Courses Planned:**
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 - **Report / News / Updates**
 - ❖ January: Annual Review of team policies & new equipment

VIII. Northampton County Fire School Training Report – website [LINK](#)

- **Courses Completed:**
 - Nothing reported.
- **Courses Scheduled:**
 - Hazmat Awareness – 8/4 @ NCFS
 - Pro Board Hazmat Awareness – 8/26 @ NCFS
 - Hazmat Ops Refresher – 10/4 at NCFS (Day Class)
 - Hazmat Operations – 10/6, 10/10, 10/13 & 10/17 @ NCFS
- **Courses Planned:**
 - Nothing reported.

IX. Old Business

- **FY2023 PERG Grant** – *Took delivery of following items:*
 - LION Training Props (*Split pipe flange, Christmas tree/valve, Residential gas meter*)
 - TW: props ordered, delivered and on April 29th a representative with LION products came to us to train on the set-up and use of each prop. Shall be “in-service” shortly.

- Universal Green Foam (55 gallon drum - 8 total)
- Drager X –site kit w/black case (2 total)
- Drager X –am 8000 meter (2 total)
 - TW: both Dragers were ordered and received, one had an issue with it – was sent out for repairs/replacement.
 - TW: Working on getting AT&T FirstNet coverage on the meters now.
- Light Tower (Generac diesel, 6kw generator, towable, vertical light tower)
- ICS-300 class
- ICS-400 class
 - Per TW – working on getting instructors to hold the 300 & 400 courses.
- **Disposal of Suppression Foam from County EM Garage (old foam) – 2 items proposed**
 - MRa: stated that the cost approved during last LEPC quarterly meeting for disposal of the County EM older foam was incorrect. New amount(s) for proper disposal of the PFA’s foam is three thousand two hundred eighty-three dollars & seventy-five cents (\$ 3,283.75). This will cover the cost of removal and disposal of old foam itself. This estimate is an increase of six hundred & eighty dollars (\$ 680.00) over the quote approved during the March quarterly LEPC Meeting.
 - MRa: Received a quote from EWMI/Rapid Response to dispose of all barrels/totes, etc. that once held the older PFA’s foam in County EM garage. EWMI/Rapid Response provided quote totaling one thousand seventy-three dollars & seventy-five cents (\$ 1,073.75) to dispose of the barrels, containers, etc.
 - DM inquired if there was any environmental impact from storing the older PFA’s foam on our property. MRa responded and stated that there are no environmental impacts since all PFA’s foam has been safely and securely stored in totes within the EM garage. No spills and/or leaks ever.
 - MRi mad the motion requesting approval to spend \$3,283.75 of LEPC funds to pay EWMI/Rapid Response to dispose of the old foam liquid and containers the material currently (and securely) rests in as well as to spend \$1,073.75 of LEPC funds to pay EWMI/Rapid Response to dispose of the old foam containers which are currently being housed in the County EM garage. Requests together would cost a grand total of \$4,357.50 to allow EWMI/ Rapid Response to properly dispose of ALL PFA’s material and liquid product currently stored within County EM facilities. **1st by JB, 2nd by TW, all in favor – motion APPROVED.**

X. New Business (provided by MRi)

- **2023-2025 HMEP Grant** Year 3 Application approved for \$ 14,768.96
- **2024-2025 HMRF Grant** Application approved for \$ 10,683.00
 - Per MRi paid \$30,000.00 to Lehigh County Special Operations for their hazmat services/contract.
- Commodity Flow Study
 - Per MRi, the Study is being worked on now, should be ready for review at next quarterly LEPC meeting in September, 2024.
- **Baltimore IAFC Hazmat Conference:** Baltimore, MD - June 5-9 - [LINK](#)
 - Five (5) total persons going – two (2) from NCEM staff & three (3) from Bethlehem City Fire Department HazMat team

- **PA Hazmat Conference:** Seven Springs, PA - August 22-25 - [LINK](#)
 - Per MRa two (2) persons will be attending this conference.

XI. Upcoming meetings

- Wednesday, September 4, 2024
- Wednesday, December 4, 2024
 - Unless stated otherwise all LEPC meetings will be held at the:
 - Northampton County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) located at 100 Gracedale Avenue, Nazareth, PA 18064 - [DIRECTIONS](#)
 - Unless stated otherwise all LEPC meeting will commence at 10:00am
 - ✓ ***If interested in hosting a meeting at your facility, please let us know.***

XII. Good of the Order

- AM a representative with OSHA introduced himself to those in attendance and asked for referrals to OSHA from response agencies if they respond to any work site type incident causing workplace injuries to those working at the facility. Also discussed the OSHA NIOSH Heat App available which can help determine recommended work limitations during severe or extreme heat. AM requesting we help spread the word about the useful app.
 - Find information about the OSHA Heat Safety Tool app and links to download this app for both Android & iPhone platforms by visiting this [LINK](#)

XIII. Adjournment

- MR requested a Motion to Adjourn the meeting:
 - 1st by KT, 2nd by TW, all in favor
 - Meeting adjourned at N/A (time not documented).

Visit our LEPC page: <http://ncem-pa.org/lepcl>
For previous meeting agenda, minutes and more information.