## **Alamance County**

# **Local Emergency Planning Committee**

# February 9th, 2023 10:00

## **Meeting Agenda**

## **Open Meeting:**

- President Kevin Dull

#### Welcome all Members, Guest and New Members:

- 32 in attendance

### **Secretary's Report:**

- Approval of 2022 Q3 Minutes
  - Motion by Kevin Turner
  - o 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. Chandler
- Approval of 2022 Q4 Minutes
  - Motion by Ben Wooten
  - o 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. Chandler
- Report out of percentage collected, and businesses that have completed report for this year
  - o Billing schedule runs from July 30, 2022, to June 30, 2023.
  - Collected 96.3% of funds
    - Roughly \$238,000
  - Since January 1<sup>st</sup> to March 1<sup>st</sup> reporting period
    - 351 business completed their Tier II report
  - o Any businesses that have not completed their Tier II report, the due date is March 1st

### **Lessons Learned:**

- Kevin Turner encourages industries to share results from investigations, inspections, internal or external audits, certifications, awards, commendations, recognition, etc. Emphasis on LEPC refocusing on industries in the county following pandemic era.
  - Ben Wooten (Cone Health):
    - Challenges with power and water at hospital sites
    - Discusses solutions during boil water advisories by creating mutual-aid agreements with water industries
  - Bob Patterson (Burlington Wastewater):
    - Full-scale exercise at East Burlington plant
    - Beneficial to see how agencies respond

- Lessons learned on internal response
- Dr. Chandler (Apollo Chemical)
  - Recent inspection at facility dealing with hazardous waste
  - Inspection showed emphasis on storage standards and personnel training
  - Shares information on hazardous waste training opportunities in the surrounding area

### **Stakeholder Reports:**

- ARMC
  - Radio project to improve communication during emergencies with internal and external partners.
  - Scheduling active assailant training in the Spring that will include local stakeholders
- Burlington Fire Department
  - Received good feedback from full-scale exercise
  - o ISO inspection coming up
- Elon Fire Department
  - ISO inspection last year
    - Improved to Class II
- Alamance Emergency Management
  - o Approval for purchasing of the BD building in Burlington
    - New Emergency Operations Center
    - Goal is to bring both communication centers (911) into one facility and improve communication
    - Have offices for emergency management, fire marshals, EMS, and all 911 operators
    - Half of building is currently leased to North Carolina Emergency Management Central Brach
    - Currently working on budget. Anyone with items they believe should be included into the LEPC budget should contact Yancy King, Chris Saul, or Kevin Dull.
    - Grants applied for Tier II have been approved
- Red Cross
  - Hired new Disaster Program Specialist
  - Have assisted 3 families so far this year
- Public Health
  - Community outreach
  - Elementary school dental visits
  - Plan reviews
- North Carolina Emergency Management
  - Process of setting up new central branch location
    - Looking at end of year for renovations being fully finished

- o Training opportunities coming soon through North Carolina TERMS
  - https://terms.ncem.gov/TRS/
- Apollo Chemical
  - o Encourage facilities to create and submit hazardous communication plan
    - Required to submit plan to community partners
  - Emergency communication plan should be a living document
    - Review and update
    - Submit through Tier II to keep responders updated

#### **Old Business:**

- Full-scale exercise update by Chris Saul
  - o Received HMGP grant to perform exercise
  - Had three planning meetings
  - o Chlorine gas leak at East Burlington Wastewater treatment plant
  - o Three-hour exercise
  - o Provided valuable lessons for agencies that participated

#### **New Business:**

- Formation of Finance Committee by Kevin Dull
  - Anyone interested in serving on the Finance Committee please contact Kevin Dull or Yancy King
- Fourth Quarter Hazmat Call Report by Alamance County Emergency Management
  - o Call Period from October 1st December 31st
  - 3 Calls for service
    - Commercial structure fire
    - Abandoned barrels
    - Diesel spill
- Membership Review by Kevin Turner
  - Looking at current membership roster and have a few vacancies
  - Looking at current membership roster and seeing who is an active or inactive member
    - Encourage industries to send someone who can attend meetings for membership

#### **Presentations:**

- Overview/History of Alamance County LEPC by Kevin Dull
- North Carolina Chemical Accident Prevention Program by Sarah Robison

#### Adjournment:

- Motion by Dr. Chandler
- 2<sup>nd</sup> by Yancy King