



Penobscot County Local Emergency Planning Committee

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Quarterly Meeting Minutes
July 21, 2022 @ 9:00AM
M&N Operating Co.
227 Lambert Rd, Brewer, ME 04412

Attending: Lisa Burton, UMS
Lara Bailey, M&N Operating
Frank Martin, Red Cross
Robert Gross, Dorothea Dix
Andrew Braley, SWHTA
Riley Hutchinson, NBM Railway
Thomas Fennell, Penobscot EMA
Erik Tourtillotte, Brewer FD
Clyde Coleman, M&N Operating
Logan MacDonald, Versant
Louise Fode, NWS Caribou
Paul Nichols, Maine DEP
Bradley Nuding, Penobscot EMA
Christopher Fox, Penobscot EMA

Introductions were made around the table.

Updates :

Lisa Burton, UMS / LEPC Chair

- University is gearing up for students. Modified Pandemic Plan to include not testing this semester unless it is indicated. Several interesting projects going on to include a wood chip to jet fuel project.

Louise Fode, NWS Caribou

- Discussed the capabilities of NWS Caribou during emergencies to include spot forecasting and personnel deployment to do on scene forecasting. Also discussed capabilities for Hazmat incidents and dispersion models.

Frank Martin, American Red Cross

- Update in the way aid is provided making it more accessible.
- RDO is now the District Disaster Director. RDO position is open for Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont.
- Shared information on a blood drive in Brewer.

Erik Tourtillotte, Brewer FD

- Added an extra position.
- Took delivery of a new boat.
- Working on acquiring a UTV for Wildland.

Logan MacDonald, Versant

- Safety Division is looking to put an individual in schools to teach about electrical safety. Goal for deployment is mid next year.

Paul Nichols, Maine DEP

- Couple significant oil spills to include a vandalized generator leading to a leak into the Penobscot River. Have been working on cleaning it up for a couple weeks. Brought in a private contract to supplement.

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Bradley Nuding, Penobscot EMA

- Lots of discussion at the state level about fuel oil concerns this fall and how people are going to heat their homes.
- Success with GIS work with the Utilities.
- Lots of requests for Active Shooter Trainings for Schools.

Andrew Braley, SWHTA

- No update

Christopher Fox, Penobscot EMA

- Provided a professional background.

Thomas Fennell, Penobscot EMA

- Creating infrastructure.
- Created a web map for all Tier II facilities and explained the functionality.
- Working on a commodity flow project to add those information points to the map.
- Creating a GIS layer for Critical Infrastructure with Versant. Looking for integration between different systems with the County and Versant.
- A question about visibility was inquired. Thomas explained the layers of security in the mapping.

Riley Hutchinson, NBM Railway

- Explained the layout of the rail systems.
- Hired and nearly doubled transportation on Eastern Maine Rail. Lots of Conex containers. Some propane and Diesel fuel.
- Railroads in this area do not haul anhydrous ammonia as a result of costs.
- Prevention is a priority.

Robert Gross, Dorothea Dix

- Held an Active Shooter training recently.

Updates completed.

EMA Update

LEPC Membership Application Renewal:

Director Nuding discussed reestablishing our LEPC membership, explaining that if individuals are interested in being official part of the LEPC for Penobscot County they should submit an application. Established members were asked to fill out an application for documentation purposes. Applications were available at the meeting.

FY23 LEPC budget approved:

Explained the change in the Fiscal year change from State to Federal.
Explained the two funding streams.

One is for Hazardous Material Training for our fire departments. That figure is based on population and the number of facilities in the county.

This funding is generally depleted before the year is completed. The

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second funding source is an LEPC stipend for personnel and equipment.

2022 Chemical Security Summit is being held in August.
Free to attend in person or virtually.

NIOSH Safety Notifications:

- Several 3M Scott SCBA Air Pak models manufactured between November 1, 2019, and April 12, 2022
- AirBoss Defense (ADG) FlexAir powered air-purifying respirators (PAPRs).

Red Emergency Lights for Penobscot County EMA's vehicle.

Explained the intent of the lights and siren use. Furthermore, it was explained that it will be a three-part process, with LEPC being the first authorizing agency, followed by the Penobscot County Fire Chiefs Association, and then Sheriff Morton as the Chief Law Enforcement Officer.

A motion was made by Bradley Nuding to approve a statement that the LEPC Committee is in support of Penobscot EMA's vehicle to have red lights for the purpose of responding in the event that we have a Weapons of Mass Destruction Incident or a Hazardous Materials Spill. Seconded by Lara Bailey. The vote was unanimous.

This completed the agenda.

The meeting was turned over to the host Lara Bailey, M&N Operation Co. A presentation was provided on facility operations, followed by a tour of the facility.

Next meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2022; Location: TBD.

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