

LEPC Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2016

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

Introductions by individuals attending.

Chairman Fisher introduced Major Dennis Wooten with the Nash County Sheriff's Office who gave a very informational presentation on Opioid use in Nash County. Some of the highlights are:

- Heroin was first manufactured in 1898 as treatment for TB.
- Comes from mostly South America.
- Mostly smoked is the Black Tar Heroin, Injecting Heroin is most popular with snorting Heroin for beginners.
- New Jersey is North Carolina's source state for Heroin.
- Nash County Stats – Confiscated Heroin
 - 2015 – 6,854 grams at approximately 175,000 users
 - 2014 – 309.8 grams
 - 2013 – 349.7 grams
 - 2012 – 47.9 grams
- Marketing
 - Sold in Bindles (.04 gram per bindle)
 - 10 Bindles = 1 bundle
 - 5 bundles = 1 brick
 - Most bindles have a unique stamp
- Treatment for overdoses
 - Narcan – October 2016, EMS responded to 21 overdoses where Narcan was given.
 - All Patrol Deputies and School Resource Officers have Narcan.

Chairman Fisher made the following Administration Announcements:

- 2017 LEPC Meeting Dates
 - February 24
 - May 26
 - August 25
 - November 17

Chairman Fisher gave the County Emergency Management report:

- Bailey, Middlesex, Salem and Stanhope have all completed their North Carolina Rating Response Survey which determines the Public Protection Classification as it relates to writing a homeowners policy from respected insurance agents.
- The THIRA process has been placed on hold because of Hurricane Matthew. We hope to start the process back very soon.
- Hurricane Matthew update:
 - Nash County Emergency Operations Center opened Saturday, October 8, 2016 and closed Friday, October 14, 2016.

- A Proclamation of a State of Emergency for Nash County was signed on October 8, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. by County Commission Chairman, Fred Belfield, Jr.
- Approximately 500 rescues/evacuations were conducted in the County and the City of Rocky Mount by:
- Rocky Mount Fire Department Swift Water Team; Momeyer Volunteer Fire Department; Stony Creek Fire and Rescue; Coopers Fire and Rescue; Bailey Fire and Rescue; Chapel Hill Swift Water Team; and the National Guard (2 Humvee crews of 4 guardsman; 2 High Clearance (LMTV) with 4 guardsman)
- The Nash County Sheriff's office deployed chainsaw crews to remove debris from roadways.
- Emergency Services opened a shelter at Nash Central High School on October 8, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.
 - Assistance from The Red Cross, Social Services, Public Health, Rocky Mount PD, Rocky Mount & Nash County Animal Control, and Nash Rocky Mount Public Schools.
 - Shelter closed on October 11, 2016 at 12:00 p.m.
 - The pet-friendly shelter had a maximum population during the storm of approximately 121 people + animals (17 dogs and 6 cats). The pet friendly co-located sheltering could not have happened without assistance from Nash County Animal Control and Rocky Mount Animal Control
 - Special Needs sheltering was also coordinated for a few citizens.
- Disaster Recovery Centers were established at Nash Community College and the Imperial Center in Rocky Mount. The NCC Center closed at the end of business Thursday, October 27, 2016.
- Three roads remain closed or altered in weight restrictions:
 - E Castalia Rd off NC 43 closed for total wash-out
 - Old Middlesex Rd closed for total wash-out
 - Old Bailey north of Rose Loop Rd is restricted to low tonnage vehicle access only.
- Tar River crested Monday morning, October 10th at 29 feet. Hurricane Floyd was at approximately 31 feet.
 - Local Emergency Management feels the number of rescues/evacuations were reduced during this incident because of the 850 homes that were purchased during the FEMA Buy-out Program post Floyd.
- 5 County Damage Assessment Teams were deployed on Monday after the storm. The following numbers reflect damage countywide: Minor- 120 (18 Businesses); Major – 168 (23 Businesses); Destroyed – 3
- The Nash County Sheriff's Office provided manpower to assist Edgecombe County with security at shelters and working traffic on roads that were closed due to flooding. In addition, they provided security and traffic control in Princeville. In addition, Emergency Services loaned Edgecombe County a generator-operated light tower which is still in use at their Animal Shelter in Tarboro.

