



Penobscot County Local Emergency Planning Committee

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Quarterly Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2023 @ 9:00 am
101st Air Refueling Wing – Air National Guard Base
Emergency Management Office
Building 486
Bangor, Maine 04401

Zoom:

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Meeting ID: 815 1052 0953

Passcode: PTLEPC

Attendance:

Gary Whittington, Job Corps	Lyndon Hopkins, Good Shephard Food Bank
Matthew McCarthy, Bangor Gas	Ken Latham, Northern Light Health
Kathy Knight, Northern Light Health	Brian Dulka, 101 st EM
Lara Bailey, M&N Operator (Zoom)	Mark Bourgoïn, NL Hospice (Zoom)
Frank Martin, American Red Cross (Zoom)	L'Easa Blaylock, St Joseph (Zoom)
Marie Lipscomb, ARC (Zoom)	Nathan Anaya, UMaine System Safety
Thomas Fennell, PTEMA	Bradley Nuding, PTEMA
Christopher Fox, PTEMA	

I. Introductions and Updates

- a. Mark Bourgoïn updated that they are working on a ransomware exercise
- b. Frank Martin discussed the restructuring of the disaster program and his AOR increase. Introduced new team member Marie Lipscomb.

II. Penobscot County EMA

- a. EMA Update: Bradley Nuding, Director
 - Solar Eclipse Planning Activities
 - Katahdin Woods and Water Monument response coordination
 - Wolden Mine Project in Northern Unorganized Territories
 - North SAR (Search and Rescue) integration with PTEMA

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- Question posed about the unrest in the MidEast and what consequences we may have heard.
- b. Events
 - Grindstone
 - Vandalism to an oil tank resulting in fuel entering a nearby waterway.
 - Millinocket
 - Large response to incident, multiple hours. Chemical determined to be bear spray from a punctured vessel.
- c. FY24 LEPC/HAZMAT budget approved – see handouts provided.
 - Discussed the new opportunities for training.
 - Reported that since 1 October 2023, \$18,575 of our allocated \$23,369.81 has been appropriated. There is an opportunity for additional funding which we will request as the needs arise. There are new departments taking the opportunity to use this funding to train personnel.

III. Training Report

- a. FY23 Hazmat Training Closeout
 - 13 Hazmat Ops Training Courses Held
 - 291 +/- First Responders trained

IV. 101st Air Refueling Wing – Air National Guard Base

- a. Presentation
 - SrA Brian Dulka
 - SrA Dulka provided an overview of capabilities and responsibilities of the unit.

V. Questions

Next Meetings:

Winter: January 18, 2024: UMaine Safety Management Office
Spring: April 18, 2024: Bangor Natural Gas

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