



# COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON

## Local Emergency Planning Committee

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER  
 100 GRACEDALE AVENUE  
 NAZARETH, PENNSYLVANIA 18064-8430  
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Date: Wednesday, March 5, 2025

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

## Meeting Minutes

### Attendance

ABo	Austin Boccardi	St. Luke's Health Network	MB	Myles Bartos	EPA
AH	Adam Hamrick	OSHA	ML	Michael Lenner	NC 911 / Systems
BI	Brian Issa	US Cold Storage	MR	Michael A. Rampulla	NCEM
BMJ	Benjamin Jacobs	FBI	MRi	Mike Rinker	NCEM / LEPC Chairperson
CH	Christina Henritzky	Easton EMS	MW	Matthew Waldmiller	Crayola
DM	Dave Malloy	Public	NB	Nicole Burton	LCEMA
JB	John Bast	Public / LEPC Vice-Chair	NG	Nicolaus E. Goebeler	DHS/CISA – Chem. Inspector
JBu	Joe Buffi	US Cold Storage	RH	Ryan Hay	Lehigh Valley Health Network
JF	Joseph J. Fittos, III	EWMI / Rapid Response	RHi	Ryan Hinkel	US Cold Storage
JR	Jevin Russo	Air Liquide	SP	Stephanie Pinho	BioSpectra
JS	Joe Sipel	Wilson Borough Fire – Chief	TG	Thomas E. Guth, Jr.	NCEM / LEPC Secretary
KK	Kevin Krotzer	Lehigh County Spec. Ops.	TV	Ted Veresink	Public
KT	Kevin Thomas	Bethlehem City Fire – Hazmat	TW	Todd Weaver	NCEM / 911

### I. Call to Order

- MRi called the meeting to order at 10:01 am.

### II. Public Comment

- None

### III. Approval of the December 4, 2024 Meeting Minutes

- MRi requested a Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> by KT, 2<sup>nd</sup> by TW, all in favor.

IV. **Financial Report** (presented by MR) *As of March 5, 2025*

- MR shared the following financial information with the Financial Statement.



Michael Rinker  
Chairperson

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### Financial Report for 03/05/2025

Starting Balance 1/1/2025	\$98,016
Year to Date Total Revenue-	\$27,667.75
Total-	\$125,683.75
YTD Expenditures-	\$36,303.45
<b>Ending Balance-</b>	<b>\$126,806.19</b>
<i>YTD Encumbrances- -</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>
<b>Available Balance-</b>	<b>\$89,380.30</b>

#### *MISC Employee Benefit*

- Education-\$0.00
- Staff Training & Development- \$0.00
- Convention Expenses- \$0.00

#### *Communication*

- Telephone- \$1,178.45
- Postage- \$0.00

#### *Admin Supplies & Equipment*

- Minor Equipment- \$0.00 *Encumbrance- \$0.00*
- Security & Safety supplies- \$0.00

#### *Serv & Other Operating Supplies*

- Educational & Recreational-\$0.00
- Food-\$0.00
- Operating Supplies- \$0.00 *Encumbrance- \$0.00*
- Personal Protective Equipment-\$0.00

#### *Professional Services*

- Professional Services-\$35,125.00

#### *Program Operating Cost*

- Repair & Maintenance of Equipment- \$0.00
- Misc-\$0.00

#### *Safety & Security Equipment*

- Capital-\$0.00 *Encumbrance- \$0.00*

- MRi requested & made a Motion to Approve the March 5, 2025 Financial Report:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> by JB, 2<sup>nd</sup> by MRi, all in favor.
- Sara Title III Collections – As of March 5, 2025 (presented by MRi)
  - Tier II billing & payments – Total facilities billed: **194**

Billed / Assessed:	N/A
Fees Collected:	\$ 19,400.00
Fees Outstanding:	N/A
  - 2024 Collections total: **\$66,000** (Planning - **\$8,000** / Chemicals - **\$58,000**)

