



WARREN COUNTY EPR/LEPC COMMITTEE

1340 State Route 9, Lake George, NY 12845: www.WarrenCountyNY.gov

Public Health Emergency Response and Preparedness Committee/LEPC MEETING MINUTES

October 30, 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: Nancy Rosati

Attendees:

Bussing, Lauren	NYDOH
Coombes, Jill	Hudson Headwaters
Combs, Joe	Northern GI
Connor, Daniel	NYS DHSES
Davis, Andy	National Grid
DiLorenzo, Cory	NYDOH
Durkee, Dan	WCPH
Iwinski, Tom	National Grid
James, Donald	American Red Cross
Leach, Richard, Dr.	Physician
LeBarron, Sandy	Finch Paper
Mason, Ann Marie	WCOES
Mitchell, Jon	NYS DHSES
Modert, Izzy	GFFD
Rivers, Ashley	WCOES
Schrammel, Jamie	WC Hazmat Cord.
Stack, Donald	WCPH
Tripodi, Mike	American Red Cross
Williams, Pat	Washington County Public Health

2.) Discussion of Future EPR/LEPC Meetings – Dan Durkee

Provide opportunity for presentations/topics/training that we can share with the group.

Hybrid Meeting? LEPC requires in person attendance, but by-laws can be adjusted if needed

Any other ideas on formats

3.) Warren County OES – Updates

Ann Marie Mason/Ashley Rivers:

LEPC

- Kick off meeting this Friday for the Commodity Flow Study.
- 12/2024 – We have a few people from the consortium who will be going to VA for Dry Decon train the trainer program.

Exercises/Training

- Citizens Preparedness training occurred on 10/19/2024, the registration was closed out within a week. We have two more scheduled in 2025.
- 10/25 Conducted Emergency Preparedness Awareness Training for the residents and staff at the Glen.
- I-300 in Oriskany ICS for Expanding Incidents
- 12/4 – 6pm-8pm Skywarn Winter Weather WCSO Training Room

Events/Incidents

- Balloon Festival 9/19-9/22
- Car Show 9/5-9/8
- World's Largest Garage Sale 10/5-10/6

Plans

- The PAD plan is currently under review.
- Currently updating the Logistics Plan and revamping the Social Media Plan (including updating and expanding preset characters and images for easier postings during emergencies). And the CART is ongoing still.

Misc.

- Will be purchasing a drone this year, with infrared capabilities, it will assist with search and rescue, fire scenes, etc.

4.) Glens Falls Hospital

Dan Durkee for Laura Stebbins

Education

- **Tabletops** 12-1pm GFH Community Learning Center
 - **11/21/24** Severe winter ice storm
 - **12/18/24** Cyberterrorism in healthcare facility
 - Please let me know if you have any tabletop suggestions for 2025.
- Stop the Bleed training for off campus sites

Person with a Weapon PI Work Group

- 10- minute Thunderbolts
Site specific workshop/tabletops at off campus locations
- Rescue Task Force train- the- trainer education provided by NYU Medical Center for the System hospitals. GFH training for the ED volunteer staff expected to be provided by year end.
- Exercise with local law enforcement in December

Exercise

9/13 ChemPac County Exercise- Scenario was a tractor trailer rollover in Fort Ann off Route 149. Vehicle transporting organophosphates. Excellent participation among county agencies including Glens Falls Hospital, Warren & Washington County OES, Warren and Washington County Public Health, Warren and Washington County Sheriff's Departments, and EMS.

NYSDOH Healthcare Emergency Preparedness Coalition (HEPC)

- Family Reunification Center work group in development
- Pediatric Emergency Preparedness work group

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

Plain language code designations expected to start January 1.

County

- GFH participating in Disaster Mental Health training classes this week for the hospital- based and Warren-Washington County DMH teams.
- GFH represented on the Warren - Washington County Threat Assessment Coordination Team

NYSDOH –
Pediatric Emergency Work group –
Disaster Mental Health Training this week –

Any Ideas for different table tops that you may be interested, please advise Laura and she will put them together.

5.) Public Health EPR Update:

Dan Durkee:

- State is starting up their flu tracking
- 2021-2022 – spike in flu around the holidays and a quick drop off
- 2023-2024 – spike in flu around the same time
- COVID down a little bit from last year
- RSV - urging vaccinations
- Psychological Health Training – Charlie Vedericci – reach out to Dan if interested
- DHSES.com – link for training

6.) Committee Member Updates:

National Grid – Tom Iwinski

- Busy Summer – Thanking Ann Marie and Ashley, entire county for all their support and help.
- Forestry/Tree Trucks – gypsy moth caterpillar crises, removing the danger trees from right ways
- Bolton Landing removed 185 oak trees –
- Andy Davis – Regional Manager – Communication
- Gas Lines replacing with Plastic – wrapping up
- Upgrade lines along Warren County Bike path – looking 5 years out.
- Upgrading substations in the Glens Falls Region – Super Substations – eliminating the smaller substations and combining.

NYSDOH – Cory DeLorenzo

- Lauren Bussing – new contact
- Word of Life- norovirus but never confirmed
- Flu shots out for free

Finch - Sandy LeBarron

- hiring a new safety manager
- 5 of our maintenance people have received hazardous material training.

American Red Cross – Donald James – Mike Tribodi

Donald James

- Don has been continuing work in other states after Helene and Milton

Mike Tripodi

- Reorganized territories so Mike is back as Warren County contact
- 370 volunteers already through the door
- Sheltering training - restart

Hudson Headwaters - Jill Coombes

- Looking for a Safety Officer
- Interested in presentation on lock down
- Vaccination critical staff;
- Need to Fit Test staff
- not impacted yet with IV solution
- Plain language codes – training

Washington County – Pat Williams

- Training new people in Public Health since many old timers have left
- Updating Mother/child health Clinic
- Staff fully vaccinated for Flu

Dr. Leach

- November 9 11am – small pox presentation and the evolution

HazMat – Jamie Schrammel

- Hybrid Decon – allows us to use dry methods vs. using water – training for the consortium – 3 people to send out for training (train the trainer)
- Hazmat Team – tow vehicle – for smaller hazmat incidents.
- Spill response plan – with the library
- County Fire Depts – update on our response capabilities with some training

Dan Durkee asked if there are any other agenda items than the ones he lists, please either bring it with you to the next meeting or send Dan the topic to add to the agenda.

Next 2025 Tentative Meeting Dates

January 29th, April 30th, July 30th, October 29th

Closed the meeting at 10:12 am

Minutes submitted by:
Nancy Rosati
October 30, 2024