

# Nash County All Hazards Local Emergency Planning Committee and Hurricane Kick-Off Meeting

## Meeting Minutes

June 24, 2022

Present:	Brent Fisher	Tina Joyner	Shannon Lee
	Mark Schell	Buddy Wrenn	Karen Smith
	Anthony Biondo, Jr.	Bryant Fisher	Christmas West
	Michael Roupp	Randy Lansing	Jamie Bragg
	Charles Bunn	Wendy Marlowe	Jeanna Robbins
	Connie Clark	Conner Lee	
	Sara Wiggins	Amelia Harper	

Next meeting: August 26, 2022, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, Location to be determined.

Welcome – Brent Fisher

1. Introductions
2. Minutes from last meeting accepted. Motion was made and second. No opposition. No further discussion. Minutes stand approved.
3. Presentation – None.
4. Announcements

If there is any training needed, let Brent Fisher know.

2022 Proposed meeting dates – August 26, 2022 and November 18, 2022. Will advise if any changes.

5. Nash County Emergency Management – Brent Fisher
  - a. Tier II Reporting – Federal requirement to have completed by March 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Reporting allows us to know what each facility has on site. Reports filed each year reflect the prior year's numbers. There were 92 facilities that reported for last year. Emergency Management is working on a hazardous substance profile to let you know what is in our communities.
  - b. Tier II Non-competitive Grant (EPCRA) – EM is looking at something to send out to facilities emphasizing the importance of Tier II reporting. Also working with Josh Langdon and Mark Schell on getting a brochure put together to send out.

- c. Hurricane season runs June 1<sup>st</sup> – November 30<sup>th</sup> each year. Discussed thunderstorm that took out our main 911 center with power lines and trees down at the center. Took 12 hours to get power back up. No issues reported in the city. The 911 center funneled a few calls from citizens wanting to know who was going to reimburse for food in their freezers, etc. Expressed the need to be prepared. The first 72 hours are on you. Everyone needs to be prepared.
- d. THIRA (Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment) – Have prepared THIRA in Nash County – 32 core capabilities. EM will be sharing this with the LEPC. Need to show gap need for DPR. Additional information coming out as we move forward. Had to move quick to get DPR 4 approved. 28 more to do. Will be reaching out for information. Will need input from everyone.
- e. Training Opportunities –Rocky Mount will be having a sports management class coming up October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at the Event Center in Rocky Mount on evacuating a large number of people from events and festivals. Class is up on TERMS. Must have 30 people to have class. Sign up if interested.

Rocky will also be holding ICS 300 and 400 in November; November 2-4, for ICS 300 and November 17-18 for ICS 400. These will be at the event center in Rocky Mount. ICS 100, 200, 700 and 800 are pre-requisites for the ICS 300 and ICS 400. These can be taken online through FEMA. Let them know if need to set up a TERMS account.

Mark Schell – ICS 300 and ICS 400 – should go back through class about every 4-5 years for terminology, etc. Get refresher.

Sports management class – for big venues and large gymnasium, festivals and large events. Call City of Rocky Mount or Nash County if need information.

- f. North Carolina All Hazards Sheltering Support Plan – mission on updating support plan with the State. Still in draft form. Few changes with sheltering. Draft plan being worked on. There is also one addressing CRES. Changes to CRES coming. Looking at other locations further west of I-95.

## 6. Nash County Public Health

- a. Jamie Bragg – now at a low point of Covid 19 and now comes Monkey Pox out of west Africa. First discovered 1958. Has a 7-14 day period. Get it from contact with fluids. Fluid can be on surfaces, bed sheets and from shaking hands. Not as bad a Covid. Anyone suspected of monkey pox - isolation precautions and contact isolation. Right now handling by asking if the person has traveled to Africa or been around someone who has traveled there. Fever, rash, blisters are indicative of monkey pox. If suspect, go to provider – CDC contacted. Not a lot said about treatment. Looking at old small pox vaccine. Africa has asked WHO for the vaccine first. Spreading from rodents and person-to-person. Looking at people who travel or have close contact with someone

who as travel, has a fever, headache, flu-like symptoms, then rash. Can mimic other things such as herpes rash and syphilis rash. Will rule out those and then test for monkey pox. There is a case reported in North Carolina. Unsure where at this time. Very similar virus to small pox as well as cow pox. Closely related cousin. Haven't located definite source.

