

**Cumberland County
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
Meeting Minutes October 23, 2025**

The Cumberland County Local Emergency Planning Committee met on October 23, 2025, at Cargill, 1724 River Rd. Fayetteville, NC 28312

A. Call to order

- Attendance: See attached documents. Garry Crumpler, Emergency Services Director, joined by teleconference.

B. Welcome/Introductions and Approval of the Minutes

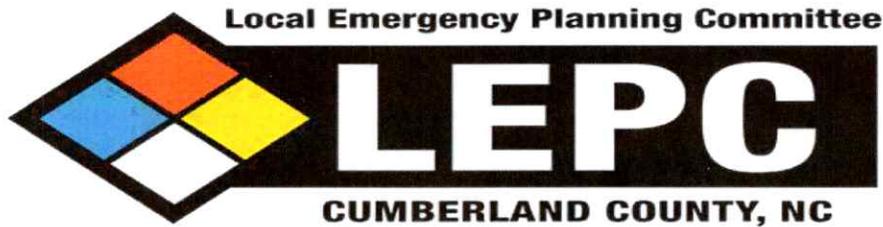
- Commissioner Tyson opened the meeting with welcomes and introductions.
- Denise Kinnison introduced herself as the Director of Facilities at Fayetteville Technical Community College, where she has served for 31 years.
- Additional introductions included Ashley Shuler, Administrative Professional for Emergency Services , and James Azersky from Shamrock Environmental.

C. Approval of July 2025 Meeting Minutes

- Commissioner Tyson mentions that an email from Amanda about the last meeting should have been received by everyone. There was a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes, it was motioned by Laura Smith, seconded by Colby Foster and approved unanimously. Commissioner Tyson thanks the partners at Cargill for hosting the meeting and introduces Scott Schuelke for a safety briefing.
- Scott provides a safety briefing about the Cargill facility, including evacuation procedures and main hazards. The three main hazards at the plant are combustible dust, hexane, and ammonium. Scott explains the safety measures in place, such as dust collection systems, barrier monitors, and safety devices. He describes the process of extracting oil from soybeans and the different stages involved.

D. Membership Update

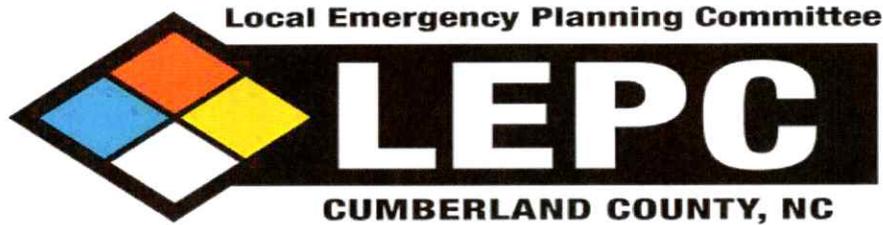
- Commissioner Tyson announces that the Board of Commissioners has voted to allow out-of-county residents to serve on the committee as industry representatives.
- Amanda and Garry's team worked hard to formulate and get the policy approved.
- At the October 6 board meeting, the board confirmed the appointment of Henry Tyson as Chairman and Daniel Davis as Vice Chairman.
- Commissioner Tyson mentions the appointment of new members, including:



- a. Lou Cherry – Cumberland PIO, Broadcast Media
 - b. George White – Womack Army Medical Center Representative
 - c. Amy Mateo – Local Environmental Representative (formerly with Eaton). Bill Ray will replace Amy and will meet with Commissioner Tyson after the meeting to provide his contact information and complete an application.
 - d. Luis Ferman – Cumberland County Sheriff’s Office Representative
 - e. Council Member Deno Hondros – At-Large Representative (absent due to illness)
- Our Facilities Representatives are as follows: Raymond Becht (Tanner Industries), Terry Chalk (Goodyear), Daniel Davis (Hexion and Vice-Chair), and Scott Schielke (Cargill)
 - Newly appointed members were sworn in and recognized.

E. Sub-Committees

- Commissioner Tyson explains the purpose of the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) Review Subcommittee. The committee aims to review and refine emergency operation procedures to ensure effective response in emergencies. Commissioner Tyson encourages members to volunteer for the subcommittee and mentions potential incentives for organizations. The committee is working on a certification program for companies that go through the plan review process.
 - a. Inaugural LEPC Conference Planning Committee – Amanda provides an update on the inaugural LEPC conference planning committee. The conference is scheduled for December 9 at Methodist University and is open for registration. Amanda encourages facilities and community partners to attend to learn new practices and safety features. Commissioner Tyson thanks Amanda for her hard work and looks forward to the event.
 - b. EOP Review Committee – Commissioner Tyson explains the purpose of the emergency operation plan review subcommittee. The committee aims to review and refine emergency operation procedures to ensure effective response in emergencies. Commissioner Tyson encourages members to volunteer for the subcommittee and mentions potential incentives for organizations. The committee is working on a certification program for companies that go through the plan review process.



