



COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON

Local Emergency Planning Committee

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER
100 GRACEDALE AVENUE
NAZARETH, PENNSYLVANIA 18064-8430
Telephone: (610) 746-3194
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Date: September 2, 2026

Time: 1000 Hours

Location: Northampton County Emergency Operation Center, 100 Gracedale Ave. Nazareth, PA 18064

Meeting Minutes

Attendance

BMG	Brendan McGlevy	US Cold Storage	JHU	Jeff Hunsicker	PEMA - EAO
BS	Bill Santa	Lehigh University - EHS	MR	Michael Rampulla	NCEM – LEPC Treasurer
DM	Dave Malloy	Public	MRI	Mike Rinker	NCEM – LEPC Chairperson
IM	Ian Macleod	BioSpectra	RHI	Ryan Hinkel	US Cold Storage
JB	John Bast	Public / LEPC Vice-Chair	TC	Tim Craven	PA DEP
JC	Joshua Coleman	Air Liquide	TG	Thomas E. Guth, Jr.	NCEM – LEPC Secretary
JF	Joseph J. Fittos, III	EWMI / Rapid Response			

I. Call to Order

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

II. Attendee Introductions

III. Public Comment

- None

IV. Approval of the June 3, 2026 Meeting Minutes

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

V. Financial Report *(presented by MR) As of September 2, 2026*

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



Michael Rinker
Chairperson

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Financial Report for Sept 2, 2026

Starting Balance 1/1/2026	\$ 164,156
Year to Date Total Revenue	\$ 625.00
Total	\$ 164,781
YTD Expenditures	\$ 3,918.29
Ending Balance	\$ 160,862.71

MISC Employee Benefit

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| • Education | \$ 0.00 |
| • Staff Training & Development | \$ 176.25 |
| • Convention Expenses | \$ 0.00 |
| • Dues & Membership | \$ 0.00 |

Communication

- | | |
|-------------|------------|
| • Telephone | \$1,051.29 |
| • Postage | \$ 0.00 |

Admin Supplies & Equipment

- | | | |
|------------------------------|---------|---------------------|
| • Minor Equipment | \$ 0.00 | Encumbrance \$ 0.00 |
| • Security & Safety supplies | | |

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 | \$ 2,250.00 | Encumbrance \$ 30,000 |
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Program Operating Cost

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| • Repair & Maintenance of Equipment | \$ 617.00 |
| • Misc | \$ 0.00 |

Capital

- | | | |
|-------------|---------|--------------------------|
| • Equipment | \$ 0.00 | Encumbrance \$ 78,745.00 |
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- MRI requested a Motion to Approve the September 2, 2026 Financial Report:
 - 1st by JB, 2nd by DM, all in favor.
- Sara Title III Collections – As of September 2, 2026 (presented by MRI)
 - Tier II billing & payments –

Invoiced / Outstanding: **\$ 7,725.00**

Fees Collected: **\$ 50,775.00**

- TC inquired if the outstanding balance was from entities that just will not pay the fees as required. MRI stated that most of it and they will just roll the balance owed into next year's fees that are charged. MRI also stated that he plans on holding conversation with County Solicitor to see what steps we can take for non-payment of fees.

VI. Plans *(presented by MRi)*

- **Emergency Response Plans**
 - **Updated**
 - None
 - **New**
 - None
- **Preparedness, Prevention, Contingency Plans**
 - **Updated**
 - Myers Emergency Power Systems
 - Moravian University
 - **New**
 - None

VII. Site Visits *(presented by MRi)*

- **Completed**
 - None
- **Upcoming**
 - Nothing scheduled

VIII. Agency Responses / Trainings / Reports – Quarterly **Northampton County Emergency Management** *(provided by MR)*

- 9 responses since last meeting;
 - 6/4/26 – Used Cooking Oil Spill
2400 blk Butler Street, Wilson Borough
 - 6/8/26 – Mixture of Muriatic Acid & HTH (Chlorine)
1100 blk Clair Street, Hanover Township
 - 6/10/26 – Unknown Odor / Air Monitoring (HCN)
1800 blk Main Street, Northampton Borough
 - 6/22/26 – MVA w/Diesel Spill
MM337.2 Rt. 22 EB, Easton City
 - 6/27/26 – Vehicle Fire w/Diesel Spill
200 blk Flicksville Road, Washington Township
 - 7/1/26 – Assist w/Communications
200 blk N. Liberty Street, Nazareth Borough
 - 7/6/26 – Explosive Device Removal
500 blk Pennsylvania Avenue, Roseto Borough
 - 7/29/26 – MVA w/Diesel Spill
Mt. Bethel Highway & Ye Olde Highway, Upper Mount Bethel Township

- **Trainings**
 - **Courses Completed:**
 - Intermediate EOC Functions (L-2300): 6/23 thru 6/25
 - Working w/Media for Rural 1st Responders (AWR-209): 8/25
 - **Courses Scheduled:**
 - Public Information & Warning (L-0105): 9/15 thru 9/17
 - Incident Safety Officer (ISO): 9/16, 9/17, 9/30 & 10/1
 - Surveillance Detection Principles: 10/15
 - Introduction to Hazard Mitigation (G-393): 10/26 thru 10/28
 - Emergency Planning (G-235): 11/17 & 11/18
 - **Courses Planned:**
 - Hazmat Operations Refresher Course (October date TBD)
 - AWR-160: WMD/Terrorism Awareness for Emergency Responders
 - AWR-235: LE Response to Suicide Bombing Attacks
 - L-0146: Homeland Security Exercise Evaluator Program (HSEEP)
 - MGT-448: Hazards Planning for Animals, Agricultural. & Food Related Disasters
 - AWR-328: All Hazards Preparedness for Animals in Disasters
 - FLBU: Flammable Liquid Firefighting*
 - NFFB: Foam Firefighting Basic*
 - NFFT: Foam Firefighting Technician*
 - LDHO: Large Diameter Hose*
 - PUOP: Pump Operations I*
 - PUOA: Pump Operations II*
 - RFWM: Rural Fire Ground Water Movement*
 - TAWS: Tanker Water Supply*
- * *Denotes USDOT PERG grant funded course*
- **Report / News / Updates**
 - Nothing reported

