

Nash County All Hazards Local Emergency Planning Committee

Meeting Minutes

February 24, 2023

Present:	Tonya Baker	Brent Fisher	Shea Neal
	Seth Bauguess	Amelia Harper	Michael Roupp
	Anthony Biondo, Jr.	Chris Jenkins	Mark Schell
	Emily Bryant	Randy Lansing	Karen Smith
	Charles Bunn	Conner Lee	Christmas West
	Tony Cameron	Shannon Lee	Sara Wiggins
	Tracey Drewery	Olivia Moss	

Next meeting: May 26, 2023, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, Location to be determined.

Welcome – Brent Fisher

1. Introductions

2. Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes from last meeting accepted. Motion was made by Seth Bauguess and second by Randy Lansing. No opposition. No further discussion. Minutes stand approved.

3. Announcements

a. New Emergency Services Director – Tony Cameron

New Assistant County Manager – Scott Rogers

b. Proposed meeting dates for 2023 - Location to be determined.

I. May 26, 2023

II. August 25, 2023

III. November 17, 2023.

4. Nash County Emergency Management – Brent Fisher

- a. Actively receiving Tier II reports. Business have from January 1st – March 1st to submit their reports. 68 have reported and Emergency Management is handling a few questions. Most are accessing through E-PLAN which is the state requirement. Fire Departments may still receive paper copies. Reports should come to the local Emergency Management office as well as FEMA Region 4. These reports are a hazmat substance profile for a business. Looking at doing hazmat subs profile. Hope to pass out later.

- b. DPR 4 Grant Update
 - I. Closed out the shelter trailer grant. This grant was used to purchase 200 cots that would be used in the event the county has to open a shelter.
 - II. The LARU is a stock Large Animal Rescue Trailer used for cattle, horses, cows, pigs, etc. Can also be used by Animal Control. It has lights and rescue equipment. The plan is to purchase a few more corral panels with the remaining funds.
 - III. Nash County EM is in the process of building a MERT trailer - Mobile Event Response Trailer. The trailer will have (200) 28-inch cones; (75) 42-inch cones; (50) retractable cone bars and (50) A-Frame barricades.
- c. Nash County has received a grant for \$20,000.00 to conduct a Commodity Flow Study. This study is regional in nature and will include the City of Rocky Mount, Edgecombe County as well as Nash County. Request for Quotes have gone out and we are receiving those in now. It has been approximately 10 years since the last study was done. Locations for the study will be I-95, Hwy 64/I-87, Hwy 301, Hwy 264, Hwy 258 and Hwy 13/11 as well as the railroad separating Nash and Edgecombe county. Performance period ends Sept 30, 2023. Hope to have the results of the study later this year and can share with the LEPC.
- d. AUXCOM Upgrades – The radios are working fine. In the past while testing they have communicated with the space station. This is a great resource for us. Can set up amateur radio in different parts of the county. While testing, new Coax cable was identified needing replacing on top of county building.
- e. Severe Weather Preparedness Week is March 5th-11th, 2023.
- f. The NC Emergency Management Association Conference will be March 27th – 29th, 2023 at Harrah's in Cherokee, NC. You can go to the NCEMA website to register.
- g. The Statewide Tornado Drill will be March 8, 2023. A lot of schools will be participating in the drill. Please share information with everybody. The drill usually occurs around 9:30 am. Weather radio will alert also.
- h. Hurricane Preparedness Week is April 30th – May 6th, 2023. Please share information with everyone. Hurricane season runs June 1st – November 30th.