- On October 20, 2017, Emergency Services coordinated and hosted a meeting w/FEMA and all the municipalities to receive instructions on preparing Public Assistance claims and reimbursements.
- DSS staff will be working for 5 consecutive days this week (October 27-November 1) at 3 different locations across the county to provide Food and Nutrition Disaster Assistance to eligible families. DSS processed approximately 4,600 applications.
- A Public Assistance Applicant's Briefing took place on Friday, October 28, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. in Wilson County at the Wilson County Government Office.
- Red Cross and Salvation Army – Shelters and Mass Feeding
- United Way – Donations Management and Unmet needs
- We have been in contact with North Carolina Emergency Management-Hazard Mitigation/Recovery Section to start the process for the Elevation, Acquisition, and Recovery of damaged homes. A meeting is forthcoming very soon.

Chairman Fisher told the group that he wished to conduct a hot wash soon, but it may be in the form of an email survey. Look for it soon.

Chairman Fisher reported for North Carolina Emergency Management that our Area 7 Coordinator, Alan Byrd, will be leaving the State and has accepted a position with Chatham County as their Emergency Management Coordinator. Alan had a prior commitment today and was not able to attend. Chairman Fisher offered Alan's apology for missing the meeting but wanted to express his appreciation of the entire group and the work that the LEPC has been able to accomplish through the years and that he appreciated being involved in Nash County's LEPC. Fisher also wanted to publicly recognize Alan's insight and experience in Emergency Management over the years and that he really appreciated his friendship and all of the help that was provided in many ways.

Chairman Fisher opened up the floor for all agencies represented the opportunity of giving an update of things going on in their agency and how the LEPC might be able to assist, if needed.

- The Red Cross reported that they were still sheltering citizens in Edgecombe County. A new Executive Director has been hired.
- Eastpointe reported they were providing disaster response with sheltering and the effect of the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew. Four crisis teams supported behavioral health needs in affected counties.
- Rocky Mount Fire Department reported that they were moving into recovery efforts with Hazard Mitigation on-going. They are going through a hiring process. They also supported fire suppression activities in the mountains by providing a Type I fire engine and the necessary personnel for a week. They also wanted to relay the Police Department's message of using caution when shopping over the holidays.
- Spring Hope Fire Department is collecting items for the firefighters fighting the fires in the mountains. The fire department is the drop-off location. Les Brown is the point of contact.
- Nash County 911 reported they are also hiring and hoping to have positions filled by mid-December. The current 911 Academy, which has been a great partnership with Nash Community College in providing qualified applicants.
- Nash UNC reported the construction of four additional behavioral health rooms in the Emergency Department giving them a total of ten. Nash UNC is now a Primary PCI center for

STEMI and was certified November 4th. The hospital continues to conduct monthly drills and most recently conducted one in the Women's Center.

- Nashville Fire Department reported that a coordinated effort with the Police Department and the Fire Department occurred during Hurricane Matthew where they assisted with evacuations from a neighborhood in the Town. The fire department wanted to thank EMS with a recent call during Matthew where a family got lost and had a medical emergency.
- NC Department of Agriculture – Emergency Programs Division reported that Ag. Opened their EOC during Matthew as ESF 11, Agriculture and Natural Resources. He reported there was good coordination between the State and the Locals. Dr. Tickel also wanted to stat that the Buy-out program after Floyd also aided during Matthew because some of those farms were not impacted this time. Dr. Tickel gave a quick update on HPAI and Zika.
- Nash County Health Department reported they are working on accreditation at the Health Department. The Health Department is offering flu shots. They do have an opening as a nursing supervisor and hope to have it filled shortly. The Health Department expressed a need for possibly coordinating another Sheltering training for some additional staff. The Health Department is also coordinating and participating in the development of a Community Health Assessment. Patricia Hamilton, Director of Nursing, also gave an update of their policy on 24/7 Communicable Diseases and Other Public Health & Bioterrorism Threats. The BT phone number was also shared with the group.
- Nash County Solid Waste reported they have had very little debris at the landfill and the collection sites. They are working on increasing lightbulb collections at the collection sites.
- Division of Social Services reported they are beginning the low income emergency assistance program. December 1, individuals 60 years old or older can apply. After January 1, all ages can apply through March 31, 2017 or when funds run out.

Chairman Fisher wished everyone a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas!