



WARREN COUNTY EPR/LEPC COMMITTEE

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Public Health Emergency Response and Preparedness Committee/LEPC MEETING MINUTES

July 31, 2024 @ 9:00AM

1.) Introductions:

Meeting was called to order at 9:03am by Dan Durkee. He gave a brief overview of the agenda items.
Recording of minutes: Donald Stack

Attendees:

Armstrong, Jake	Hudson Headwaters
Combs, Joe	Northern GI
DiLorenzo, Cory	NYDOH
Durkee, Dan	WCPH
Lehmann, Don	H2O
LeBarron, Sandy	Finch Paper
Mallory, Lloyd	Washington County Public Health
Mason, Ann Marie	WCOES
Mastrianni, Christina	Comm. Social Service
McKee, Peter	American Red Cross
Modert, Izzy	GFFD
Rivers, Ashley	WCOES
Samiof, Jonathan	NYS DHSES
Schrammel, Jamie	WC Hazmat Cord.
Stack, Donald	WCPH
Stebbins, Laura	Glens Falls Hospital
Vaisey, Wendall	SUNY ACC
York, Rob	WC office of Mental Ser.

**WARREN COUNTY EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMITTEE
GLENS FALLS HOSPITAL
JULY 30,2024 REPORT**

Education

Tabletops 12-1pm GFH Community Learning Center

7/21/24 Incident at children's camp

8/21/24 Explosion at fertilizer plant in Washington County

9/25/24 Roof collapse at a nursing home (this date will change due to a conflict)

10/16/24 Illness outbreak at school

11/21/24 Severe winter ice storm

12/18/24 Cyberterrorism in healthcare facility

- HazMat class (12 attendees)
ED staff training program
- Facility Response Team workshops
Dry Decontamination
Pediatric decontamination
Forensic canines & support animals
Chempack
White powder exposure (anthrax and illicit drugs)

Person with a Weapon PI Work Group

- 10- minute Thunderbolts
Department/Site specific workshop/tabletop
- Rescue Task Force program
Evacuation of patients during barricaded person with a weapon incident
Relocation of injured to Casualty Care Collection area
- Exercise with local law enforcement in December

Exercises

6/5 Staging of decontamination equipment

Repairs completed

Inventory of equipment

Hazmat training/new trainer

7/23 Vertical evacuation of T5 and T6 training/drill

Testing of new Ethos evacuation sleds

Could be used for any evacuation needs

8/8 Specialty Pharmacy drill

9/13 Chempack County exercise

Planning meeting following 8/21 tabletop at 1pm

NYSDOH Healthcare Emergency Preparedness Coalition (HEPC)

- NYSDOH Pediatric & Obstetrical Toolkit revisions in process
- Annual Pediatric Emergency Preparedness Seminar scheduled **September 18th** at the Albany School of Public Health.

System Update (GFH, AMC, Saratoga, Columbia Memorial)

- Recommendation for consistent plain language code designations.

County

- GFH amateur radio update (Thank you, Donald James)
- Washington County CEPA
- Washington County Fair 8/19-8/21 (mass gathering)

Laura Stebbins, RN, MPS, CEN
Director of Emergency Preparedness
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Warren County OES – Updates

3. Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), Ann Marie Mason – Tier 2 Reports

LEPC UPDATES

Commodity Flow Study Update to the 2016 plan - in-depth analysis of hazardous materials (hazmat) transportation and considers multi-modal transportation.

The HMCFS represents the work of both the ARHC and the seven counties under its jurisdiction – Clinton County, Essex County, Franklin County, Hamilton County, St. Lawrence County, Warren County, and Washington County.

- **Objective 1:** Identify primary hazmat transportation routes.
- **Objective 2:** Determine hazmat types, shipment frequencies and modes of transportation
- **Objective 3:** Assess local facilities that utilize hazmat and their impact on hazmat transportation within the planning area.
- **Objective 4:** Evaluate potential hazmat transportation issues and long-term goals to enhance regional preparedness against hazmat incidents

Exercises/Training

Aviation Mall had their annual table top in May.

Citizens Preparedness training coming back in October, will be on a Saturday.

Real Events

Attended workshop on 4/30 at Saratoga Spa State focus was on the reunification process and evacuation sites.

