



Alamance County Q3 LEPC Meeting Agenda

- Open Meeting
 - Approval of Minutes from previous meeting- Kevin Turner
Minutes from the last meeting were not available for approval. Minutes will be ready for the Q4 to approve both Q2 and Q3 minutes.
- Secretary's Report
 - Report on start of billing cycle – Will King
Significant delay in rolling over the billing cycle due to impacts in the county from TS Chantal. Currently working through that process with finance to get bills sent out by September with a due date of October.
 - Report on Tier II changes – Will King
Tier II reports were up this year with over 500 submitted. Working with several facilities to get updated and filed. Hazconnect will be implementing a two-factor authentication process in the future so be on the lookout for that. Some facilities may see changes in bill amounts; audit of reports and systems led to both decreases and increases for some based on current billing rules to make sure they were applied correctly across all 704 facilities listed as active. Any noncompliant or nonreported active facility will default to code 1 bill amount.
- Lessons Learned
 - Encourage industry to share results from investigations, inspections, internal or external audits, certifications, awards, commendations, recognition, etc.
Kayser Roth has two separate incidents with hydrogen peroxide. First was a refill showing up and pumping into tanks that had been shut down. Minimal impact but wrong delivery address was cause and security not checking before giving entry to delivery vehicle. Second was an accidental release at the open facility due to overfilling of the tanks resulting in one exposure to the delivery driver. It was contained on site and was cleaned up by company. Lesson learned of coordinating with delivery companies and being aware of quantities and procedures on facility sites are worth visiting with your vendors.
- Stakeholder Reports
 - Alamance Regional/Healthcare Not present, W.King did announce new employee has been hired that will be the point of contact for the area. Should be at Q4 meeting.



- **Local Fire Departments** Several present, Elon reported that students would be moving back in in week. No other major reported business.
- **Local Law Enforcement** AC Sheriff's Office presented officers with lifesaving awards for efforts during TS Chantal response and efforts during active rescues.
- **Local Municipalities** K.Turner with Burlington present nothing major to report.
- **County Agencies** FM Office had a meeting with Anderson Products about upgrading a machine for their operation. Included different partners and local fire as well. Was looking for a "seal of approval", county does not give seal of approvals for facilities but will make sure codes are followed and give safety recommendations.
 EM reported that part time employee Chip Ferguson has retired, again. He will be missed but may be staying on the LEPC as a public member. Position was posted to county website for anyone interested, looking for someone with a hazmat background.
 DSS deployed 10 staff members of the county shelter team that opened two shelters during TS Chantal. One in Mebane and one in Burlington. Those were both closed within a day of opening and utilized hotel funding to place victims of the storm until more permanent housing was available. Utilized \$11,000 of that budget for same. Was able to assist 35-40 individuals with housing and daily needs.
- **State Agencies** NC EM commended ACEM for its response and coordination of TS Chantal. Spoke on federal grants that if you have received an award letter to go forth with planning. Future grants are still in question they are expected to be funded but amounts are unknown.
 State Agriculture has been active with TS Chantal helping locals with recovery for agriculture. Agents in county should be reaching out to local EM departments and if not to either reach out or let Ashley know to help foster collaboration with local government. Federal grant was awarded for training on mental health for frontline workers through USDA and Hurricane Helene response that is available to locals as well.
- **Red Cross/Volunteer Organizations** Jon McCollum introduced himself to the group. Following a recent promotion, he is now the new area Disaster Manager and looks forward to working with Alamance County and the LEPC. Congrats to Jon from the LEPC and look forward to future collaboration. So far for FY25 49 service calls have been made by RC and 128 folks have



received assistance. RC was able to deploy 35 teams to affected areas following TS Chantal.

- Old Business

- Hazmat Plan – Will King

Hazmat Plan was approved and signed by both Director Chris Saul and Chair Kevin Turner and made active end of June. Copies were sent to local responders, LEPC, and active facilities. Plan will be the foundation for Hazmat response in the county and making sure the LEPC is fulfilling its duties as outlined by EPCRA and North Carolina. If you need a copy, please contact Will King with ACEM.

- LEPC Budget – Chris Saul

Budget was approved and adopted and with the start of then new FY in July the approved vehicle was purchased for the Tier II Program Coordinator and has been delivered. Currently working on getting it outfitted for response capabilities and then will be placed into service. Will need to decide on old vehicle that is still in use.

- New Business

- Quarterly Haz Mat Response- William King

3 responses to hazmat incidents over last quarter. One overturned dump truck that spilled fuel and hydraulic oil. One was cancelled before EM arrived on scene and third was small fuel spill that did not meet reporting requirements.

- TS Chantal Response – Chris Saul

Held hotwash, After Action Report is being completed. Alamance County received 8-10 inches of rain in short period of time and performed 61 water rescues throughout the county with local and state resources. 4 AC teams and 8 State teams. 144 cases started at call center and Disaster Recovery Center opened to get assistance to victims that have been impacted.

- Membership Update – Kevin Turner

- Training

- New Training – Kevin Turner

Training in TERMS if need assistance contact AC EM. Some private trainings are being planned around the state especially for SAR and ATV activities are posted in TERMS.

- Training exercises – Will King

Have started the planning process for another full-scale exercise in the county. Goal is to have it before the end of year to avoid filling for an extension. Continuing to have tabletop exercises with local departments on



hazmat incidents have been able to exercise with about 70% of departments.

- Presentation –

- Lunch and Learn, Statesville Ammonia Leak- Sarah Robenson, Chief B. Vickery.

Lunch was catered by Danni's Café. The presentation was well done by Chief Vickery of the Greensboro Fire Department Special Operations Division and Sarah Robenson with North Carolina Emergency Management Operations Division. They covered the anhydrous Ammonia leak that killed one and injured several others. They spoke to the importance of government, first responders and private sector partnerships needed to work through an incident like this and some of the lessons learned about interoperability and communication between stakeholders. Slides were sent out with minutes if you would like a copy please reach out to Alamance County EM.