

**Pitt County
Local Emergency Planning Committee
Meeting Summary
February 4, 2020**

The Pitt County LEPC held its quarterly meeting on Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. in the Emergency Operations Center. The meeting was conducted by Randy Gentry, Director of Pitt County Emergency Management. The following committee members were present:

Angela Brown
Mike Emory
Randy Gentry
Eric Griffin

Jeremy Anderson
Jim McArthur
Kathy Delk
Charlies Tripp

Jay Morris
Tyler Rhodes
Dr. John Silvernail

Coronavirus Update

Dr. John Silvernail with Pitt County Public Health gave an update to the committee members on the current status of the Coronavirus. This animal derived virus originating in China is being transmitted from human to human through bodily fluids see mainly couples. No vaccine or antiviral is available and current plan is containment and quarantine of the exposed. Federal government is denying entry of visitors from China and a voluntary quarantine of returning US citizens. Currently, there have been 20,000 cases reported worldwide with 400 deaths which is a 2% fatality rate. There have been 11 cases reported in the US with no cases in North Carolina.

Kathy Delk with Public Health reported that the first US case has been released from the hospital to go home and quarantine. Kathy stated it is an ever-evolving issue and Public Health is staying up to date and will pass on any new information. The Pit County Ebola Plan that encompasses this virus has been sent out to staff for review and update.

Charles Tripp with NC Emergency Management reported that the State will begin conference calls with their local EM partners and serve in a support role to Public Health.

HazMat Tabletop Discussion

Jim McArthur reported that hazmat tabletop and functional exercise is still in the initial planning phase and more discussion with the industrial committee members is needed since this will be a public/ private partnership. The LEPC competitive grant is a possible funding source with the exercise to take place in the next grant training cycle late this year or early next year.

Remarks

Charles Tripp-

- A Search and Rescue Exercise in the eastern part of the State is scheduled for March 5-8th. Details can be found on TERMS.
- Anhydrous ammonia leaked occurred in January 2020 in Iredell County that was the largest hazmat response by the State. After actions focused primarily on communications with first responders since two paramedics were exposed at the scene. One fatality and one person seriously injured.

- Additional information forthcoming on the Safer Schools Program. The issue for the State is getting accurate information in the database.
- NCEM is in the planning phase for this summer's Republican National Convention in Charlotte. Mobile field force protection is high priority.

Closing

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:40 pm. The next LEPC meeting is scheduled for May 5, 2020.

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