- b. Covid-19 – Shannon Lee – 172 cases from June 14 – June 21. Testing fluctuates. Minimal compared to what it has been. Can now make appointment for adults and children, 6 months-4 years. Outbreaks still going on at long-term care facilities. 3 larger facilities impacted with largest number at 30 with Covid. Not nearly as severe. 1 death. Flu shots for county employees – October 14 – 16. Late last year and anticipate late again this year.

HD working on accreditation . May be reaching out to community.

- 7. Public Health Preparedness Coordinator – nothing to report.
- 8. North Carolina State Emergency Management – Mark Schell
  - a. Promote training. TERMS training system – catalog of courses. A lot of stuff that is advantageous. Rowe vs. Wade, firearms,... people are fired up. Be aware of things happening in your community. If something doesn't look right, call 911 and report it. Expect things to ramp up. The State is monitoring these things. Watch for trouble. Keep awareness up. "Have you talked to your brothers today."
- 9. Agency/Industry Reports – None to report.

#### 10. HURRICANE KICK-OFF

- a. Continue to stress preparedness at all levels.
- b. 2022 Hurricane Season Prediction is that we will have another active season. 65% above normal. Calling for 14-21 named storms; 6-10 hurricanes, 3-6 possibly major. It only takes one. Share information with agencies and groups. The first 72 hours are on you. Makes sure to have enough water, meds, food, also for pets. EM will be speaking at both senior centers to talk about hurricanes.
- c. Shelter Operations
  - i. Can open 2-3 shelters without the State. Agencies assisting - Red Cross, Department of Social Services, Public Health, Law Enforcement and Animal Control. DSS could possibly staff 2-3 shelters; public health, 2. EM has reached out to the school system reference to shelter sites. Also can use the con-ed

building at Nash Community College. May have to open disaster recovery center instead of shelter. Have used the agricultural center and Nash Community College in the past as a disaster recovery center. FEMA has to come in and do a site survey which is good for years to come. Both sites have already been surveyed by FEMA.

- II. Be more specific on needs. Let EM know exactly what is needed. Example: Public nurses. Be specific as to capabilities; what do you need them to do. Also need to think about the transportation piece. Rocky Mount relies on Tar River transit buses. The school system transportation division is in our plan to use to transport people as needed. Have looked at long-term care facilities very hard also. Pre-identified shelters are not posted. Shelter openings are dependent on many factors.
- III. Medical and Mental Health – Sara at Trillium. Mobile integrated care units – Monarc – provider in Nash County. Used to assist in disaster response in the contract. Can check website to see where mobile clinics will be. Staff has been hired, up and running. Different than mobile crisis system. Also see Trillium webpage for CIT training. Find trainings that are available. Also some different resources for school systems for safe schools. Meetings for Nash County is the first Thursday at 3:00 pm every month at Braswell Library in the Warner meeting room. Any groups are welcome.

City of Rocky Mount will be hosting two different classes for first responders on September 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> and October 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>.

Red Cross – Letters of Intent are going around to all counties to communicate with Emergency Managers. Biggest thing is staff and personnel. Another big concern is feeding. Schools don't want to get into the feeding. First two days may be just MRE's. Some restaurants may be open, i.e. K & W. Looking at alternative places and searching hard for feeding partners. Salvation Army – Has a big mobile kitchen now. Since Covid-Red Cross has lost a lot of people. Working on rebuilding volunteers. Not getting number of volunteers from younger generation.

