

LEPC Meeting Minutes

February 24, 2017

The meeting was opened by Chairman-Brent Fisher, Nash County Emergency Services.

Introductions by individuals attending.

Chairman Fisher provided an update from Emergency Management on the following items:

- Threat and Hazard Identification Risk Assessment update was given by Cindy Worthy
 - The THIRA includes representation from Nash County and City of Rocky Mount
 - Narrowed the THIRA down to five threat categories; Natural, Man-made, Cyber, Infrastructure, and Environmental and Public Health.
 - Within the five categories are Hurricane/Flooding, Civil Disturbance, Cyber, Drug Addiction/Epidemic, and Highway Accidents
- Hurricane Matthew Recovery update
 - Nash County and the City of Rocky Mount are actively working on the Hazard Mitigation application to be submitted for TIER I & II projects.
 - Nash County is hosting several agency and public meetings for the development of the Resilient Redevelopment Plan as a requirement by the General Assembly by May 1, 2017. This is a requirement placed on the 50 counties that were included in the Disaster Declaration from Hurricane Matthew.
- DPR 4 Adoption Rescue trailers are still being constructed. Hope to be ready for delivery by the end of June.
- DPR 4 2017 Grant projects presented to the State Emergency Response Commission and Homeland Security for review and approval are:
 - Salamander Continuation project hosted by Nash County
 - Deployed Logics Tent project hosted by Granville County
 - Underwater Sonar project hosted by Wilson County
 - Bomb Equipment project hosted by Durham County
- Spring Emergency Management Association Conference will be the week of March 13-15 in Cherokee, NC.
- Nash County is hosting a HazMat IQ course from a regional grant on March 8 & 9, 2017.
- Planning a Hurricane Season kick-off meeting in June. Time and date will be announced soon.
- NC Emergency Management-Eastern Branch training week is the week of April 24-28 at Pitt Community College. Class offerings include:
 - All Hazards Liaison Officer
 - Crisis Management for School Based Incidents
 - Access and Functional Needs workshop
 - Search and Rescue Field Team Member course
 - Sport Event Risk Management
 - Basic PIO
 - Tsunami Awareness
 - Hurricane Awareness
 - Climate Adaptation Planning for Emergency Management

- State Emergency Management is still working on hiring an Area 7 coordinator that includes Nash County.
- NC Emergency Management Eastern Branch Search & Rescue Exercise is March 24-26, 2017 in Blount's Creek.
- NC Emergency Management Forum scheduled in June.
- Additional LEPC dates for 2017 are:
 - May 26, 2017
 - August 25, 2017
 - November 17, 2017

The Nash County Public Health Department reported:

- Provided information from the CDC and NC DHHS Influenza information.
 - Influenza is widespread in North Carolina.
 - So far 10 flu deaths reported the week of 2/12-18/2017.
 - There has been 44 deaths since start of the flu season (10/2/2016). Of these deaths, 40 (adult over 18 years of age), 4 children (1, age 0-4 and 3, age 5-17).
 - H3N@ is the dominant strain. Vaccine effectiveness is 43%.
 - Vaccine effectiveness rate of 73% against circulating influenza B virus.
 - Getting vaccinated now may still prevent illness. Several weeks till remain in the current flu season.
 - In past seasons, significant influenza activity has been observed as late as May.
 - Vaccination effort should continue as long as viruses are circulating.
- An update was given on the dramatic increase of acute hepatitis C (HCV) infections and the recommendation for testing.
- Nash County Public Health's Community Health Assessment survey is still ongoing and is in the process of being sent out through an email link.

Social Services reported that the LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) is out of money with the program at this time.

Nash County 911 reported:

- Major GIS update the 2nd week in March.
- The 4th 911 Academy will start on March 21, 2017.
 - This academy introduces the student to the basics principals of 911.
 - The academy is 120 hours of classroom + 24 hours of observation in the center.
 - Olivia Moss at Nash Community College is the point of contact if anyone is interested.

Rocky Mount Fire reported:

- An overview of the Mitigation projects on-going within the City.
- Looking at future flooding within the city.
- Anyone seeking information on the mitigation program for the City can call 972-1396.

Chairman Fisher wished everyone a Safe and Happy Easter!