

Alamance County Local Emergency Planning Committee

LEPC Q3 Meeting Agenda

Date: August 13th, 2026

Time: 11:00am – 1:00pm

- Open Meeting
 - Approval of Minutes from previous meeting- Kevin Turner

Meeting was opened by Chair Kevin Turner. Motion to approve minutes were made by Major David Sykes, seconded by Dr. Wayne Chandler.

Chris Saul introduced Landon Flood, who is now the Tier II Coordinator for Alamance County Emergency Management and Secretary of the LEPC.
- Secretary's Report
 - Report on state of Reporting Cycle – Landon Flood

535 facilities have filed a 2025 Tier II Report. Reminder that the reporting cycle begins on Jan 1st and ends on March 1st. Landon Flood is working on contacting facilities that have not filed a report for 2025 yet.

Tier II season is currently in the billing cycle. As of August 13th, 2026, \$58,904.90 (21.73%) has been collected so far from facilities. There are outstanding balances that have not been paid by facilities from the previous year. Currently working on contacting these locations to address the issue.
 - Report on Tier II changes – Landon Flood

Working on identifying facilities that are reporting to the State's E-Plan system but not the county's local Hazconnect system and vice versa.

The Billing cycle has gone back to its original schedule, from August 14th being the preferred due date to receive payment and September 15th being the delinquent date. The cycle was previously extended due to the Tropical storm from last year. A facility has raised concern regarding the timeline for facilities to pay the Hazardous Materials Storage Fee, ensuring that other facilities have the appropriate time to send in payment with finance processes involved. Landon Flood will solicit feedback from facilities to see if adjustments may need to be made in the future.
- Lessons Learned
 - Encourage industry to share results from investigations, inspections, internal or external audits, certifications, awards, commendations, recognition, etc.

GKN Automotive EHS Manager shares that they had a fire in July resulting from the heat-treating process, which was an issue last year as well. The industry has been working on identifying the cause and mitigating any further issues in their processes.

Pureflow shares a chemical incident that occurred on site on August 12th. A chemical truck delivering sulfuric acid had an equipment failure that

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resulted in less than 25 gallons being released into the grass. No one was hurt and no waterways were impacted. Pureflow shares the experience with working alongside the fire department and emergency management. Pureflow notes that resulting from this incident, there is a better working relationship between industry and public safety. Pureflow plans on working with emergency management to schedule a walkthrough of the facility and tabletop exercise.

Dr. Wayne Chandler from Apollo Chemical encourages facility representatives to partake in creating an emergency response plan for their facilities if one does not exist. These plans are created with local emergency management and the fire department to ensure that emergency responses to these facilities are handled effectively, while also establishing a relationship between industries and municipal/local government. These plans can be uploaded with your annual Tier II report.

- Stakeholder Reports

- Alamance Regional/Healthcare

DJ Key shared that Cone Health has been involved in a lot of Ebola preparations due to countries visiting our area for the World Cup. Cone Health has been working with Burlington EM on preparedness collaboration with Burlington Homes. Advised that a lockdown exercise will be held at ARMC to test current response. DJ Key shared a FindHelp resource that is available to any community partner to find resources for food, prescriptions, and transportation needs.

- Local Fire Departments Nothing noted from Departments

- Local Law Enforcement

Major David Sykes from Alamance County Sheriff's Office informed the LEPC that he will be retiring in November 2026 and will have Lieutenant Taylor Ray take over his position within the LEPC.

- Local Municipalities

City of Burlington has completed an initial round of tabletop exercise for cyber security with the IT Department. The goal of these exercises is to identify how incident management will work with this type of incident, and how the city will continue operations if impacted. An additional tabletop exercise will take place in November.

- County

DSS is assisting citizens who were affected by a fire on July 19th. DSS has been helping with applications for food stamps, Medicaid, clothing, and assistance with secure housing.

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Alamance County Emergency Management recognized Jonathan Hodges, current Healthcare Preparedness Coordinator, on his departure from Emergency Management as he begins a new career opportunity. Chris Saul thanks Jonathan for his hard work and dedication to Alamance County. Jonathan will leave his position next week.

