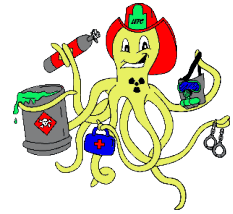


CARBON COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
(LEPC)
CARBON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
MINUTES OF THE January 11, 2023 MEETING



*PRESENT:	*ABSENT:	*GUEST(S):
Rodger Diehl	Mark Ebbert - excused	Kyle Horton, LVHN
Mark Lopata	Mary Farnschlager	
Amy Miller	Donna McGarry	
Robert Miller	Christopher Seyfried	
Mark Nalesnik	Karl Verren - excused	
Wayne Nothstein		
Shelley Snyder		
Scott Soden/Ryan Shelly		
Audrey Wargo		
Gary Williams		

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Robert Miller called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

***MINUTES:**

A motion to approve the November 09, 2022 minutes was made by Ms. Audrey Wargo and seconded by Mr. Scott Soden with all voting in favor.

***FINANCIAL REPORT:**

A motion to accept the Financial Report was made by Mr. Rodger Diehl and seconded by Ms. Amy Miller with all voting in favor.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Mr. Kyle Horton was introduced. He is the Emergency Management Contact for Lehigh Valley Health Network. Going forward, he will most likely be the one participating in these meetings.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Wayne Nothstein brought to the attention of the committee members that Ms. Donna McGarry, Palmerton Borough Manager's, retirement. He stated that we should find a person from a municipality to attend the meetings. If she remains on the LEPC committee, she would be changed to another group.

Commissioner Wayne Nothstein discussed that the new training center's ability to schedule classes. They are working on the final list of loose ends which require fixing. Some items can't be fixed in the winter and must wait until the spring. Operationally it should be open the end of March or beginning of April. It will not be open to burns immediately. Procedures for the burn rooms must be established. Any burns will require certified instructors and safety protocols which must be followed. There was one EMS training class held there which went very well. Emergency tactical shooter training was held as well and everyone liked it. The Harrisburg Community College was very impressed and they are planning to come back with their supervisor.

NOMINATING:

A motion to nominate the same current officers was made by Ms. Audrey Wargo and seconded by Mr. Scott Soden with all voting in favor.

BY LAWS:

There were no By-laws to update.

ORIENTATION:

There was no orientation to report.

OUTREACH:

Commissioner Nothstein discussed they are in the planning stages of the First Responder Expo which was held at the movie theater in Lehighton last year and the LEPC may want to participate this year. Mr. Scott Soden stated that they could bring a unit and participate.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment to report.

REPORTS & SOLUTIONS:

There were no reports and solutions to report.

PLANS REVIEW:

Mr. Mark Nalesnik stated that we are in the process of sending out the letters to the facilities for updates.

TRAINING:

Mr. Mark Nalesnik gave the training update. There is a Hazmat Annual Refresher on January 21, 2023. There is also a Hazmat Awareness class on January 30, 2023. There is a CERT program which will be running at EMA on February 11 – 12, 2023. There are currently eight people signed up for CERT. The Carbon County Firemen's Association (CCFA) booked a training at the new training facility for April 1, 2023. On October 4 - 5, 2023 there will be a Continuity Planning course at EMA. The second part of that training, Continuity Management will be held November 2 – 3, 2023. PEMA has given approval through the HMEP grant to run a Transcaer exercise. The exercise is scheduled for Monday, May 20, 2023 at the Nesquehoning Fire Company

HAZMAT INCIDENT(S):

Mr. Mark Nalesnik gave updates on incidents in the county. On December 3, 2022 in the Weatherly Borough there was diesel fuel from a garage and the valve broke off the tank the diesel fuel was being stored in and the fuel leaked out and onto the other side of the road and down on the property. In East Penn Township on December 6, 2022 there was a dump truck that slid on black ice. Saddle tanks were compromised. On the turnpike there was a 5-gallon diesel fuel spill by Lake Harmony and the concern that it went into a storm drain. It was handled by National Response Center and DEP. On December 31, 2022 in Lansford a family was going through some old boxes in the basement and 6 grenades were discovered in one of the boxes. The Allentown Bomb Team was called to pick them up. On January 4, 2023 there was a tractor trailer that missed the runoff and went down the bank towards the railroad. Saddle tanks were ruptured.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Scott Soden and seconded by Ms. Audrey Wargo with all voting in favor.

NEXT MEETING:

2023 meeting dates were posted in the Times News in November 22, 2022..

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Nalesnik