



Penobscot County Local Emergency Planning Committee

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Quarterly Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2023

Forest Bioproducts Research Institute
Jeness Hall; University of Maine
Orono

Note: Meeting location was moved from Old Town to Orono.

Attending: Lisa Burton, UMS; LEPC Chair Kevin Sirois, Orono Fire
Lara Bailey, M&N Operating Brian Dulka, MEANG
Cody Reynolds, MEANG Mark Bourgoin, NLH
Brad Jamison, MEANG David McCaskill, DEP
Thomas Fennell, Penobscot EMA Christopher Fox, Penobscot EMA
Bradley Nuding, Penobscot EMA

Introductions were made around the table with general updates from each attendee.

EMA Update:

EMA Update, Director Nuding

- Potential transfer of a search and rescue equipped trailer from Dirigo Search and Rescue which is going dormant.
- Announced the revival of the Penobscot County ARES team and the installation of Fred Nickerson as the Penobscot County Emergency Coordinator.
- Discussion of support to University of Maine Commencement and Maine Day through different deployable assets and personnel.
- D4H onboarding has been completed. Thomas is working on completing some local modifications to the system to allow it to meet our needs.
- Finally, discussed railway coordination and response preparedness. Discussed the AskRail App.

Chemicals Transported by Rail, GIS Specialist Fennell

Thomas provided a thorough review of the Penobscot County Emergency Management response map. Explained the services that can be provided using this map as a tool for first responders and local officials. The presentation was well received by all those in attendance.

This completed the agenda.

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The meeting was turned over to the host Amy Luce, Technology Research Center Manager for the Institute. Amy provided an in-depth review of the processes performed in the facility. A virtual tour was provided to attendees using security cameras in the facility.

Next meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2023 at 9:00 am; Location: TBD

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