Red Cross – online training for staff. ARC in person training provided for Department of Social Services.

- IV. Pet Sheltering – We rely on animal control when opening shelters. CAMET trailer has 50 collapsible cages that can be set up. Nash Central High School or Southern Nash High School have external rooms or sally ports. Also have CAST trailer that is self-contained with water on-board. Animals stay in the trailer.

Have used several times in shelters. The person arriving at the shelter with a pet is responsible for their pet. Dividers can be taken out for larger animals.

- d. Special Needs – Currently working on 28 residents on list. Also working to add some.
- e. Volunteer Management – There is a need for volunteers. United Way handles volunteers and donations management.
- f. Mass Feeding – Multiple agency response for mass feeding.
- g. Information Sharing and Situational Awareness – From the local level, have to submit 2 reports a day to the state. Reporting time is typically early morning. State gets info to the Governor for his first briefing in the morning. If have anything, can be added in situation report. EM may be reaching out for information for these reports. Will also try to do Code Red outreach. Most people doing away with landlines. Our Code Red system is shared amongst three entities. Trying to get people to add cell phone numbers to Code Red. Please share with staff when pushed out.  
  
Tony Biondo gave out some brochures/pamphlets and booklets discussing a variety of disasters from FEMA.
- h. Transportation – Nothing to report.
- i. AUXCOM –Participated in an exercise at the Nash County EOC and did test calls.
- j. Training Needs – Shelter Ops, ICS and others. TERMS training request. If you receive a link, please do the evaluation.
- k. EOC Staffing – Virtual has changed everything. May be using that moving forward. Always ask for 3 person deep for each department and plan accordingly.
- l. Damage Assessment – EM will be getting with Adam Tyson to discuss. Tax department, planning department, building inspectors and GIS are involved. The City of Rocky Mount and the Town of Nashville do their own assessments. Let EM know if any training is needed.
- m. FEMA Reimbursement. Continue to document everything you do. Track costs and time. Form 214 – daily log for the day. If you have equipment, be sure to have form 214, ... example, a generator. Document hours. Any fuel, track that cost. That is what FEMA is looking for. Track everything you can.
- n. Update Contacts. There have been a lot of changes in staff and personnel due to Covid. Make sure you contacts are up to date.
- o. Deployments and Reimbursements. Keep in mind if you are self-deploy to an incident without a mission number, you probably will not get reimbursed. Do not self-deploy and do not send something without a mission number.

p. Open Discussion

- Buddy Wrenn - Good relationship with the school system with regards to food. Trying to get people to utilize family members rather than shelters. Be prepared to stay at home if you can.
- Red Cross – David Jones - Red Cross is going back to congregate sheltering. All Red Cross workers will be required to wear masks. This won't change. Biggest concern is having enough volunteers. Let Red Cross know if anything comes up. They want to be ready if and when something comes up.
- Nash Community College stands ready to serve. Here to help. There are a lot of mental health issues. Rocky Mount is trying to put together a large scale exercise. May be reaching out for location.
- Tony Biondo – Civil Air Patrol – Holding PODS classes. Attended June 2<sup>nd</sup> weather service hurricane workshop in Raleigh. If would like the class emailed to you, send Tony your email address.
- Rocky Mount FD – Appreciates meetings and seeing faces. Open for whatever we need. Wants to join in and be a part. Let them know anything you need.
- Nash County 911 Communications - Bryant Fisher – Emergency Dispatch Academy coming up. In desperate need of telecommunicators. Class will end in December. Reach out to Larry Carpenter. Presently have one opening now in the center and struggling to fill. Get the word out to anyone interested in a career in 911.
- Salvation Army – Amelia Harper – Better capability. Emergency Services director coming out to their site.
- Brent to send out information from Tony on hurricanes.
- Next meeting August 26, 2022, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, location to be determined.
- Meeting adjourned.