

Niagara County LEPC Minutes
Wednesday, February 14, 2024
Niagara County PSTF- Lockport, NY

Call to Order

Vice Chair Kevin Hodgson called the meeting to order at 9:03am with a motion to accept the December 13th, 2023 meeting minutes, the pledge and letting everyone know that Tim Balunis would not be present today. Introductions followed.

Presentation

None

Notifications and Updates

Kevin Hodgson- NC HazMat. There were a few members that were going to look at our bylaws versus Monroe County's to see if they need to be updated, don't believe they've been updated since 1995. Walt Garrow, one of the members to review them, states that they are substantially the same and don't see an impending need to change, with one caveat. One of the areas is how members are ratified, ours is that members are ratified through the Office of the County Legislators, especially officers. We had a meeting with you (Kevin Hodgson) and Tim (Balunis) about the checklist of what LEPC's do and we should take a closer look at our responsibilities and checklists before changing text because it may inspire new paragraphs for the bylaws.

Report of the Chairperson

None

Report of the Emergency Manager

None

Report of the Vice Chair

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Walt Garrow, CHMM- Noticed a Region 2 LEPC Auditor on the distribution list, should consider having him come in for presentation on rolls and responsibilities of the LEPC. Kevin Hodgson states we should ask Jonathan about inviting the auditor in for a presentation. Also a reminder of the upcoming Western New York Safety Conference on April 19th and 20th, details on their website. Will be held at the Seneca Event Center, the old HSBC Building.

Kathy Moguel, Durez- Wondering if there is advice for Tier 2 in the county. In 2015/2016 EPA upped the regulations to use the GHS Hazard Ratings for raw materials, and wants to have someone to check that it was updated corrected.

Francisco Meza Aguero, NC Health Dept- Continue working with Western New York Health and Emergency Preparedness Coalition for Solar Eclipse Planning. The Niagara County Health Department will be taking the Baby Changing/Feeding Station to Gratwick Park for the Eclipse. Also completed Stop the Bleed Training on January 10th, and the COVID 19 clinics continue. CDC states changes to the guidelines. Working with local hospitals to update Chempak plan for new hospital to use Eastern Niagara Hospital’s box. All hospitals are covered.

Emily Hughlett, Coast Guard- Will have an ICP set up at their sector for the Eclipse in case of emergency.

Peter Maybee, Seneca Casino- 1500 people expected at 3rd Street for an eclipse event.

Good of the Order

None

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:25am. Next meeting will be on April 10th, 2024. Location will be at Niagara County PSTF, 5574 Niagara Street Ext. Lockport, NY.

Attendance:

Chris Banach	Mark Banks
Chelsea Collett	Sean Costello
Sal D’Angelo	Clayton Dimmick
Walt Garrow	Kevin Hodgson
Emily Hughlett	Gregory Kulka
Peter Maybee	Rob Meyer
Francisco Meza Aguero	Sandra Miller
Kathy Moguel	Robert Poczalski
Mike Seibel	Mike Serach
Lauren Serencsics	Bob Wojcik
Vincenza Costanzo-excused	Michael Emery- Excused
David Godfrey-excused	Sgt. Catrina Gray-excused
Harry Meyer- excused	Joseph Sikora-excused
Dan Skelly-excused	John Waszak-excused

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