

Carroll County Disaster Preparedness Group/Local Emergency Planning Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 2, 2023

In attendance: Douglas Brown (DPW); Connie Dellospedale (CCHD); Valerie Hawkins (CC Emergency Management); Jacob Hill (CC Emergency Management); Richard Koons (CCVESA); Kathy Lowe (CCHD); Richard Ottone (DCS); Wyatt Peters (CC Emergency Management); Dir. Michael Robinson (DFEMS); Larry Solarczyk (RACES); Cheryl Webb (CCHD); Grant Yost (CC Emergency Management)

Meeting was called to order by Valerie Hawkins at 1:00 p.m. Attendees were welcomed. Quorum was met; therefore, Douglas Brown made a motion to approve the May 3rd LEPC meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Richard Koons and the minutes were voted to be approved unanimously.

LEPC Discussion

- Recording Secretary Position remains VACANT.
- LEPC Bylaws will need to be updated soon.
 - Will reach out to LEPC membership for assistance.
- Training Opportunities:
 - Office for Bombing Prevention (OBP) is offering two sessions of the Surveillance Detection Principles (SDP) course on Thursday, August 10, 2023, at 8:00 AM ET and Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at 1:00 PM ET.
- Working to update CAD with updated Tier II reports.

Emergency Management Report:

- Storm came through Friday evening.
 - Extreme Heat was a concern.
 - Relief Centers were activated, with increased utilization.
 - Work with BGE and DPW regarding restoration of power. Electrical Power Medical Equipment.
- Functional Exercise for Active Assailant was held last Tuesday.
 - Logistics and Organization was successful.
 - A lot of lessons learned.
 - Will work on AAR over the next few weeks.
- StormReady Renewal underway.
- Special Events Data Call is underway.
- Broadband Survey underway.
- Planning efforts have ramped back up following the HMP adoption. The planning efforts will resume for the following:
 - Emergency Operation Plan
 - Coordinating Functions were sent out to primary.
 - HERC
 - Gathering signatures
 - Added revised language and focused on plan activation/triggers with stakeholders.
 - Hazardous Materials Response Plan
 - Amtrak TTX Harford
 - Mass Care and Sheltering Plan (hoping to finalize soon)
 - Food and Water Emergency Response Plan (hoping to finalize soon).
 - A planning meeting will be scheduled soon to address ideas/questions from the recent regional TTX.
 - Disaster Housing Annex
 - The Local Radiological Ingestion Plan (due for revision this year)
 - Meetings with
 - 5 R's sent out for review

MDEM Report:

- Fire Retention and Recruitment survey will be sent out soon to jurisdictions.
- Maryland Department of Budget and Management approved reorganizations.
- Will create Hazard Mitigation liaisons for each region.
- Harford County hired new EM planner.
- Announced that Jay Wallace was appointed Fire Chief in Baltimore City.

BMC:

- RCPGP – FEMA visit
- Submitted FY '23 to study movement of hazardous material moving around and identify
- THIRA-SPR kicking off in two weeks.
 - August 14 – 18th in person training
- Sept 28 UASI General Session will be held in Carroll County.

Agency/Facility Updates:

CCHD:

- Continue to work to update plans, procedures, training, and exercise program, etc.
- Mobile Health Unit to be received later this month.
- Updating Plans
- Working with BMC on public health committee
- Staffing Vax clinics as needed.
- CCPL test kits still available as needed.

CCVESA:

- Reported that Carnival Season for Volunteer Fire Companies will begin soon.
 - Be aware of an increase in crowds/parades and traffic.

DCS:

- Reported an increase in the number of people struggling with the SNAP benefits decrease.
 - Increasing congregate meals at Senior Centers.
- Senior Centers operated cooling centers.
- Seniors on the Go Expo is scheduled for September 13 at Ag Center.

DFMES:

- Waiting on additional vehicles
 - High acuity patient calls will be guaranteed 2 ALS providers to respond.
 - 24/7 shift commander
- Hiring:
 - Conducting interviews for Assistant Chief, Training, Health, and Safety
 - Hiring Civilian Quartermaster and Data analyst.
- 2nd billing specialist for EMS calls increase 10 million will be eligible for Medicaid Windfall money.

Communications Office

- September is National Preparedness Month.
- Have identified an increase in press coverage for press release.

RACES

- Red Cross Radio drill was held on June 17th.
- September 16 will hold another Drill.
- Working with Springfield Hospital to identify location.

WPD:

- Hired a new Deputy Chief
 - Special Events Expertise
- McDaniel Freshman will report to campus on August 4th.

Other:

- Next DPG/LEPC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 1, 2023.