

LEPC MEETING

AUGUST 28, 2020

Virtual Meeting called to order via Microsoft Teams by Brent Fisher

Welcome-Brent Fisher

Minutes from 2/28/2020 meeting were discussed. Peter Gilliland requested a change of the minutes to reflect. Motion to accept minutes with changes by Peter Gilliland and second by Stevie Cox. Minutes stand approved with changes.

Presentation Amanda Winans-24 hour Hours Ops Center, NC Emergency Management

Administrative announcements

- November 20, 2020-possibly a virtual meeting however more details to follow closer to date

Nash County Emergency Management Report by Brent Fisher

- Overview of LEPC's provided
- Shelter Update-Sheltering will look different this Hurricane Season. Congregate Sheltering is a last resort. Residents are encouraged to look for other options-hotels, friends and families. Screening and wellness check at check in and daily while in attendance at the shelter.
 - Nash County was used as a Welcome/Reception Center during Hurricane Isaias for Dare County residents. This is a new concept used during Hurricanes however not new to North Carolina EM as this is something that is used in planning for events around the nuclear facilities. Facility used to greet the evacuees and provide directions to a hotel or a shelter to provide a place out of the storm's path.
 - EMPG-S Grant funding used to purchase some privacy screens that can be utilized in shelter operations to help with social distancing.
- US Army 83rd Civil Affairs Battalion Fall 2020 Exercise is postponed due to COVID. We are looking forward to having them return and help Pre-plan additional Critical Infrastructure and facilities
- DPR 4 update-over \$407,000 in projects presented however only \$170,000 available for use for regional use projects.
 - Large Animal Rescue Trailer Nash County
 - Shelter Trailer-Edgecombe County
 - Side Scan Sonar Unit
 - Shelter Trailer-Halifax County
 - Light Towers
 - Bomb Squad enhancements-Durham County
- Nash, Edgecombe, Wilson Regional Hazard Mitigation Grant-Plan expired in August. Plan has been revised and updated by County and State awaiting the approval of the Federal Government for the next 5 years. Nash County Commissioners adopted the revised plan on August 3, 2020.
- NC Emergency Management Association Fall Conference-in person canceled a one (1) day Virtual Conference options being explored.

- September National Preparedness Month
 - Week 1-Make a Plan
 - Week 2-Build a Kit
 - Week 3-Prepare for Disasters
 - Week 4-Teach Youth About Preparedness
- US Army 249th Engineering Unit came to Nash County and performed Electrical Power assessments on County Facilities and Schools, This will help in the event that we need to request generator support at any of the identified facilities.

Nash County Public Health Update-Trey Wright

- Coronavirus-numbers updated around 4:00 PM Daily, MWF conference calls with local partners and media. Cluster reported at a local church.

Public Health Preparedness Coordinator Report-Trey Wright

- Dispensing Plan-COVID-19 vaccine in the testing phases. Potential Early Spring for mass dispensing in the POD format similar to the Flu Shot Vaccine dispensing utilized in the past by Nash County. SMS being reviewed and updated. Call down drill held in August for availability staff. Looking at Schools or Fire Stations being utilized for In and Out testing and/or dispensing for COVID and seasonal flu vaccines.

North Carolina Emergency Management Report-Robin Dail

Working to recover from COVID-19, Earthquakes, floods, Hurricanes and everything else 2020 has thrown in our direction in our state. Nash County hosted a Long term care facility PPE Distribution for Nash, Wilson, Edgecombe, Halifax and North Hampton.

- Josh Langdon NCEM-works with LEPC's and Tier II reporting. Thank you for what you are doing. 2020 ERG Books are coming at some point. Having logistical issues in distribution.

Agency/Industry Reports

- Dave Peterson-Trillium Health Resources-Hired 2 Disaster Response Coordinators recently.
- Peter Gilliland ARC,-include in exercises and operations for support
- Dr. Michele Bouchey-NC Department of Agriculture –Emergency Programs. Worked Virtual IMT for last storm.
- Bryant Fisher-Nash County 911-working to provide responder safety, updating database with COVID positive locations, and one (1) new hire employee in the 911 Center
- Chief Michael Peaks Williamston Fire RRT-1, Turnaround time for out the door responses has decreased due to NCEM 24 hour operations center. Thanks to Nash County for work with Suspicious Substance policy/guidance, new equipment for air monitoring has been received and is in service. RNC was smaller scale and RRT1 was not needed for response. Thanks to RMFD for member support of the RRT1 team.
- Cynthia Prichard-Nash County Public Schools- All learning remotely at this time. Schools will be closed on Wednesday for deep cleaning.
- Donnie Daniels, SE&M construction-contract with Banking industry to provide backup power during disasters, look forward to working with LEPC from the Private Sector

- David Jones ARC- they are responding remotely to disasters at this time to provide continued assistance to the requested needs.
- Liz Lord, Harrison Family YMCA, has been working on the local Feeding Coordinator for Nash County. Working with local partners and the school system to get meals into the community with less access to meals.
- Lieutenant Colonel Anthony Biondo-RM Squadron Civil Air Patrol-Unit has been active supporting COVID operations, participated in SAR for Missing female in the Western Part of the State, held a virtual celebration for 40 years of service.
- Christmas West-encouraging Flu shot for this season
- Mark Reavis- Nash County 911 dispatch Academy begins Sept 1st. Contact NCC for more information
- Mary Scott Anderson with United Way-working hard during COVID working distributing Emergency Grants for some locals, Fundraising Campaign is underway. United Way works to handle the donations management during disasters.
- Stevie Cox-Town of Sharpsburg-appreciates the daily updates, taking precautions in the work place. Town Hall closed to public and will continue to meet virtually at the present time.

Next Meeting November 20, 2020. Most likely a virtual meeting as well.

Please remember the 3 W's... Wash, Wear your face covering and Wait 6 feet

Virtual meeting adjured.