Lehigh County Special Operations *(provided by TG – for Greg Mertz)*

- Responses with/into Northampton County.
 - 6/4/26 – Used Cooking Oil Spill (coordinated clean-up)
2400 blk Butler Street, Wilson Borough
 - 6/8/26 – Mixture of Muriatic Acid & HTH (Chlorine) (over packed 5 gals. of waste)
1100 blk Clair Street, Hanover Township
 - 7/29/26 – MVA w/Diesel Spill (Cancelled while en route)
Mt. Bethel Highway & Ye Olde Highway, Upper Mount Bethel Township
 - 7/31/26 – Alert 2 at LVIA (plane struck by lightning / 79 souls on board)
3311 Airport Road, Hanover Township (Lehigh County)

- **Trainings**
 - **Courses Completed:**
 - None reported
 - **Courses Scheduled:**
 - None reported
 - **Courses Planned:**
 - None reported
- **Report / News / Updates**
 - Nothing reported

Bethlehem City Hazmat Team *(provided by TG for Kevin Thomas)*

- 18 responses from 7/1/26 thru 8/28/26 & 30 year-to-date responses
 - 7/6/26 – Illegal dumping of oil
600 blk Center Street
 - 7/10/26 – Chemical reaction from various mixed chemicals in laboratory
100 blk E. Morton Street (Lehigh University)
 - *Bill Santa w/ Lehigh Univ. shared how amazing, professional & hard working the Bethlehem City fire department and its hazmat team members were that day especially with the hot temperatures during the day of the event. TC inquired on clean-up and Bill shared that their hired contractor cleaned up all issues once they were able to get to the scene and do so.*
 - 7/13/26 – Leaking Diesel from Saddle Tank
Hellertown Road & I-78
 - 7/30/26 until 8/9/26 – Musikfest stand-by with 3rd Civil Support Team (CST)
Musikfest
 - 8/2/26 – Inside Hazard w/Victim
700 blk E. Union Boulevard
 - 8/2/26 – Outside Natural Gas Leak
400 blk Central Boulevard
 - 8/2/26 – Leaking Home Heating Oil Tank
2700 blk Nottingham Road
- **Trainings**
 - **Courses Completed:**
 - June – Monthly training, completed Atmospheric Monitoring & Special Event Operations
 - **Courses Scheduled:**
 - September – Quick Cat Hazard Classification System Review
 - October – Team Training (TBD)
 - November – Norfolk Southern Train Exercise
 - **Courses Planned:**
 - Nothing reported
- **Report / News / Updates**
 - Nothing reported

IX. Northampton County Fire School Training Report *(not in attendance)*

- **Courses Completed:**
 - Noting reported
- **Courses Scheduled:**
 - Nothing reported
- **Courses Planned:**
 - Nothing reported

X. Old Business

- FY2025 PERG Grant *(presented by TG)*
 - Not much to share, have 5-6 courses we having funding via the grant to hold. Will share those as we get this scheduled. Removing this item from Old Business section of agenda.
- Northampton County LEPC By-Laws review/update status.
 - TG completed 2nd draft of the by-laws and emailed to County solicitor in late June, early July. Received no response of solicitor's thoughts on edits. Will have MRI reach out to county solicitor for follow-up. Hopefully have detailed information next meeting.

XI. New Business *(provided by MRI)*

- 2026 HMEP Grant
- 2027 HMRF Grant: \$18,029 was awarded for Lehigh County Hazmat
- 2027 IAFC Baltimore Hazmat Conference Registration Deadline –April 21, 2027.
- LEPC funded foam trailer relocation discussion.
 - TG / MR and MRI explained to those in attendance about the idea to remove the three (3) LEPC funded foam trailers from our EM garage building and house them at strategically placed fire stations within the county. This will help expedite the response time if/when trailers are requested and provide us much needed space for our operations.
 - No one in attendance had any reservations about us moving forward with this plan to relocate the trailers. Those with opinions shared that it made sense to make sure the assets would be positioned to get to emergencies faster than they are now. We will begin speaking with fire departments about their interest, space, etc.
- Bethlehem City Fire Department / HazMat Team: Ahura-Raman meter replacement
 - Bethlehem City FD/HazMat was unable to provide a representative to attend this meeting. Per Kevin Thomas he shall be the one to speak on this and hopes to do so at the December, 2026 meeting.
- Rescheduling the December 2nd quarterly LEPC Meeting.
 - Discussed with those in attendance the need to reschedule the December 2nd quarterly LEPC meeting to December 16th since we are unavailable to host or attend that meeting. May have conflicts on the 16th per some in attendance. We will review other dates and respond ASAP with the new date in December.

XII. Upcoming meetings

December 8, 2026

March 3, 2027

- 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
 - *If interested in hosting a meeting at your facility please let us know!*

XIII. Good of the Order

- Nothing shared

XIV. Adjournment

- MRI requested a Motion to Adjourn the meeting:
 - 1st by JB, 2nd by JF, all in favor
 - Meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

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