

**Pitt County
Local Emergency Planning Committee
Meeting Summary
August 6, 2019**

The Pitt County LEPC held its quarterly meeting on Tuesday, August 6, 2019 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	Jimmy Hodges	Charles Tripp
Carter Adkins	Jim McArthur	Carla Hanson
Randy Gentry	Wayne Powell	Josh Langdon (guest speaker)

Presentation by Josh Langdon/ NCEM Hazardous Materials Coordinator

Josh Langdon with NC Emergency Management came and spoke to the committee members on the purpose of the LEPC, Tier II reporting and what LEPC in other counties are doing in particular with the LEPC grants. He complimented Pitt County on our website and noted that outreach is the key to a successful LEPC. Currently, Pitt County has 114 facilities doing their Tier II reporting thru the E-plan website. The following are some of Josh's suggestions to keep the meeting interesting and attract members.

- Change meeting time to include lunch. (Reimbursable by Tier II non-competitive grant)
- Invite guest speakers. Examples, Epidemiologist, National Weather Service
- Do site visits to local EHS facilities
- Assess a local Tier II fee on EHS facilities
- Adopt a HazMat Recovery Ordinance to be able to charge the responsible party. If hazmat incident becomes an EPA response, this will help to EPA go after the responsible party. (Josh can provide copies of ordinance from other counties.)
- LEPC can form a non-profit 501c3 to accept funding

Josh spoke about grants that are available to the LEPCs both competitive and non-competitive. Pitt County has once again been awarded the \$1000 non-competitive Tier II grant and there was discussion on how it could be utilized. Josh stated that any equipment that helped in the decision-making process for a hazmat related event should be eligible but needed to be approved prior to purchase. Some LEPCs have purchased weather stations and meals/ snacks for their meetings. Jim McArthur inquired if hazmat disposal kits would be an option. All equipment approvals should go to Patty Moyer.

Lastly, Josh mentioned to the members that he is planning to invite all LEPCs to Raleigh in November to share what their county is doing.

Remarks

Charles Tripp, the Eastern Branch Coordinator with NC Emergency Management gave a brief update to the committee. NCEM is in planning mode for this upcoming hurricane season. The Greenville USAR will be receiving new boats and motors. The National Guard 330th unit will be deploying out of state. OEMS and Agricultural Department have developed mapping software of resources like hospitals, EMS stations and LTC facilities. There has been a change to the Web EOC resource request process that was emailed. The

42nd CST station in Winterville has a new commander, Brad Merritt that we may want to invite to a future LEPC meeting.

Wayne Powell spoke in favor of the county assessing fees on local EHS facilities

Closing

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:15 pm. The next LEPC meeting date will be November 5, 2019.

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