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

- Emergency Response Plans
  - Updated
    - Bethlehem Energy (Calpine)
    - Keystone Cement
      - JB asked if there was an update to Keystone Cements plans to utilize shipments via train and not truck. Per TW, nothing formal submitted to review yet.
    - Bethlehem City Water Treatment Plant
  - New
    - Strong Brew
- 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 MR)
  - Eight (8) total responses since last meeting, four (4) hazmat related responses;
    - 12/23/24 – Heating oil spill (130 gallons)  
19 Short Lane, Allen Township
    - 1/24/25 – Chemical Hazard, Hydrochloric acid (55 gallon drum)  
Schoenersville Road/Rt. 512 exit from Route 22, Hanover Township
    - 2/4/25 – Industrial Fire (air monitoring & spill runoff control)  
Waste Management, 799 Smith Lane, Northampton Borough
      - KK briefed on tasks completed such as: air monitoring & runoff control
    - 2/24/25 – Tractor trailer fire / diesel fuel spill (approx. 100 gallons)  
Big Health, LLC, 455 American Bangor Road, Washington Township

- **Trainings** [LINK](#)
  - **Courses Completed:**
    - MGT-414: Critical Infrastructure Resilience & Comm. Lifelines – 12/12/2024
    - ICS-400: Advanced ICS- Complex Incidents – 12/16 & 12/17/2024
    - AWR-313: Home Made Explosives – 2/18/2025
    - G235: Emergency Planning – 2/25 & 2/26/2025
  - **Courses Scheduled:**
    - Securing Mass Gatherings & Special Events Seminar – 3/6
    - AWR-148: Crisis Management for School Based Incidents – 3/18
    - G-402: Incident Command System Overview for Senior Officials – 3/24
    - G-393: Hazard Mitigation for Emergency Manager – 4/21 thru 4/23
    - MGT-417: Crisis Mgmt. for School-Based Incidents Dec. Makers -4/30 thru 5/1
    - L-0105: Public Information & Warning – 5/19 thru 5/21
    - G-2300: Intermediate EOC Functions – 6/11 thru 6/13
    - PA Fire Academy Mobile Flashover Sim. Class (2 Dates Avail.) – 6/21 or 6/22
    - PER-294: Testing an EOP in a Rural EOC – 6/24
    - L-0146: Homeland Security Exercise Eval. Program (HSEEP) – 9/15 & 9/16
  - **Courses Planned:**
    - N/A
- **Report / News / Updates**
  - Nothing to report.
- **Lehigh County Special Operations** *(provided by KK)*
  - Responses into Northampton County;
    - 2/4/25 – Full Team Response Air Monitoring / Run Off Concerns  
Green Star Recycling / Waste Management 799 Smith Lane, Northampton Borough
  - **Trainings**
    - **Courses Completed:**
      - Modular metering course held in late 2024
    - **Courses Scheduled:**
      - Hazmat Guys – 4/13
    - **Courses Planned:**
      - N/A
  - **Report / News / Update**
    - Two (2) Drager x-site meters on order to add to the number of x-sites between Bethlehem City and Northampton County.

- **Bethlehem City Hazmat Team** *(provided by KT)*
  - 4 responses in 2025, 1 response between previous LEPC meeting and end of 2024.
    - End of 2024 – Dual ruptured saddle tanks on I-78. Fuel removed from tanks, spilled area remediated.
    - 1/10/25 – Investigation w/ No Hazmat Found
      - 500 block of Main Street, unknown liquid found, discharged liquid was from a carpet cleaning vehicle that was in the area before the incident.
    - 1/23/25 – Home heating oil leak in the basement of a residence / spill control
    - 2/7/25 – Home heating oil leak / product transfer
    - 2/16/25 – Fire run off containing various petroleum based chemicals
  - **Trainings**
    - **Courses Completed:**
      - Hosted 8-hour Chemical & Physical Properties course by the Hazmat Guys – 2/21/25
      - Performed monthly training in January & February
    - **Courses Scheduled:**
      - 8 Hour Modular Metering course presented by the Hazmat Guys – 3/21/25
      - 8 Hour Propane Response & Flaring Class – 5/6/25
    - **Courses Planned:**
      - Grant funding secured for numerous training programs next year. More details to follow once classes are confirmed and scheduled. Funding shall pay for four (4) different eight (8) hour classes on different topics.
  - **Report / News / Updates**
    - Two (2) additional Drager x-sites received, they are not yet in service.

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

- **Courses Completed:**
  - Hazmat Awareness – 1/18 at the 911 Center
  - Hazmat Awareness Pro Board Testing – 2/6 at the 911 Center
- **Courses Scheduled:**
  - Hazmat Ops Refresher – 2/24, 3/10 at Lehigh Township Fire
  - Hazmat Ops Refresher – 3/3, 3/10 at Northampton Fire
  - Hazmat Awareness – 3/7, 3/24 at Bangor Liberty Fire
  - Hazmat Ops – 3/16, 3/17, 3/23, 3/24, 3/30 at NCFS
  - Hazmat Ops – 5/31, 6/2, 6/9, 6/14, 6/28 at NCFS
  - Fire Fighter 1 Pro Board – Written Test 5/9 at the 911 Center  
- Skills Test 6/1 at NCFS

*(Applications for Fire Fighter 1 Pro Board are due May 4, 2025)*
- **Courses Planned:**
  - Nothing reported.

## IX. **Old Business** *(provided by MRi)*

- **FY2023 PERG Grant**
  - Per TG this grant was closed in December, 2024 – can be removed
- **Hazmat Books** – Arrived
  - Per TW the books arrived there are thirty (30) books in the Fire School classroom and another 30 books set aside for off-site training courses.
- **2025 IAFC Baltimore Hazmat Conference** (6/12 – 6/15)
  - Bethlehem City Fire Department is still working on gathering information on their members that will be attending this conference.
- **HazMat Training Courses**
  - TW advised that \$7,500 of the \$10,000 approved for hazardous materials training courses has been committed already.

## X. **New Business** *(provided by MRi)*

- **2023-2025 HMEP**
  - Grant Year 3 award of \$11,815.17
- **HMEP**
  - On hold by the Federal Government
- **2024 HMRF**
  - Grant Report due 3/17/25
- **2025-2026 HMRF**
  - Grant application due 3/17/25
- **Bethlehem Fire Meter replacement**
  - KT state that their one Raman specialty meter is 25 years old and is in need of replacement. KT stated that Thermo Scientific is offering 30% off a new meter with an eligible trade in. Per KT the trade-in meter must only turn on when they receive it for it to qualify for the 30% off a new meter. KT states that the US DOT PHMSA PERG / TAG grants that he applies for annually to replace their equipment has been removed from by the federal government and neither grant opportunity may be available this year. Requesting that the LEPC fund the purchase of a new meter, preferably at the discounted rate. KT stated that the cost for a discounted meter will be about \$58,000 if purchased. The purchase would come with the following: 1-year warranty; 1-year of support; & training for up to 4 members of the fire department.
    - MRi inquired if the City of Bethlehem would contribute to the purchase. Per KT that is very unlikely that the City of Bethlehem would fund any of the purchase.
    - JB asked if KT has reached out to the City of Easton fire department about their meter. Per JB Easton's meter is rarely used being they are not a hazardous materials team and maybe the City of Bethlehem can use their meter if needed. KT will contact the City of Easton and discuss that.
      - Discussion ended with KT working on gathering more information and bringing that information and the request to the June, 2025 LEPC meeting.

## **XI. Upcoming meetings**

- **June 4, 2025**
- **September 3, 2025**
- **December 3, 2025**
  - Unless stated otherwise ALL meetings start at 10:00am.
  - Unless stated otherwise ALL meetings are hosted at:
    - Northampton County EOC
      - 100 Gracedale Avenue, Nazareth, PA 18064 - [DIRECTIONS](#)
      - *If interested in hosting a meeting at your facility please let us know!*

## **XII. Good of the Order**

- ABo spoke about the recent hospital shooting(s) and those in attendance if there are any good courses/classes for hospital staff to take to be better prepared for these types of incidents.
  - Attendees such as NG with CISA offered to provide some responses to this inquiry after the meeting.
- AH about what confined space rescue type resources there are available in the Nazareth area. Whom would or may respond to these types of rescues? Attendees shared names of some agencies that most likely would be contacted to respond and assist.

## **XIII. Adjournment**

- MRi requested a Motion to Adjourn the meeting:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> by JB, 2<sup>nd</sup> by TV, all in favor
    - Meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

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