Highway Safety Days

Belmont Stakes

BI-annual Meeting with National Grid – updated our critical facilities list

June 19-21, 2024 Heat Wave – Cooling centers - app

ARRL (American Radio Relay League) field day – annually on the 4th weekend in June

Field Day is the single most popular on-the-air event held annually in the US and Canada. On the fourth weekend of June of each year, thousands of radio amateurs gather with their clubs, groups or simply with friends to operate from remote locations.

Field Day is a picnic, a campout, practice for emergencies, an informal contest and, most of all, FUN!

July 16, 2024 tornado/straight line wind event – clean up continues

2024 Balloon Festival, Car Show

Misc.

Have started Quarterly RACES meetings and are updating the application process and SOPs.

Planning for a CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) in fall. Anyone interested should reach out to Ashley or Ann Marie.

2.) Public Health EPR Update – Dan Durkee

COVID is back and impacting long term care facility.

Heat events update:

1. Heat Advisory has been revised & updated.
2. Area of concerns are schools, which most are not air conditioned. Classroom temps can go as high with no number to send kids home.
3. Hospital & Nursing homes are both dealing with heat issues. Hospitals ER filled with patients.
4. Action steps taken:
 1. guidance from School Supt.
 2. schools did ½ days
 3. Social Media posts
 4. Home care agency- numerous check-ins.
 5. Cooling centers closed due to Juneteeth holidays.
 6. Updated Cooling Centers stations on map.

3.) Committee Member Updates:

Christina Mastnanni, DSS

DSS – Storm relief update SNAP Food Loss relief program due to storm damage has been extended to August 14th for people to file a claim. Also, there is the potential for relief money to be available for people who qualify for other losses like clothing, furniture and damage to homes. Contact DSS for more information. DSS has cooling assistance money (similar to HEAP) that is still available to help people afford things like fans and air conditioner if they qualify.

Jamie Schrammel HAZMAT

Hazmat team is working towards accreditation. Close to being finalized waiting on paperwork to be completed and filed. Completed annual Hazmat training with hazmat team.

Rob York Mental Health

Office of Community Services is looking to rebuild the County disaster mental health team. Currently only about 13 people are on the team. A retraining for people interested in the disaster mental health team will be happening on October 29th with psychological 1st Aid which is open to anyone and on October 30th with clinical disaster mental health for clinicians only. Also mentioned that NYS office of Mental Health maintains a Disaster Mental Health team that can be requested when local resources are overwhelmed or unavailable for large scale disasters

Peter McKee, Red Cross

Has been providing assistance in Rome NY due to severe weather staffing 3 temporary shelters. Has staffed standby by shelters for events including the Belmont. Will be working on setting up mock temporary shelters in all of the Counties in Eastern NY to strengthen readiness. Has also been providing shelters for residential fires that impact 10 or more people. They have been very busy and are in a constant state of response due to multiple factors.

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Jonathon Samiof- DHSES

They have been working on event planning for large events in the region including the Belmont which will be returning next year. Have completed several County Pilot CEPA reviews and will be tweaking things based on lesson learned. The goal is to get other Counties scheduled to complete the CEPA process and will be contacting Counties including Warren and Washington once the CEPA changes have been made.

Corey DiLorenzo - NYSPH

Spoke about Boar's Head recall and camps issues plus inspection. Dealing with a lot of seasonal issues.

Ashley Rivers -WCOES

Will be holding their bi-Annual meeting with national grid, participated in the Aviation Mall TTX. Working on Mass Fatality Plan Updates, need to set a meeting with Coroners and Funeral Directors to work out a few details, CEMP is in process of being updated. Not a lot of changes expected. Working on Chempack Plan Update with GFH and PH. Developing a UAS Policy for Drones for usage in damage assessment, event surveillance, search and rescue operations etc. Conducting a 7 County Commodities Flow Study. Starting a CERT Team in the fall Oct or Nov.

Mallory Lloyd - Washington County Public Health

Dealing with upcoming Washington County Fair. Flu is on radar, and COVID is on the increase.

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Next 2024 Tentative Meeting Dates

October 30th

Closed the meeting at 10:07 am

Minutes submitted by:

Donald Stack

Warren County PH

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