

Niagara County LEPC Minutes

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

Public Safety Training Facility – Lockport, NY

Call to Order

Tim Balunis is away on vacation so Kevin Hodgson, vice chair, began the meeting by leading the pledge to the flag at 9:02 am, followed with reading of the mission statement. A motion was made from Mike Seibel to accept the August 9th, 2023 meeting minute. All present approved, motion carried.

Presentation

None

Notifications and Updates

Sandra Miller – Avantor. Just completed their annual Haz-Mat training for awareness level. Next week they have Active Shooter training with Captain Huff and NCSO. Also next week is a Haz-Mat drill scheduled with Bergholz and Sanborn fire companies with assistance from Air Base and NC Haz-Mat.

Matt Martin – Moog. Moog's new Propellant Storage Building commissioning ran into contamination issues (metals) and will need to be cleaned and recommissioned over the next few months. We are planning an LEPC/Emergency Responder Tour and Exercise later this year or early next year and are coordinating with those agencies to set up a date/time. Lastly, we would like to remind those who have access to E-Plan that our Comprehensive Emergency Action Plan (CEAP) can be viewed as an attachment to the E-Plan Database. Any revisions to emergency response procedures for the facility and processes (this includes the new Propellant Storage Building), would be located in this CEAP. Please reach out to us if you have any further questions.

Kevin Hodgson – NC Haz-Mat. The Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standard expired in July of 2023. ICS 100 and IS 700 FEMA training is available online and free.

Kathy Moguel – Durez. Reviewing their procedures with outside set of eyes. Question is how to transport injured workers. Durez would drive them. Should they always use an ambulance? Kevin Hodgson and Jonathan Schultz recommended speaking with their corporate RISK department to see what policy they recommend. Durez also updated their PA system and will be tested this weekend.

Mike Emery – DEC. DEC and EPA hired a contractor to fly over Erie and Niagara Counties to perform a radiological survey during October. This is to update from last survey performed in

the 1980's. Marc Gschwend asked if survey data will be made available to the public. Mike is unsure if it will be made public, will take a couple of years to review all the data.

Jonathan Schultz – NCES. Meetings are ongoing for the eclipse next year. Ambulance struggle is not just a Niagara County problem, it is a national problem. Volunteerism is decreasing. Erie County has started their ambulance service. Niagara County is still moving forward with our ambulance service. Lockport Hospital is now open. Winter prep is underway in Niagara County. Emergency Services department purchased MREs as well as additional tracked vehicles. Rob Meyer stated Olin is working on winter plan to help with winter weather emergencies for staff. Looking into gulf coast divisions to use Hurricane preparedness plans up here for food and staffing. Download the Prepare Niagara app, used by Emergency Services. Offers emergency notifications and can upload info and pictures after disasters. Question was asked if the LEPC can be added to lamResponding. John states it is a good idea, would need to wait until possibly next year due to it being a grant funded project. Will look into it.

Report of the Chairperson

None

Report of the Emergency Manager

None

Report of the Vice Chair

None

Old Business

Walt Garrow. Can we get a speaker in to review and provide a presentation on the new Rail Car safety? Kevin will see if there is anyone to contact.

New Business

The Niagara County Public Safety building is unavailable for the December meeting. Sean Costello offered the Niagara Falls Water Board Water Treatment Plant's conference room for the December meeting. All are in favor of the location change for December. Sean will also try to arrange a brief tour of the water treatment plant.

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None

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:38 am. Next meeting will be on December 13, 2023. Location will be at Niagara Falls Water Board’s Water Treatment Plant Conference Room, 5815 Buffalo Avenue, Niagara Falls, NY 14304.

Attendance:

Bridgette Baldwin	Mark Banks
Sean Costello	Sal D’Angelo
Michael Emery	Jacqueline Gambale
Walt Garrow	Katie Godlove
Sgt. Catrina Gray	Marc Gschwend
Kevin Hodgson	Gregory Kulka
Tom Liptak	Matt Martin
Peter Maybee	Harry Meyer
Rob Meyer	Sandra Miller
Kathy Moguel	Dan Oswald
Megan Peine	William Perry
Jonathan Schultz	Michael Seibel
Bob Wojcik	Rick Ziff
Tim Balunis - Excused	Chris Banach – Excused
Laura Dewey - Excused	Clayton Dimmick – Excused
Joe Pedulla – Excused	Joseph Sikora – Excused