

Penobscot County Local Emergency Planning Committee

Location: Lifeflight Odlin Road, Bangor

3/17/16 Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Jen Sullivan, Denise Molinaro, Gayle McKeige, Lisa Sherman, Nick Montmurro, Paul Nichols, Tom Higgins, Daisy Mueller, Norma Jean Griffith, Michael White, Tom Capraro, Carolyn Hamm, Henry Burrill, Andrew Whitehouse, William Sheehan, Mark Hathaway, Dan Stewart, David Farrar, Gary Whittington, Brent Melvin, Ralph Cammack, Jonathan Roebuck, Greg Urban.

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

Presenters:

Norma Jean Griffiths - Crossing & Trespassing Regional Manager, Federal Railroad Administration, presented Officers David Farrar, of Bangor PD; Dan Stewart, of Hampden PD, and Ryan Fitch of PCSO; with certificates of appreciation recognizing the officers for their participation in the making of the Federal Railroad Administration's videos "In The Spotlight". The videos can be found at FRA's homepage <https://www.fra.dot.gov>; under "In the Spotlight". The direct links to the videos are: Law Enforcement <https://youtu.be/EVyjeCOI2as>; and 911 Dispatchers <https://youtu.be/S79UYj2xlZQ>.

Norma stated, "I cannot express enough how proud I am of our Officers from Penobscot County who have represented Maine and Penobscot County as well as Law Enforcement in general in these national training videos." There will be further videos to come from the footage shot and the Rail Safety for Emergency Responders video will be posted on the website within the next 10 days. The Grade Crossing Collision Investigation video is in the process of being made, and we are hopeful that it will be finished by the end of the year. These videos will be used in the US for many years to come.

JR Roebuck - Lifeflight of Maine, Remote Access & Landing Zone Coordinator, shared a PowerPoint on the Lifeflight program and gave tour of the facility.

Services the Lifeflight of Maine program offers:

- ✓ The Human Patient Simulator program, owned by Maine EMS and operated by LifeFlight of Maine, travels across the state, bringing advanced medical education directly to rural communities in Maine.
- ✓ Aviation Infrastructure, When LifeFlight began in 1998, there were only two hospital helipads in the state, no hangars and extremely limited facilities such as fuel, weather and instrument approaches at rural community airports. LifeFlight's effort to develop a state-of-the-art aviation infrastructure was gaining legislative and voter support for a \$3 million bond package in 2003. Subsequent state funding has supported the purchase & installation of Weather stations at community airports and rural communities.
- ✓ Critical Care, Our crew brings lifesaving equipment and expertise to emergency scenes and community hospitals throughout the state. LifeFlight complements and supports the work of local physicians, mid-level providers, nurses and local emergency medical services (EMS) in caring for the critically ill and injured.

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Lifeflight continued...

- ✓ Developing a Landing Zone, when landing at unprotected landing zones on the sides of highways, fields, or clearings in the woods, safety is paramount. LifeFlight has developed resources and training programs to assist EMS and public safety agencies in establishing scene landing zones.

The Fleet:

Fixed Wing Airplane

- ✓ LifeFlight's fixed wing airplane is a Beechcraft King Air B200 which provides greater speed and efficiency over long distances, and has improved all weather capability (it can climb through freezing rain and fog).

Helicopters:

- ✓ LifeFlight of Maine operates two twin-engine Agusta 109E helicopters purchased new in January 2005. These helicopters travel at an average speed of 165 mph, making the trip from Bangor to Caribou in less than an hour.

One helicopter, based in Lewiston at Central Maine Medical Center, has been configured to accommodate 3 crew members and 2 patients. The other helicopter, based at Eastern Maine Medical Center, can carry 3 crew members and 1 patient and has an additional fuel tank to accommodate longer trips from Fort Kent to Boston.

Ambulances and special equipment are also an important part of the Lifeflight of Maine Fleet. FMI visit their webpage at <http://www.lifeflightmaine.org>.

Jen thanked everyone for attending.

- The meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Our next LEPC meeting is scheduled for May 19th, location TBD.