

Penobscot County Local Emergency Planning Committee
Location: EMMC EMHS Center for Emergency Preparedness
797 Wilson St, Suite 3, Brewer, ME
4/19/18 Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Chad LaBree, Denise Molinaro, Kathy Knight, Luc Marquis, Lisa Sherman, Myron Peakall, Jonathon Roebuck, and Robert Gardner.

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

Tier II Report Out - Denise reported out on the county's Tier II reporting facilities as of today. The county has a total of 255 facilities that have reported, 64 are classified as EHS, of which only one has Off Site Consequences. We are still awaiting 2 facility reports; Robert has notified that them they are overdue.

LEPC Budget - Secretary Report given: LEPC finances show a balance of \$8,167.93

HazMat Ops/Ops Refresher TRNG - Since 8/2017 thirteen departments and just under 400 staff across the county have been trained in HazMat Ops and/or Ops Refresher classes. We average about 24 students per class, at an average cost of \$2,400 per class.

Exercise Facility Plan Strategy - Chad stated he'd like to see the committee develop a plan where we reach out to EHS facilities and offer to assist them in reviewing their EOPs. Facilities with the aid of the LEPC are required to review and/or exercise their plans annually. The requirement is for a tabletop exercise at minimum. After discussion, Chad will reach out and see about a facility tabletop exercise for a future meeting.

Shelter In Place - Robert raised the issue of educating neighboring facilities about how to prepare to shelter in place. Denise will compile material on sheltering in place and bring them to next meeting.

Member's Updates:

MEANG – Luc Marquis stated that the ANG has revised their mutual aid agreement with the Orono RRT. Air Guard HazMat team members are required to be All Hazard Tech Certified. Two new EM personnel have been assigned to the Bangor unit. The unit has received a new Swipe Test Device, which assists in detecting chemicals. Training on the new equipment will be scheduled. The ANG also has a new LRAD loud speaker system. The Long Range Acoustic Device (LRAD) is an acoustic hailing device developed by LRAD Corporation to send messages and warning tones over longer distances or at higher volume than normal loudspeakers. LRAD systems are used for long range communications in a variety of applications including as a means of non-lethal, non-kinetic crowd control. They have been called "sonic weapons".

Lifelight – Jr stated that Lifelight is in its 2nd full year at the Sanford base and the number of runs are picking up. Lifelight is rivaling Lewiston in call volume. Life Flight has been working with The Professional Logging Contractors Group developing safety plans and reviewing landing sites in their regions.

Veterans Home – Myron stated that he participated in a VA survey covering every aspect of the business and is developing a policy on how to manage an aggressive or violent intruder. Myron turned in their facility's disaster plan for the County EMA to keep as part of their files.

Northeastern Maine Healthcare Coalition- Kathy stated that she is holding a tabletop exercise on May 2nd at 8:30 -4:30 at Jeff's Catering in Brewer. There was confusion where a cancellation went out in error but the exercise is still a go!! This exercise will meet CMS's standard for community based TTX. Contact Kathy for more information.

Kathy commented that she (and her staff) has a prior commitment to facilitate an Active Shooter TTX in Calais on May 10, 2018 and therefore, is unable to attend the BIA TTX this year. Dr. Saquet, EMMC, will attend for the hospital.

EMMC will be conducting a TTX this fall involving the crash of a LOM helicopter on the helipad at EMMC. This exercise will be the first in a series of three exercises and will be followed by a Functional TTX in the spring and a FSE in the fall of 2019. More to come as it develops. Final note; EMMC - Ebola Assessment Hospital Contract with MeCDC will be completed and signed by the end of May 2018.

PRCC- Chad stated that PRCC will become the Public Safety Answering Point for the City of Bangor. As part of the transition, PRCC will first start by taking landline 9-1-1 calls at the end of May followed by cell phone and VoIP 9-1-1 calls by mid-June. Bangor will maintain their own dispatch center for Police, Fire and EMS for all calls for service.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Next Meeting July 19th, 9 a.m.
Location to be determined.