

Broome County
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
LEPC MEETING Minutes
4/20/2023

- Meeting began at 13:03 hrs
- Introduction of guests/new members
In attendance: David Cartie, Michael Bender, Patrick Dewing, Garrick Henry, Mike Heide, Stephen Smith, Tom McCartney, Dave Adler, Josh Phelps, Cynthia McInerney, Donna Davis, Amy Fassold, Pam Rexer, Stephanie Brewer, Bill Miller.
- Approval of minutes 2/16/2023 (Motion Phelps, 2nd Henry, minutes approved)
- 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](#).*
 - b) Tier II Submittals (E-Plan Confirmations Received) – Were Due March 1
 - c) The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) will be hosting the 2023 Chemical Security Summit virtually and in-person from August 29-31, 2023, in Northern Virginia.

Old Business

1) **Committee Updates:**

- **Public Safety** – Would like to schedule first meeting for Thurs. 5/18/23
- **Health, Human and Animal Needs** – Meeting held on 3/16/23

Ongoing issues with stressed healthcare system. There are not enough places to discharge patients. This is causing a backup in the hospitals and spilling over into the EMS sector. There is not an anticipation of additional LTC (Long Term Care) beds. Alternate options are being investigated including Community Paramedicine which has Paramedics performing home visits for individuals who have been discharged from the hospital.

There continues to be a strain on the mental health system. There are multiple funding options but few staff to hire.

2) **Drills and Training Schedule 2023**

Spiedie Fest
Bridge Run
Dicks Open

Paradigm pipeline training 5/4/2023

Buckeye pipeline training/tabletop 5/11/2023 Vestal Station 4 9am-noon

Airport Tabletop 4/27/2023

3) **COVID 19/Flu/RSV Update**

Many of the states of emergency surrounding COVID are coming to an end. Unsure of the specific impacts but could change cost and availability of testing and treatment options.

Flu and RSV have not seen significant cases in the last couple months

New Business

4) 2023 Meetings:

- a. In Person Meetings will be resumed at Public Safety Building to be resumed **on JUNE 15 2023** – Meeting at 1:00 PM
- b. Legal Ad was placed and notice in italics on LEPC website and Facebook with Zoom link for virtual option***

5) 2023 LEPC PLANS

- a. Committees:
 - Public Safety
 - Health, Human, and Animal Needs
 - Infrastructure
 - Training/Exercises
- b. Recruit more local members with various areas of expertise.
- c. Update any plans that need to be worked on.

***Next Meeting June 15, 2023 at Public Safety Facility (and Virtual)
Committee Meetings - TBD***

Meeting adjourned at 13:26 hrs (motion Henry, 2nd Phelps)