- State Agencies

NCEM shares that Micheal Foster has joined the State as a new Multi-Hazard Field Planner. James Collins, previous Multi-Hazard Field Planner, has moved up to Area 9 Coordinator. Joel Wood, previously Area 9 Coordinator, has moved to Area 7 Coordinator. Dennis Handcock, Central Branch Manager, will be retiring in September. Brent Fisher is currently holding the role of interim Central Branch Manager.

NCEM shares that Tier II and HEMPG Grant decisions have been made, and award notifications are coming out. There are also some upcoming changes coming to the LEPC reauthorization process, which will involve the submission of response plans and a comprehensive survey that must be completed for reauthorization.

- Red Cross/Volunteer Organizations

Chip Ferguson with the Alamance County Amateur Radio Club notes that they are trying to work on a AUXCOMM certification to provide Alamance County Emergency Management with radio operators within the Emergency Operations Center and other locations. Overall, Chip notes that with over 500 radio operators in the county, the goal is to make these people excited about disaster response.

- Old Business

- LEPC Budget – Chris Saul

No changes to the LEPC budget. Budget has been approved by the Alamance County Commissioners.

- New Business

- Quarterly Haz Mat Response- Landon Flood

Hazardous Material response was given, covering calls for service from Jan 1st to Aug 13th.

- Oil Leak on Feb 17th: Roughly 125-gallon release into waterway
 - Used oil spill on Feb 25th: Roughly 50-gallon release
 - Chemical Reaction on April 4th: Mixture of bleach and hydrogen peroxide that caused a reaction.
 - Diesel Spill on August 3rd: Diesel fuel release following trash truck fire

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- Unidentified Liquid on August 10th: Citizen complaint of unknown substance leaking into their yard and killing vegetation.
- Sulfuric Acid Release on August 12th: Roughly less than 25 gallons of sulfuric acid leaked from a transport truck while offloading due to equipment failure.
- Training
 - New Training – Kevin Turner

Review of the attached training opportunities on agenda. Encourage members to look at NCTERMS for possible training opportunities throughout the state.
 - Training exercises – Landon Flood

Previous Training/exercises completed:

 - Faucette Fire Department Hazmat refresher
 - Dam & Dike class with Eli-Whitney Fire Department
 - Train derailment tabletop exercise with Haw River

Upcoming Training/exercises:

 - Decon drill with Mebane Fire Department
 - Severe weather tabletop with Gibsonville
 - Hazmat tabletop and HMEPG full scale exercise with Snow Camp Fire Department.
- Presentation
 - Joint Cybersecurity Task Force – Christopher Chappell & Jennifer Fix

Cybersecurity presentation presented by Christopher Chappell and Jennifer Fix. Informing municipal, local, state, and private industries on how to be aware of potential cyber threats, cyber safety practices, and resources available through the state if you become impacted by a cyber incident.

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Training Opportunities

- [EPCRA \(Non-Section 313\) Online Training for States, Tribes, LEPCs, Local Planners and Responders | US EPA](#)

Operation Tobacco Road



Hands-On Keyboard Technical Exercise

Join us for a five day, full-scale technical exercise dedicated to North Carolina Public Sector Cyber & IT Professionals hosted by the North Carolina National Guard Cyber Security Response Force (CSRF). Please note that there is no cost to attend, and hotel accommodations will be provided. For more information or to sign up, email operationtobaccoroad2026@army.mil.

AUGUST 17-21, 2026
OCTOBER 5-9, 2026

- Learn how to detect and identify malicious cyber traffic in a custom built virtual network
- Gain practical hands-on keyboard experience with various industry recognized tools
- Network and work with peers from around the state to hunt threats and solve scenarios through Capture-The-Flag style questions

All Hazards Incident Response Tabletop Exercise

Join us for a cyber security focused tabletop exercise simulating real-world incidents that impact emergency coordination efforts. This non-technical exercise allows participants the opportunity to evaluate response strategies, strengthen interagency collaboration, and improve overall resilience during evolving cyber scenarios. The exercise will take place on Wednesday from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM during both event iterations.

AUGUST 19
OCTOBER 7

- Work through realistic crisis scenarios that challenge decision making during cyber related disruptions
- Collaborate with multi-disciplinary teams to coordinate actions and share information under pressure
- Practice structured problem-solving while responding to evolving incidents in a guided exercise



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