

LEPC Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2016

Meeting was opened by Brent Fisher, Nash County Emergency Services.

Introductions by individuals attending.

Chairman Fisher reported the following:

- The remaining 2016 dates are August 26 and November 18, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the Surgical Pavilion Auditorium.
- Nash County along with North Carolina Emergency Management is hosting the Task Force/Strike Team Leader course on July 20, 21, & 22, 2106 at the Nash County EOC. Anyone interested in attending needs to apply within TERMS, <https://terms.ncem.org/TRS/home.do>.
- The course description can be found at <https://terms.ncem.org/TRS/courseDesc.do?sourcePage=courseSearch&cofid=98243>.
- The North Carolina Emergency Management Central Branch Training week is the week of August 8, 2016. Again those interested and search the course listing and sign-up in TERMS to take any of the courses being offered.
- The 2016 Hurricane Season prediction consists of ten to sixteen named storms, four to eight hurricanes, and one to four major hurricanes. Chairman Fisher reminded everyone that we have already had two storms prior to hurricane season starting.
- An article on Storm Surge modeling was passed out to everyone.
- Nash County EM, State EM and NC Wesleyan College is working towards a table top exercises on July 12, 2016.
- Chairman Fisher informed the group that the majority of the volunteer fire departments in the county are currently scheduled to be inspected by NC Department of Insurance – Office of State Fire Marshal for their Insurance Protection Classification rating used by insurance providers to determine property owners homeowner's insurance premiums.
- The annual Hurricane kick-off meeting will be scheduled very shortly.
- Nash County EM is working on a Domestic Preparedness Region (DPR) 4 project for mobile animal shelter trailers. The project proposed is to provide seven trailers in the DPR region.
- Work continues on the High Path Avian Influenza plan for Nash County.

Civil Air Patrol reported they participated in a Search and Rescue Exercise at Ft. Pickett, Va. in May.

Nash Health Care participated in the June 1, 2016 Regional Tabletop Exercise. The hospital's objectives were Census tracking with bed space and etc. Next May, a Regional full scale exercise will be conducted. The hospital most recently participated in the Public Health SNS Exercise. In October, they hope to continue their training with a Dispensing Exercise of their staff. The hospital continues different active shooter/assailant exercises within the hospital departments.

Rocky Mount Police Department reported a Civil Unrest from Active Shooter incidents class is scheduled on August 18, 2016 in Forsyth County. Some discussion was had in relations to getting the course delivered in Nash. Nash County EM will check on the availability of the instructor.

Halifax County reported the ongoing resurfacing projects on I-95. Halifax Community College is hosting in August an Active Shooter tabletop exercise and a full-scale in September.

American Red Cross reported that training has been conducted of staff in the Run, Hide & Fight training for Active Assailants. The Red Cross also has conducted numerous sheltering trainings throughout the neighboring counties. Currently they have fourteen shelter trailers in five counties. The Red Cross plans to participate in the upcoming Hazardous Materials Exercise at the Rocky Mount Wilson Airport on Thursday and Friday, June 16 & 17.

Nash County Sheriff's Office reported that suspected Krokodil cases were in the Fayetteville area.

Solid Waste reported a Hazardous Material Household Collection Day was being sponsored by Rocky Mount Engine Plant on June 4, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. He urged the county and city to look at their Debris Collection Plans.

Eastpointe continues CIT training of first responders. The next course is August 23-25, 2016. This is a 2 ½ day of training. The next law enforcement CIT class is scheduled for October 17-21, 2016.

EMS reported NARCAN training is ongoing in the volunteer fire departments. The City of Rocky Mount and the Town of Nashville have already received training.

Nash Community College is interested in hosting training opportunities quarterly and any other opportunities that maybe needed.

Rocky Mount Fire Department/Emergency Management reported the review of their Emergency Operations Plan. Next Tuesday they will hold their City Emergency Operations Center orientation for city employees. On Saturday the Swift Water Rescue Team will be participating in training with the National Guard. A Hazardous Materials Exercise is scheduled on June 16 & 17 at RWI Airport with RRT 1, Wilson Fire, Rocky Mount Fire, RWI, and Nash County EM.

Rocky Mount Wilson Airport reported that a new airport manager should be named shortly.

Social Services reported that all staff had gone through the Red Cross Shelter Training recently.

Health Department reported they have three active TB cases in the county. Brenda Godwin is the new Nursing Supervisor at the Health Department in Rocky Mount. The SNS Exercise from March was submitted and approved.

NC Department of Agriculture reported the Recovery Reliance Program that is designed to help farmers after a disaster.

After the agency reports, Alan Byrd gave a presentation on the Threat Hazard and Identification and Risk Assessment that Nash County is currently preparing to conduct. Alan discussed the four step process of THIRA for the Whole Community that includes Identify Threats & Hazards of Concern, Define the Threats and Hazards, Establish Target Capabilities, and Applying the Results. The Threats & Hazards could be in the form of Natural, Man-made, Cyber, Infrastructure & Utility Failure, and Environmental & Public Health Threats. Alan further discussed the mission areas being: Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery. He also discussed that at the conclusion of the THIRA, the County Preparedness Report (CPR) would be developed from the data collected using the POETE (Planning, Organization, Equipment, Training, and Exercises) Process.

Chairman Fisher informed the group that a THIRAM sub-committee will be formed to start the THIRA process. Many of those attending would be asked to participate during the process. A date for the first committee meeting is forthcoming.

Chairman Fisher ended the meeting with expressing his appreciation of everyone assistance and support when Nash County EM calls upon them to respond during times of disaster and other situations.

Chairman Fisher wished everyone a Safe and Happy 4th of July.