

Broome County  
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)  
**LEPC MEETING MINUTES**  
**2/20/2025**

- Call to Order 13:02 hrs.
- Introduction of guests/new members

Guests: Kaitlyn Lardeo and Mark Pellerito- Meteorologists with Binghamton National Weather Service Office.

New Member: Lisa Knewasser- Health and Safety Compliance Specialist at BOCES.

Attendees: In Person: Michael Bender, Gloryangeliz Lugo-Vazquez, Sierra Kunig, Archie Brace, Bill Miller, Mark Pellerito, Kaitlyn Lardeo Online: Tina Survilla, Pam Rexer, Ron Patti Cynthia McInerney, Lisa Knewasser, Garrick Henry, Mike Heide, Josh Phelps, Josh Nytych Steve Smith, Stephanie Brewer, Alexis Quinn, Dave Adler, Kim Saunders

- Approval of minutes 12/19/2024: Motion Ron Patti, 2<sup>nd</sup> Josh Nytych
- Correspondence /Announcements
  - a) **Training Notices:**
    - a. Further details on all courses listed above as well as **registration** can be found on the [DHSES Learning Management System \(LMS\)](#).
    - b. **Useful resources** including the DHSES LMS Student Guide and FAQ can be found on the [DHSES Webpage](#).
    - c. Threat Evaluation and Reporting Course (TERC) at the Broome County Health Department on April 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>

**b) Tier 2 Reports – Sunoco Retail (Crompco LLC)**  
TruGreen

**Old Business**

**1) Committee Updates:**

- **Health, Human and Animal Needs** – Meeting held on 1/16/2025

Mike Bender Reported Out:

- Monitoring 51N1- Seeing More Activity (Moderate Stage)
- Monkey Pox- There was a case, but it was a different strain than we have seen before.
- Wait Times at the Hospitals (Impacting the EMS System) Low Recourse
- Federal Funding was discussed and is a concern since it supports several programs.
- Bird Flu- (Madison County) Not many human transfers. (Health Department is Monitoring)
- Flu at the Hospitals- Good amount of Flu and Respiratory, Numbers are peaking. COVID-19 Numbers are very low compared to the Flu and RSV.
- **Drill Committee** – Meeting held on 1/30/2025.

Mike Bender Reported Out:

- BC Office of Emergency Services and BC Health Department will meet on February 25<sup>th</sup>.
- The LEPC Tabletop will be on June 12<sup>th</sup> 1:00-4:00 PM at the Broome County Health Department.
- Next Drill Committee Meeting is March 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM at the BC Health Department.
- Did not Report what the Exercise intel due to trying to keep that information internal so players don't know all the facts.
- We are hoping to do a functional drill next year, start with a tabletop this year and progress from there.

**2) Drills and Training Schedule 2025 – Updates and New Events**

- Asset Distribution Exercise – Health Dept/Emergency Services – **Pending**
- Lourdes: Medical Response and Surge Exercise on March 11<sup>th</sup> 2025 10:00-1:00 PM.
- Binghamton University EOC Functional Exercise on March 13<sup>th</sup> 2025.
- SUNY Broome Mock Disaster on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025.

**3) Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) - Program has still not been renewed.**

Voluntary Program, ChemLock, can be used in the interim. [ChemLock | CISA](#)

**New Business**

**4) 2025 LEPC PLANS**

**Committees:**

- **Public Safety (Inactive)**
- Health, Human, and Animal Needs
- **Infrastructure (Inactive)**
- Training/Exercises – Drills

**5) DRILL COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:**

- Tabletop Exercise on June 12, 2025 1:00-4:00 pm at the Broome County Health Department.
- Motor Vehicle Accident with Hazardous Materials in Snow Squall.

**6) REGULATORY UPDATES:**

- Effective January 15, OSHA terminated its COVID-19 in healthcare rulemaking. The agency says it will now focus on completing its Infectious Diseases rulemaking for healthcare, which will protect workers from occupational exposure to COVID-19, as well as other infectious diseases.
- **Tier 2 Reports Due March 1, 2025**
- E Plan Access: Credentials comes from the State.

**7) NYS Emergency Management Office Changes:**

- Regional Director (Region 4): Stephanie Chapin
- Southern Tier Zone Director: Search in Progress
- Southern Tier Zone Planner: Dave Adler
- Southern Tier Zone Coordinator: Search in Progress

Binghamton National Weather Service Presentation:

Weather Update Presented by Kaitlyn Lardeo and Mark Pellerito.

***Next Meeting April 17, 2025 at Public Safety Facility (and Virtual)***

***Committee Meetings March 20, 2025 - Health, Human and Animal Needs  
March 27, 2025 – Drill Committee 1:00pm***