F. Old Business

- LEPC Certification Program & Incentives – Commissioner Tyson discussed F (a.) during the EOP Review Committee

G. New Business

- Colby Foster talks about the Red Cross platform, which allows agencies to create their own emergency action plans. The platform is OSHA verified and can be used to manually input data similar to ChatGPT. Commissioner Tyson agrees and mentions the importance of refining different scenarios and conducting practical exercises.
 - a. Tiger Dam Presentation

Matthew Ligi from US Flood Control presents the Tiger Dam, a commercial-grade, reusable flood barrier. The Tiger Dam is a sandbag alternative that can be used for various applications, from small doorways to large buildings. Matthew explains the testing and certification process by the Army Corps of Engineers, which the Tiger Dam passed with flying colors. He provides examples of successful deployments, including Duke Energy substations and the city of Detroit. Matthew answers questions about the engineering and quoting process, storage solutions, and the effectiveness of the Tiger Dam. He mentions that training is included in the pricing and can be done on-site. Commissioner Tyson suggests setting up a live demonstration of the Tiger Dam in Cumberland County. Matthew agrees and will coordinate with Amanda to schedule the demonstration.
 - b. Amanda discusses the importance of emergency response coordination and how the LAPC can assist in this matter. She offers to facilitate meetings between facilities and responding agencies to ensure better coordination.

H. Open Forum

- Commissioner Tyson opens the floor for any alibis, questions, concerns, comments, or general observations.
- Fayetteville State University's Director of Emergency Management expressed gratitude for community support. He thanked Chief Richtmeyer, Garry, Amanda and Laura for their continued support by providing meetings and provided significant help.
- Garry Crumpler joined via teleconference but experienced audio issues. He apologized for not being able to attend in person.



- Commissioner Tyson reiterated Garry's comments for those unable to hear and discussed a recent false alarm incident at FTCC's Spring Lake campus, which mimicked gunfire. The incident was quickly resolved, and the response from first responders was praised.
- Commissioner Tyson commended Garry and his team for their response and invited attendees to visit the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and highlights its features.
- Commissioner Tyson discussed the county PSAP, also located at the EOC, and explains in detail how the new technology will improve dispatch efficiency through automation, reducing response times.
- Commissioner Tyson also shared updates on the development of a more robust Mobile Command Center and ongoing efforts to secure potential grant funding for the project.
- Amanda continues working with the grants team to pursue these opportunities.
- Chief Richtmeyer inquired about emails and communications from Stephon regarding facilities and Tier II reporting. Amanda confirmed that the matter has been handled.

I. Next Meeting

- Next LEPC Meeting: January 22, 2026, Location: Cumberland County EOC, 500 Executive Place, Fayetteville, NC 28305

J. Adjournment

- Commissioner Tyson announces the next meeting date and the opportunity to vote on leadership roles.
- Daniel has stepped up as vice chair and may consider serving as Chair.
- Commissioner Tyson encourages interest in subcommittees such as membership, resources, and exercise planning. Amanda will assist with sign-ups between quarterly meetings.
- A motion to adjourn was properly made and seconded. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.
- Meeting adjourned.

K. Brunch Provided by Cargill

Supporting materials for this meeting may be requested by contacting the Cumberland County Emergency Management department.

Name	Company
Marty Marler	Piedmont Natural Gas
Bill Ray	Eaton
Katherine Lindsley	Eaton
Abiodun Awoyemi	FSU
Terry Chalk	Goodyear Tire
David Richtmeyer	Fayetteville Fire Dept
Colby Foster	American Red Cross
Robert Godwin	CFVHS
Henry Tyson	BOC
Daniel Davis	Hexion
Laura Smith	City Of Fayetteville
Denise Kinnison	FTCC
Damita Reed	Ftcc
Yolanda Braham	VA Medical
Diony Ohakwe	Va Medical
Patrick McArdle	FFD
Leonardo Rodriguez Vargas	Mann + Hummel
Matt Ligi	Us Flood Control
Lou Cherry	CC Pio
Peter Coffey	Fayetteville VACHCS
Mark Cannady	Fay Pwc
Ondrya Mangato	Pwc Fayetteville
Ray Becht	Tanner Ind
Jeffrey Kimmons	Health Dept
Mike Prevatte	Ncda Ep
James Azersky	Shamrock Environmental
Tiowana Owens	Cces
Ashley Shuler	Cces
Amanda Scheck	CCES
Tyler Blackburn	Cces
Chini Gault	Cces
Scott Schuelke	Cargill

1. Summary

Meeting title Quarterly LEPC Meeting 5
 Attended participants 5
 Start time 10/23/25, 9:48:05 AM
 End time 10/23/25, 11:14:18 AM
 Meeting duration 1h 26m 12s
 Average attendance time 1h 7m 3s

2. Participants

Name	First Join	Last Leave	In-Meeting Duration	Email	Participant ID (UPN)	Role
Amanda Scheck	10/23/25, 9:48:08 AM	10/23/25, 11:13:39 AM	1h 25m 31s	ascheck@cumberlandcountync.gov	ascheck@cumberlandcountync.gov	Organizer
read.ai meeting notes (Unverified)	10/23/25, 10:01:15 AM	10/23/25, 11:14:18 AM	1h 13m 2s			Presenter
Garry Crumpler	10/23/25, 10:05:44 AM	10/23/25, 11:13:31 AM	1h 7m 47s	gcrumpler@cumberlandcountync.gov	gcrumpler@cumberlandcountync.gov	Presenter
Jonelle - Sustainable Sandhills (Unverified)	10/23/25, 10:07:40 AM	10/23/25, 10:58:52 AM	51m 11s			Presenter
caroline hamilton (Unverified)	10/23/25, 10:15:52 AM	10/23/25, 11:13:36 AM	57m 44s			Presenter

3. In-Meeting Activities

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