

MONTGOMERY COUNTY LEPC QUARTERLY MEETING: 10/16/19 NOTES

Meeting Location: Public Safety Communications Center, Gaithersburg MD

New Action Items:

Task	Responsible Party
NONE	N/A

Previous Action Items:

Task	Responsible Party
NONE	N/A

LEPC Quarterly Meeting

Location: Public Safety Headquarters

1. **Welcome / Introductions**
 - General introductions, updates shared at end of meeting
2. **LEPC updates**
 - a. Hazmat Permitting Program – Barbara Moore (OEMHS)
 - i. Not in attendance – Attending NASTTPO
 - b. OEMHS Updates – Mitch
 - i. EMAP Certification process – Michael Boldosser
 1. EMAP recertification will occur 1st week of December 2019
 2. Montgomery County must be compliant with all 64 standards covering an all hazards perspective of the county.
 3. Dr. Stoddard will be leading adaptation climate change work group, is meeting October 24th, 2019. Group will address public involvement and shift planning to involve mitigation for climate change.
 - ii. SUAS Program – Chuck Crisostomo
 1. Drone Program – OEMHS has coordinated developing plans, training and operational policies for drone emergency support capabilities. Funding for equipment is currently pending. 3 to 6 months goal for operational capabilities.
 - iii. New Staff – Patrick Fleming
 1. Critical Infrastructure and continuity operations.
 - iv. Partners in Preparedness – Joe Corona
 1. DTS has held off on developing on a website at this time, restart time is the end of November. OEMHS has updated their website for businesses

to utilized as resources for business continuity, emergency operations etc.

2. Approximately 25 events for preparedness occurred in September. 10/19/2019 OEMHS and fire rescue will be hosting a final preparedness event. Announcements for preparedness events primarily published through MCPD due to additional outreach capabilities.
 3. Training videos are being created with county employees in mind specifically; videos will be available on training management site. Videos cover topics from workplace violence, active shooter events, reporting behavioral changes, weather, evacuations, etc. General public versions may be developed and available publicly
 4. Stop the Bleed training is available 10/29/2019 in Silver Spring, MD.
- c. LEPC Core Group Update – Randy Norman
- i. Strategic plan – drones will be a continued topic for emergency operations in LEPC.
 - ii. Marketing Plan / Public Outreach / Communications Strategy
 1. LEPC has reviewed public outreach programs to improve community outreach span. The next door app has been a new application that has improved community outreach. Sentinel newspaper is coming soon.
 - iii. Talent/Interest Survey – Working group members are currently needed, to increase effectiveness of LEPC. LEPC community web forum ideas are pending and communication list distribution pending.
 - iv. Hazmat Materials Grant – MC has won the hazmat grant for the past three years through work and feedback from the LEPC group which amounts to approximately \$40k - \$50 annually.

3. Naval Support Activity Bethesda – Jerry Ramos, Installation Emergency Manager

4. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) – David Schwarzman, Gerry Adcock

5. LEPC Member Reports Outs

- a. **Mitch Dinowitz** – 11/03/2019 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. WMATA Rail Full-scale exercise Glenmont Metro Station. MEDSTAR will be hosting January meeting. WRAIR and MC volunteer fire potentially presenting during future LEPC. Suggestions for speakers are open for general input.
- b. **Joe Corona** – Mental health 8 hour training available upon request.
- c. **Jerry Ramos** – tours of WRNMMC are available upon request please contact OEMHS
- d. **Betsie Rebert HHS**– full scale 144 person non-medical POD exercise in July with HHS, CERT, and OEMHS personnel. Medical Response Committee? (MRC) is in the process of activating in the near future.
- e. **Carl Holland MCPD special operations** – October 13th a protest for a concerned citizen's stand w ICE and an opposition protestors occurred. Police special events response team participated w pedestrian safety. Every patrol officer is receiving training on radioactive material response. MCPD special operations/EMS unit manages business hazard response plans for the county.
- f. **Gerry Adcock CERT** – radio management infrastructure is being updated 11 towers to 22 towers expected to be operational by December 2020. Switch over for towers should take 6 weeks.

- g. **Mike Williams Colonial Gas** – has 2 pipelines in the county that required some maintenance recently permits were acquired and work was primarily completed at night. Security participation in the area is greatly appreciated. Montgomery Village conducted a community awareness event recently to remind community in digging.
- h. **Ron Kunz** – An NGO that works with NASA will be hosting training in January.
- i. **Rick Merck Fire Marshal** – currently located in DPS and coordinates w DPS to conduct physical inspections for building and improve codes to ensure radio communication in commercial structures. Any radio failures need to be sent to the fire marshals to conduct a building test and to require updates if necessary. Damage assessment is conducted w new technology to speed recovery and increase communication. A fire marshal will be heading to Florida to receive training to be a Damage Assessor and Damage Assessment Trainer.
- j. **Pete Heimlicher PEPCO** – supports radio towers in the county and radio improvements. Is involved in swift water rescue, supports hazmat tours, resource recovery, waste management facilities and water.

It may be beneficial to have CERT do training at WRNMMC as naval enlisted need to complete volunteer hours to complete requirements for promotion and awards. The lower enlisted are always looking for a fun way to get those hours in.