

Penobscot County Local Emergency Planning Committee
Location: St. Joseph Hospital/St. Francis Building, Center St. Bangor
1/19/16 Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Michelle Tanguay, Denise Molinaro, Rich Okulski, Barry Bedaw, Harry Burrill, Gary Whittington, Carolyn Hamm, Eric MacDonald, Lonnie Bean, Jen Sullivan, Danielle Hardre', Shannon Jennings, Ralph Cammack, Chandler Corriveau, Lisa Sherman, Gail McKeige, Kathy Knight, Norma Griffiths, Daisy Mueller, Paul Nichols, Jonathan Roebuck, Greg Urban, Jon Prentiss, Rick Fowler.

Eric opened the meeting welcoming everyone and introductions were made around the room.

Members' updates

- Eric - staff continue to attend ICS training. The guard will be participating in a national full scale multi scenario, hazmat, natural disaster and an air incident, exercise in Wisconsin later this year. Eric and selected staff will be attending HazMat training in Hawaii. Additional training, DHS Planner "Train the Trainer" in Washington DC.
- Carol - Galt Block has completed its Emergency plan.
- Norma - Travels New England educating locals on railway safety and response.
- Michelle - Penobscot County EMA is working with Levant Fire developing a wildfire exercise for this spring. Levant has 30 acres available to use as a controlled burn. EMA will be reaching out to BIA to start as they are due in May for a functional exercise. More to come on both exercises mentioned as they develop.
- Jen - St. Joe's held an active shooter drill it went well. Most recently the Joint Commission reviewed hospital policies and practices they fared well. Some policies will be revised. Jen continues to look at developing table top exercises and training drills for hospital staff.
- Danielle - ARC is working on increasing community training and education on opening their local shelters.
- Rick - Pan Am Railroad police. Rick states he is the only officer covering the State of Maine for Pan Am. He protects their assets, reports injuries and deals with traffic violators.
- Rich - National Weather Service states there aren't any significant storms in our near future. So far all indicators show we will continue to enjoy a very mild winter. As a result of the mild temperatures ice jams have been a minor issue.
- Shannon - UMO continues to work on its Family Crisis Center. Currently the focus is on its substantiality.
- Paul - recently attended FEMA radiation awareness training. Paul is now a certified trainer. He learned at the training, if there were a radiation incident patients would be transported from the scene without being decontaminated first. Receiving staff are expected to decontaminate patients.
- Ralph - The firefighter intern program is going well. More area departments are participating since the inception of the program. The students can be trained in firefighter 1 & 2, and EMT basic. The program does offer a 4 year Paramedicine program as well.
- Kathy - upcoming trainings and exercises; April 1st aid psych training. TBD Critical Incident Stress Management Training to be held in Augusta/Lewiston area. Active Shooter exercise this May at EMMC. Zombie Apocalypse Part 2 (pandemic) training is being developed. Nine (9) counties are participating, including, law, fire, EMS, CDC, MEMA and hospitals. More details to come as they develop.
- Grey - VA staff are working on their HVA and they are updating their EOP. Recently they have become members of the National Health Association EM Committee.

Presenters:

Daisy Mueller of FirstNetME gave a very informative presentation on the FirstNetME program. FirstNetME is a statewide program developed to prepare Maine for the design, deployment and operations of the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN), dedicated high-speed wireless broadband network for Public Safety. FirstNetME determines state network coverage and user requirements, and is tasked with developing a state network plan based on these requirements. FMI go to www.firstnet.gov.

Norma Griffith, Crossing & Trespassing Regional Manager for the Federal Railroad Administration, Region 1 (VT, ME, NH, MA, RI, CT, NY, NJ,) shared the *Rail Safety for Law Enforcement video*. Norma's job entails educating the public and industries in Grade Crossing and Trespasser Safety Promotion, and works with communities on Quiet Zone Development and related support. FMI: norma.griffiths@dot.gov

New Business

- Vote on new committee members:
 - Michelle asked if there were any volunteers who would like to serve LEPC committee. Jen Sullivan volunteered to chair, Eric MacDonald made a motion to nominate Jen Sullivan as Chair, Ralph seconded the motion, and all were in favor.
 - Kathy Knight volunteered to co-chair, Jen made a motion to nominated Kathy Knight as co-chair, Eric seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

- Vote on two new membership applications:
 - Eric presented two new membership applications for a vote.
 - Daisy Mueller, Senior Analyst/FirstNetME, consultant for Sewall Company. Kathy motioned accept Daisy Mueller as a new member, Norma second the motion, and all were in favor.
 - Paul Nichols of ME DEP, HazMat Technician. Shannon motioned to accept Paul Nichols membership as the DEP representative, replacing Robert Shannon, Michelle second the motion, and all were in favor.

- Eric thanked everyone for attending.
- The meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm.

- Lifeflight of Bangor has offered to host our next LEPC meeting scheduled March 17th, (3rd Thursday) 2016 at 12:30 located at 189 Odlin Rd. Bangor, (bear right toward Hangar 600 area).