

## Niagara County LEPC Minutes

Wednesday, October 12, 2022

Public Safety Training Facility – Lockport, NY

### **Call to Order**

Tim Balunis began the meeting by leading the pledge to the flag at 9:07 am, followed with reading of the mission statement. A motion was made from Mike Seibel to accept the June 8, 2022 meeting minutes and second by Rob Meyer. All present approved.

### **Updates and Reports**

Tim Balunis – Tim began meeting by asking the group to share any updates within their organizations since we last met.

Mike Seibel – RACES. Verizon has been using portable cell towers in Florida after disaster which is a big improvement for emergency services. Tim Balunis asked if there are portable cell towers pre-placed in Niagara County. Tim unsure if there are any. Catrina Gray from 107<sup>th</sup> stated the National Guard has some portable towers at the base. Catrina will send email with specs to Bill Perry for Mike Seibel.

Rob Meyer – Olin Corp. RMP audit completed. Nothing to report

Tom Liptak – Moog, Inc. Company will be constructing new buildings at facility.

Tracy Fricano Chalmers – NCDOH. Dept of Health is still running at least 1 clinic a week for Covid boosters. Currently, Bivalent booster is for ages 12 & up. Unlike Erie County, Niagara County also has the Novavax vaccine available. Niagara County is lower than the state average for Covid vaccinations in the following age ranges: 6 months-5 years, 5-11 and 12-17.

Flu shots are also available at their clinics. The state has declared that the flu is already in widespread transmission in our area, the earliest in 14 years. State recommends getting flu shot early this year.

Dept of Health will be getting the Medical Rescue Corp back up and running. Will be reaching out for volunteers.

Marc Gschwend – National Grid. With the possibility of snow and ice next week, there could be an issue with leaves still on the trees. National Grid is monitoring. Tim asked if Marc would like to make a presentation at the next meeting. Marc agreed to prepare a presentation.

Catrina Gray – 107th. Current focus is on the deployed mission. Introduced new member of their Emergency Management team, Vincenza Costanzo.

Tim Kornacki – Kaleida Health. At Degraff, they are moving location of amateur radio and antenna. Radio moving from 3<sup>rd</sup> floor to security office of off ED. Also have ordered a new radio. Kaleida participated in mass casualty exercise on August 27 that was at Buffalo Niagara International Airport. Offered to help National Guard in future with any training exercise. Also introduced new member of their Emergency Management team, Ryan Hejmanowski.

Tim Bathory – Oxy. No chemicals manufactured at the site anymore. All materials removed. Manufacturing is permanently shut down. Currently have 9 employees as Glen Spring Holdings. Demolition and renovation currently occurring at site.

Michael Emery from DEC will have a presentation at the meeting in December.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 am. Next meeting will be on December 14, 2022.

Attendance:

Balunis, Tim	Bathory, Tim
Costanzo, Vincenza	Fricano Chalmers, Tracy
Sgt. Gray, Catrina	Gschwend, Marc
Hejmanowski, Ryan	Kornacki, Tim
Liptak, Tom	MacFarlane, Lara
Meyer, Rob	Perry, William
Seibel, Michael	Wojcik, Bob
Dimmick, Clayton - Excused	Emery, Michael – Excused
Garrow, Walt - Excused	Kelly, John – Excused
Kennerson, Richard - Excused	Maybee, Peter – Excused
Militello, Maralyn - Excused	Moguel, Kathy – Excused
Myers, Les - Excused	PhD Gerber, Nicole – Excused
Sikora, Joseph - Excused	