



**Cumberland County  
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)  
Meeting Minutes October 24, 2024**

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The Cumberland County Local Emergency Planning Committee met on October 24, 2024, at the EOC located 500 Executive Place, Fayetteville, NC

**Members in Attendance:**

1. Colby Foster, Community Group Rep
2. David Richtmeyer, Hazardous Materials Rep
3. Garry Crumpler, Vice-Chair, Emergency Management Coordinator Rep
4. Greg Phillips, Health Rep
5. Laura Smith, Emergency Management
6. Marcia Tillman-Bookhart, Utilities
7. Robert Godwin, First Aid

**Others in Attendance:**

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| 1. Amanda Scheck, Cumberland EM | 8. Mikki Jones, Cargill           |
| 2. Chini Gault, Cumberland EM   | 9. Ondrya Mangato, PWC            |
| 3. Diony Ohakwe, VA             | 10. Peter Coffey, Fayetteville VA |
| 4. Hannah Callihan, Hexion      | 11. Raymond Becht, Tanner IND.    |
| 5. Jorge Rivera - Goodyear      | 12. Terry Chalk, Goodyear         |
| 6. Marc Baker, VA               | 13. Yolanda Braham, VA            |
| 7. Jeffery Kimmons, PH          |                                   |

**Introductions and Approval of the Minutes:**

Welcomes and introductions were made at the beginning of the meeting. The preceding meeting minutes were approved by the committee.

**Membership Update/Nominations:**

- Lou Cherry has agreed to remain in the role of Print/Broadcast Media representative for a second term.
- Review that Hexion representative is open: Hannah Callihan is reaching out to Daniel Davis to inquire if he would like to take the role.
- Amanda advised of vacancies in facilities and transportation. Attendees were advised to contact Amanda if interested in serving, regardless of residency status.
- Mikki Jones was nominated to fulfill the role of Cargill representative.
- All nominations were seconded and passed.
- Chief Richtmeyer, announced he would not be seeking renomination for the Chairperson at the January elections.



#### **Notifications:**

- Review of spill notification received by Villa MK Trucking, LLC/National Freight – NFI

#### **AccuRAD Monitors**

- Garry discussed that Cumberland County Emergency Management has procured two AccuRAD monitors.
- We will be working to get an in service to fire departments that will be housing them. Discussed which locations will have the units. Amanda will confirm with Spring Lake on the status of their Decon trailer. City confirmed theirs and that Stedman had one.
- Will do a grant for more monitors and put in a grant for a portable monitor that can be placed in shelters.
- Public health confirmed they had two Ludlum monitors. City Hazmat advised they have acquired the self-adjusting monitors recently.
- Fayetteville hazmat team duplicates the resources to the state, so even if RRT3 deploys resources will still be available locally.

#### **Update to LEPC Website and Brochure**

- Amanda discussed how the LEPC website is in the process of updating it to be more user-friendly, information that is relevant to stakeholders and for Tier II reporting facilities updating on what they need to report on. Look for changes over the next month or so.
- The EM intern developed a brochure that was sent to PIO for review to print for community awareness. The print shop is running behind, 2–4-week turnaround.

#### **Signed Bylaws**

- Officially have signed bylaws that were discussed in August, passed by Cumberland County Board of Commissioners in September. These are now posted on the LEPC website.

#### **EOC Exercise AAR**

- Digital copy of AAR was presented to the attendees. (Directed Amanda to send copy when meeting minutes finalized)
- Garry discussed the findings of the exercise, there were technology challenges with dameware and other websites, different breakout groups were working at different paces, a lot of new members that were unfamiliar with the ICS/EOC.
- Discussed getting reoccurring WebEOC training on the calendar.
- Funding at state level has decreased severely, effects how many exercises that can be had at the EOC.
- Discussed scaling down and compartmentalizing more for efficiency at the next exercises.

#### **2025 LEPC Authorization**

- Presented the reasoning for annual LEPC authorization. 12 competencies in total, an LEPC must meet a minimum of 9. Three struggle competencies which appear to be Competency 7 which is the annual review of the county emergency response plan, Competency 8 which is the response plans components, and Competency 10 which is the county emergency response plan evaluate and exercise.



- Due by January 6, 2024
- Will send out the plan for review/allow track changes.
- Facility reps advised that the LEPC is a good group to run facility plans by. Can run scenarios/exercises to assist.

### **Tier II Reporting**

- Amanda discussed finishing an evaluation of last year's submissions. Reminded to double check your fire department that is assigned, there were 247 facilities that submitted last year and 93 of them had the wrong fire station.
- Discussed having wrong addresses and how that can be a problem.
- The fees have changed but the list of what you must report has gone down, the fee shouldn't be costing much more. It's important to know that these fees fund the RRT program.

### **Helene Response**

- Discussed that Fayetteville fire department had four different missions going out to the western part of NC. USAR deployment in conjunction with Greensboro, request from Ashville fire for fire support, HAZMAT mission, and sent fire marshals to Henderson to support building damage assessment.
- Always remember if the county does not request resources, then the state will not send it out.
- Misinformation was discussed about social media rumors and internal miscommunication. There was a mass spread of misinformation throughout social media that was not true for the circumstances.
- Marc Baker provided a deployment perspective from the health care emergency management role. Request to meet with PWC to discuss where the VA falls in the power restoration process.
- Garry discussed his perspective as part of the first IMT team going in Yancey County saying there was a lot of uncertainty, discussed the destruction amounts, no communications, no good damage assessment, and no way to know what resources were needed.

### **Lunch and Learn**

- Garry presented information on interest in hosting a lunch and learn opportunity here local.
- Ask for a list of topics that committee would like to cover be sent to Amanda.
- Suggestions of using topics we already address as a joint effort, Cyber Security, Holiday Safety Preparedness, (Use of education on what we and stakeholders are doing to promote these activities). Swift water training was suggested.

### **Next Meeting:**

- January 23, 2025, at Cumberland County Department of Public Health, Third Floor Auditorium

### **Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn was unanimous.

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