



Penobscot County – Local Emergency Planning Committee

97 Hammond Street, Bangor, ME. 04401

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LEPC Meeting

January 21, 2021

NEXT MEETING APRIL 22, 2021

Attending:

- Scott Luciano LEPC
- Bradley Nuding Penobscot Emergency Management Agency
- Lisa Burton University of Maine System
- Paul Smith Holden Fire/LT
- Eric Tourtillotte Brewer Fire/DC
- Paul Nichols DEP/Hazmat
- Oscar Gerry PanAm Railway
- Bob Gross Dorathea Dix Center
- Logan McDonald VERSANT Power
- Lara Bailey Enbridge / Northeast Pipeline
- Rick Petrie Atlantic Partners EMS
- Greg Urban ME Veterans Home
- Eric Pelletier Bangor Fire/DC
- Jess Fabrikant Northern Light Health

Updates:

1. Penobscot County EMA/Bradley Nuding

1. There is an offer out for the Deputy Director position, anticipating the position will be filled soon.
2. The LEPC money has been spent in part on 5 HazMat trainings within the county
3. The SERC received an LEPC update presentation by Scott Luciano at their last meeting
4. Orono/Veazie Water District are updating their AIWA emergency plan and working with area contacts to assess hazards.
5. The LEPC Hazardous Materials Incident Emergency Operations Plan has been sent out to LEPC members to review.
 - a. Please send any feedback to Scott Luciano sluciano@penobscot-county.net by Monday, February 1, 2021.

2. Holden Fire/LT Paul Smith

1. Holden FD continues to work the ongoing demands of COVID.
2. Planning for an extended Wildland season due to this winter's weather
3. Competed Ice Water Rescue training
4. Department has had a good response vaccinations
5. Ongoing community contact from people who are without internet access or capabilities to register for vaccinations. Looking for guidance on how to direct community members when they reach out for help.
6. Bradley offered the following site for resources:
<http://www.maine.gov/covid19/vaccines/vaccination-sites>



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3. DEP/Paul Nichols
 1. DEP has responded to 2 potential HazMat incidents:
 - a. VERSANT for a package with black powder (coal dust?)
 - b. Pittsfield HazWaste truck accident in Pittsfield, 1 leaking drum exited vehicle, 3 drums were overpacked at the incident.
4. Bangor Fire/DC Eric Pelletier
 1. COVID vaccinations have occurred for department members
 2. Round 2 for vaccinations has been scheduled
5. Dorathea Dix Center/Bob Gross
 1. The center is focusing on patient safety, keeping COVID out of the center.
6. PanAm Railway/OscarGerry
 1. No HazMat incidents to report.
7. University of Maine System/Lisa Burton
 1. The University will begin testing of all onsite employees and students Feb 1. 1x per week for the spring semester.
 2. Facilities Maintenance and Safety Management personnel are working with Orono/Veazie Water District contractor to help identify and hazards to the wells that the University might be aware of.
8. M&N/Lara Bailey
 1. No HazMat incidents
9. Atlantic Partners EMS/Rick Petrie
 1. Continues to work to facilitate COVID agency vaccinations
 2. Reports 1 shipment of vaccines were unable to be use and had to be replaced.
 3. Indicates they are hearing of the struggle to support the 1A Tier and supply and work to prioritize patient care workers.
 - a. Notes family members of public safety personnel are not allowed to be vaccinated at this time per the CDC.
 - b. Continues to assist and try to mitigate when COVID outbreaks occur
 - c. Currently running EMS training with Free EMT classes with grant money.
10. Maine Veteran Home/Greg Urban
 1. Weekly Testing Continues
 2. 1 vaccine clinic has been completed with 90% of residents vaccinated and 70% of staff
 3. There was a large educational campaign around vaccination to encourage participation
 4. The Home continues to work in crisis mode due to limited N95 availability
 - a. Options for alternative respirators were offered



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11. Bangor Fire/DC Eric Pelletier

1. First round vaccinations have already been offered throughout the Newport/Millinocket areas
2. Second round vaccinations begin next week

12. Northern Light Health/Jess Fabrikant

1. Focus continues on preparing for mass vaccinations
2. Employee vaccination continues
3. Working with PEMA, Bangor Fire and others at the Cross Center for a vaccination site

13. Versant Power/Logan McDonald

1. Protocols in place are working as planned, no further updates

14. LEPC/Scott Luciano

1. Tier II reporting is upcoming
2. New software is available for the reporting and should be used for submissions
3. Reminder to confirm contacts in reports so they are current
4. Reminder to review the LEPC HazMat plan
5. Recruitment remains active and two areas in particular need representation:
 - a. Media partner
 - b. Elected Official
6. Outreach and Training
 - a. Lincoln Water District will have a virtual tabletop, planning for Fall 2021
 - b. Baxter State Park has requested ICS training, other ICS training remains on hold
 - c. No SERC HazMat training is currently planned.

15. PEMA/Bradley Nuding

1. ME CDC/DHHS continue to work on vaccination outreach and registration process to be accessible to the vulnerable in our population including communication and transportation needs. More resource options may be found:
<http://www.maine.gov/covid19/vaccines/vaccination-sites>