

LEPC MEETING MINUTES

February 22, 2019

The meeting was opened by Chairman Brent Fisher, Nash County Emergency Services.

Opening Statements

Introductions by individuals attending.

Last Minutes accepted and second. All were in favor, no one opposed and the minutes were approved.

Administrative Announcements:

- ◆ Next Meeting Date: May 24, 2019 - Nash UNC Health Care Auditorium
- ◆ Discussed the 83rd Civil Affairs Battalion and their training and passed out brochure. Also discussed projects they have done with the streams, Stony Creek and the Tar River. Six hundred points of debris were found which included telephone poles, tires, etc. The Battalion used canoes, with the assistance of Rocky Mount, to traverse through the streams. They will be returning in July to continue work on projects. It was asked if anyone had an exercise they wanted to do and to let Brent know so he can present to the 83rd. Discussed counties that the 83rd Civil Affairs Battalion have completed projects.
- ◆ Hurricane Florence – Appreciate all the support and help with sheltering, feeding, etc. Nash County was asked to open a CRES shelter which was at Englewood Baptist Church. Discussed evacuees coming into the county from other counties. Other shelters opened were at Southern Nash High School and Nash Central High School. Animal Control also supported sheltering operations. Discussed Nash County's CAST trailer. The trailer was set up at Englewood Baptist Church and the other trailer at Southern Nash High School. Nash County will be getting reimbursed for the CRES shelter at Englewood Baptist Church. We had 330 people in 3 shelters including evacuees from Hyde County and Tyrrell County. This shows partnership with state and others. Thank you. Had some discussion on the Special Needs Registry which was brought up by Donnie Daniels.
- ◆ Discussed lessons learned as a result of Hurricane Florence.

The CAST trailer was taken to Brunswick County to assist in continuing support efforts. The trailers were discussed by Brent and were purchased with a \$170,000.00 grant. Personnel from Nash County Emergency Services and the Sheriff's Office went to other counties to assist.
- ◆ Badge Access for the main administrative building was requested by Patricia with the Public Health Department.

- ◆ Shelter Task Force – Important – how we do sheltering, not just locally, but across the State.
- ◆ Discussed all agencies represented. Need to make sure every county has a plan for sheltering. Must be able to sustain for 72 hour (on your own). Working on trying to develop best practices and developing connections between the counties. Hoping that sheltering will no longer be the biggest issues. Some counties don't have any plans and then are calling the State when help is needed. Want each county resilient between their own walls. There is a Host County Plan out there for other counties to use. The plan is being further developed. Trying to get more host counties and looking to rename the acronym (CRES). Also looking at how to make it better.
- ◆ Collaboration between agencies is recognized and good relationships discussed / reiterated by PH.
- ◆ Coastal Regional Evacuation – Work group of nurses being formed. Nurses coming in and working under their own orders versus under Nash County. Tele-medicine piece discussed.
- ◆ Regional Hazardous Material Exercise – Discussed exercises. Tony Biondo prepared a board of pictures from the exercises. Nash, Edgecombe, Wilson, TT/ RT1, City of Wilson hazmat, Rocky Mount Fire Department, Rocky Mount administration, Public Health, DSS, Rocky Mount Police Department, Nash County Sheriff's Office, Wilson and Nash County EMS, Battleboro Fire Department, NC State, Nash-Rocky Mount Public Schools, etc., over 300 participants. Drone footage was used. Was a good exercise. Eight months of planning, so many moving parts and challenges initially. Overall a success. Take away (per Donnie) - Showed our leadership and relationships; Drone.
- ◆ State Emergency Management Conference will be 3/24/19 through 3/27/19 in Cherokee, NC.
- ◆ Nash, Edgecombe & Wilson counties Regional Hazard Mitigation Grant was discussed. Names are to be submitted today by Brent. Going regional with it; review and re-write of this. There will be upcoming meetings and we will be reaching out to others.
- ◆ May 22nd/23rd – Statewide Hurricane Exercise – will provide opportunity to get involved in statewide exercise.
- ◆ Severe Weather Preparedness Week – March 3-9, 2019
 - Monday – Severe Thunderstorms

