

Broome County
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
LEPC MEETING MINUTES
4/18/2024

- Call to Order 13:05 hrs.
- Introduction of guests/new members
- Attendees: Pam Rexer, Michael Bender, Cortni Brienza, Kim Saunders, Garrick Henry, Michael Woytach, Stephanie Chapin, Ann Smith, Cait Cavanaugh, Sue Koza, Stephanie Brewer, Dave Tinklepaugh, Jessie Sullivan, Joshua Nytych.
- Approval of minutes 2/15/2024 Motion Stephanie, 2nd Saunders
- 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 reports received: Final count from E-Plan?**
 - Broome County Received 23 Plans. We will compare this to E-Plan.

Old Business

- 1) **Committee Updates:**
 - **Health, Human and Animal Needs** – Meeting held on 03/21/24
 - Report from Michael Bender- Hospitals are very busy still with the flu and other illnesses. Long-term Care is dealing with the same situation but has been handling it in house. EMS study is complete and the county is working on the next step. Garrick Henry at Lourdes has a new contact due to the change to Guthrie. Reach out for his email and phone number if needed. Department of Social Services is getting out of the code blue season which will help with the sheltering needs in our county.
- 2) **Drills and Training Schedule 2024**
 - Airshow for 2024: July 6th and 7th Blue Angels
 - March 14 Medical Response Surge Drill- Participating Agencies: Hospitals, Health Preparedness Coalition, Emergency Managers, EMS, Local Health Departments, Nursing Homes, State OEM.
 - April 8 – Total Eclipse- Not Very Eventful locally. I-81 was very busy, but the traffic was flowing.
 - Asset Distribution Exercise – Health Dept/Emergency Services- No Date currently.
 - June 13th Chemical Surge Tabletop (Department of Health)
 - Trainings:
 - NYS Emergency Management Certification & Training Academy Tier 3- 05/16/2024 in Chemung County.
 - Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents (I-300)- May 21, 23, 28, 30 6:00- 10:00 pm and June 1st 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.
- 3) **Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS)** authority was allowed to expire on July 28, 2023. ***The Program and compliance currently cannot be enforced by CISA (Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency) – Program has still not been renewed. Voluntary Program, ChemLock, can be used in the interim.***
- 4) On February 5, 2024, OSHA proposed a new Emergency Response Standard for firefighters, EMS providers, and technical search and rescuers. The [proposed Standard](#) would replace the Fire Brigade Standard (29 CFR 1910.156). **OSHA will accept public comments on the proposed rule until May 6, 2024.**
 - Pam sent this out in the meeting invite for all to have/read.

New Business

- 1) Cortnianne Brienza has replaced Joyce Collier as the Emergency Manager. *Vote in as new Secretary*
 - Motion Rexer, 2nd Bender
- 2) **Presentation: Ann Smith – NYS DOH HEPC Overview**
 - Ann Smith Contact Information: Ann.Smith@health.ny.gov
 - HEPC Members: Local Health Departments, hospitals, county emergency management, EMS, Health emergency preparedness training center, clinical advisor, healthcare association rep, healthcare facilities or providers, OES, Other partners; schools, universities, community-based organizations.
 - They have a Health Emergency Preparedness Training Center located at SUNY Upstate.
- 3) **2024 LEPC PLANS**
 - a. **Committees:**
 - Public Safety
 - Health, Human, and Animal Needs
 - Infrastructure
 - Training/Exercises – Drills – NEED TO PLAN RMP DRILL
- 4) **RMP Facilities must develop plans** for conducting Emergency Response Exercises by December 19, 2023. This consists of notification exercises, field exercises, and tabletop exercises.

Amrex Chemical has 3 RMP facilities
Binghamton Water Department? Endicott Water? (Pam will reach out to Endicott Water)
- 5) **Risk management Program: Safer Communities by Chemical Accident Prevention: NEW**
Final Rule effective February 27, 2024
 - Enhancing facility planning and preparedness efforts to strengthen emergency response by ensuring chemical release information is timely shared with local responders and a community notification system is in place to warn the community of any impending release.
 - Emphasizing the requirement for regulated facilities to evaluate risks of natural hazards and climate change, including any associated loss of power.
 - Increased transparency by providing access to RMP facility information for communities nearby.

Next Meeting June 20, 2024 at Public Safety Facility (and Virtual)

Committee Meetings May 16, 2024 (or alternate date as scheduled by committee)