- i. The Rocky Mount-Wilson Airport will be conducting a tabletop exercise on February 28, 2023 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Several will be attending. The exercise will be focusing on reunification and communications dealing with the airport.
 - j. COVID 19 Disaster Declaration Incident Period – January 20, 2020 - May 11, 2023.
 - k. Statewide School Panic Alarm - NC Emergency Management and the NC Department of Public Instruction have partnered with RAVE panic button solution and is available for grades K-12. More information to come on this. Constantly working with NCDPS on Emergency Plans for each school. We review and provide recommendations. Nash County Public Schools is discussing joining RAVE.
 - l. Mark Schell - building call list, procedures and other programs...will take a while.
 - m. SERT Statewide Exercise will be held May 9th – 10th. Nash County will be participating. May be reaching out to check availability in opening shelter, etc. and reaching out to the school system and Englewood Baptist Church. Trying to find out who is going to participate.
 - n. New Preparedness Resources Available – community.fema.gov. Look at things you can share with the public.
 - o. Had 82nd Civil Affairs from Fort Bragg in office this week.
 - p. Moore County Substation Attack – Planning assumptions document was prepared as a lessons learned tool and document for future incidents. Brent reviewed Situation Reports from Moore County. Info from reports indicated large scale power outage. 1,000's possibly impacted.
 - q. NC OSFM Rating Response Survey - 12 fire departments (2022), 1 (2023) just went through this. Insurance Grade: Determine insurance premiums on house. Class 6 is best can get. Lot of great training and networking with FD. One scheduled 2023 May/June. 2 more probably in 2024.
5. Nash County Public Health – Shannon Lee

Things are pretty stable. No hot topics as of now. Working on a special needs flyer to share with agencies and facilities. If anyone knows of or has contact information for any facility that would have patients needing to be on their list, contact Shannon Lee. Continue to work to keep special needs registry up to date.

There have been 336 deaths from COVID-19. Vaccine campaign is still strong. Numbers of vaccinations in January stopped drastically. About 20 vaccinations per week; now February,

down with 4 first week, 3 the next week and 5 the past week. Still have plenty of vaccine. If there is a need, send to Shannon. Plateaued.

2023 Annual Disaster Symposium – Greensboro, NC - May 5th - 12th, 2023. Looking for presenters.

6. Public Health Preparedness Coordinator - Conner Lee

Have 6-7 plans being updated. Trying to push gun locks program out to the community educating on gun violence, shootings and suicides. April 6, 2023 – Rocky Mount Sports Complex.

7. North Carolina State Emergency Management Report – Mark Schell

Winter Dec 3rd – 9th, 2023; Winter weather plan.

Hazmat/Industry – Josh Langdon no longer with NC Emergency Management. Stefan Coutoulakis has taken his place. Stephon working on E-PLAN – Lat/Long correcting and other ideas associated with hazardous materials.

NC All-Hazards Sheltering Support Program – had big rollout. With the transition of a new manager, for information will be shared soon.

CRES is still in place. Keep working on local partnerships. Keep working on local plans.

H5N1 – bird season again. Had to put down millions of chickens and turkeys. Affected prices.

NCTERMS training classes – Brent. If don't have account contact Brent Fisher. Search function – issue with TERMS. Working on cleaning it up. Take a look at the calendar.

8. Agency/Industry Reports

▪ Salvation Army – Amelia Harper

Now at Hunter Hill Road location. If have any information to get out she is willing to host that. Has received additional equipment to update food capabilities – refrigerator/freezers.

▪ Nash Community College – Chief Sara Wiggins

Showcase next week. CET 3:30 – 6:30 pm next Tuesday – Business & Industry Center. CCP – High school students taking college classes - 11th and certain GPA high schoolers – trying to get information on that . WIN Academy w/ NCPS – working with March 10th. Partnering with NCPS to develop local workforce. Brent has info. April 3rd – 6th registration open. Drone course - Mike Varnell.

▪ NC Forestry Service – Seth Bauguess

Fully staffed locally; however severely understaffed overall.

- Rocky Mount Fire Department – Chief Tracey Drewery
Going through accreditation process now.
- Rocky Mount Fire Department – Chief Michael Roupp reported that Fire Chief Mercer is retiring. Chief Drewery will serve as interim Fire Chief.
- Civil Air Patrol/Raleigh CERT - Anthony Biondo, Jr. will be attending the National Hurricane Conference. Raleigh CERT actively working . Basic CERT course offered – Aug or September.
- Nash County Department of Social Services - Shea Neal
Preparing for the Public Health Emergencies Programs ending and some old started. A lot of upset people. Will be going back to the original amounts they are eligible for. Probably see an increase in applications.
- Town of Nashville - Randy Lansing
Nashville is working on a second fire station on the east side of Nashville on Oak Level Road. Hope to bid it middle of May with construction by August. Acquired a sign board. Chief Winstead picking up from Emerald Isle.

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9. Meeting adjourned.