- Tuesday – Weather Alerts
 - Wednesday – Structure Safety
 - Thursday – Lightning Safety
 - Friday – Flash Flood Safety
 - Saturday – Make A Plan
 - Sunday – Tornado Drill
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- ◆ Statewide Tornado Drill – Wednesday, March 6, 2019 @ 9:30 am;
 - ◆ ECU Hurricane Conference – May 29, 2019 @ 9:00 am – Register through TERMS.
 - ◆ Opiates Training - May 29, 2019 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm and 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm. For the worker’s standpoint.
 - ◆ Continue to work with Nash-Rocky Mount Public Schools on reunification plans. Lewis Smith discussed further. Now expanding into central office and teachers’ resource center and bus garage. Tabletop exercise was done a few weeks ago with all staff to make sure they can implement their plans.
 - ◆ TIER II – Everyone should be reporting through EPLAN. March 1st is deadline. Josh Langdon discussed. 1.2 million received. Fund regional response teams and grants. Expanding the \$1,000 grant. If related to hazardous material planning, can purchase equipment – approved.
 - ◆ Certificate of Appreciation was given to Cindy Worthy. Appreciate all help from the hospital through the years.
 - ◆ Around the room – open discussion.
 - ◆ Cindy Worthy – Discussed traffic issues. Also hurricanes; Ice and snow; hazmat; few others. Look at what drills need to be done and what are the plans.
 - ◆ Tony Biondo - Rocky Mount airport runway will be closed for resurface on the 15th. Class in June (PODs class); 2 missing persons in searches. Available for SAR missions, have to go through State.
 - ◆ Low Income Energy Assistance Program still available December 3, 2018 through March 31, 2019. There is approximately \$100,000.00 left.

- ◆ Flu Numbers are increasing. Short incline in numbers through ED's. Still encouraging flu shots. Many strains are being identified. Highest is "A"-unknown. The Health Department still has vaccines available.
- ◆ Bobby Stallings new supervisor. Brenda Godwin email – symposium – May 15th – 17th in Greensboro – Importance of partnership.
- ◆ Vet – Exercise in Goldsboro next week (Swine).
- ◆ EBOLA is still there. Still having to ask questions. Congo still ongoing. Working on vaccine. Volunteer groups working with world health organization to identify people who may be traveling back this way that may be sick. The region it is in is pretty much contained in the region in Congo. Starts in bat there. If within 3 feet, can spread through droplets. In bat, bite and all meat. More contained than first outbreak. Showing promise with the vaccine their working on. Continue to ask about travel. Same symptoms that had before, same PPE. Not going through same widespread panic, drama as before. Samaritan's purse involved with groups trying to contain it.
- ◆ Health Department – Hearing more on Measles outbreak. Looking at different types of exemptions people are taking.

Robin Dail – NCEM Area 7 Coordinator

- TERMS is a training website managed by the State. Have gone through updates and upgrades. Take a look at it. Continuing to focus on recovery. Has received 3rd accreditation through EMAP. Republican National Convention - July 2020. Anticipating a lot of protests. Wants counties prepared. Flood gauge coverage continues to expand. Still moving forward on school safety program. Biggest thing is that they appreciate everything being done. Doing a good job.
- Donnie Daniels – Regional and State Resource – swift water rescue team. Sent team to New Bern during Florence – 200 rescues – supported helo aquatic. SWRT stepping up. Looking at transitions coming up. There have been 21 full and part time people hired since last meeting.
- School System – Receiving Stop the Bleed kits (grants through Vidant)
- Mr. Bryant Waters – on reunion tour with college. Came back in January. Added 2nd degree for Fire Protection Technology. Need EM managers. Will be taking over EM degree. ICS300/400 next week. March 1st – 3rd – ARC regional trailing on campus for 3 day training. Boy Scouts coming in to assist. 2 classes on TERMS going along with ARC.

Brent would like to see again later in the year. Dr. Carver has announced his retirement – July 1st. Meeting spaces on campus, reach out to them to schedule their EOC – no charge.

- Connie Clark – publicly thanked Cindy Worthy and welcomed Cliff Miller to the LPEC and role with emergency management at Nash UNC. EBOLA info was shared. New EMR in September. Assessment section asking questions. 2/4/19 – flu clinic opened in ED. Pediatric clinic side of ER. Seems to be functioning well. Seeing influenza “A”. Vaccine working this year, but in peak time. Restrictions in place for kids under 12. 3rd year mass immunization.
- Gloria Coppage - Group Homes. Risk management Portal – will allow emergency agencies to pull up other’s plans.
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