Alamance County

Local Emergency Planning Committee

February 17, 2022 10:00

Meeting Minutes

Open Meeting – President Kevin Dull

Welcome all Members, Guest and New Members (In person and Zoom)

Old Business:

- Mobile Command unit – Yancy King spoke to the new MC-1 Command Trailer. The satellite system for the unit is due in approximately 6 months. 1.2-meter dish will be added to top of unit. Will improve speed and capacity. Comments received so far everyone is please with trailer design. The unit is onsite here in the lot and will be open for touring after the meeting.
- APX 8500 Deployable Communications - Chip Ferguson advised that APX8500 is in. Also, Emergency Management will be completing the reprogramming of their mobile and portable radios in the coming months. This will address changes in fleetmaps/talkgroups/channels made by Alamance County Emergency Services, the TRON System (Greensboro/Guilford County Fire Service specifically), mandated changes by State VIPER administration and some changes in VHF/UHF channels locally.
- Chemical Planning Update – Chip Ferguson/ Brad Bailey the Graham Waste Water Treatment Plant emergency plan has been completed. The Graham-Mebane Water Treatment Plant emergency plan is underway.

New Business:

- ACHD Covid-19 update - Alex Rimmer provided a PowerPoint with the following highlights:
    - Dashboard still on line. Has more data. Keep in mind that it includes weekend information when updated.
    - % positive cases were high after the holidays
    - Reviewed stats on deaths, hospitalizations and vaccine status.
    - Vaccinations still key “Shots in Arms”. Vaccination Clinic days will change. Clinic will be Mondays and Fridays only. Change due to data which showed highest attended days.
    - NCDHHS has made some changes to K12 School recommendations.
    - Mask distribution effort to public. Partner locations found to distribute 20,000 N-95 masks. Public Health will no longer be able to purchase N-95 for public distribution moving forward.

- Recent Drone Deployment – Yancy King gave a presentation on the recent Drone deployment to the Weaver Chemical Plant fire in Winston-Salem. Presentation included details, still photo's and video from the mission. Challenges with restricted airspace. First time in NC that multiple agencies with drones deployed to a chemical fire for multiple operational periods.

Reports:

- ARMC/Cone Health
- Industry representatives
    - Apollo Chemical – Dr. Chandler – conducted review of Tier II and hazard plan designed by county. Even though no regulatory requirement to do or update county plan, feel that this should be done regularly by industry as this plan is designed by responders for their use in emergencies. Would encourage all industry to keep information current.
- State Agencies
- Elon PD – nothing to report
- Elon FD
- Mebane PD
- Burlington City – nothing to report
- Burlington FD – nothing to report
- Graham FD
- Twin Lakes
- Other outside agencies
- County Agencies
- Public Health Dept – top of meeting
- DSS
- FM Office
- EMS
- ACSO – Planned protest for Saturday 12-4, no anticipated issues
- EM Yancy King – Emergency Management Update – Yancy King presented information on the following:
    - The previous $1000.00 Tier II Grant has closed. Working on this year's application.
    - The EMPG-Supplemental "COVID19 Response" Grant ($12,695.00) has been closed out.
    - There is a new EM Recovery/Response Grant opportunity, $14,000.00.
    - Budget work is in progress for the coming Fiscal Year. Anticipate that the vehicle maintenance budget will go down due to retiring old MC-1. Will be moving additional money into Tier II supply account. New "green" foam $200.00 5-gal bucket. Old foam has been disposed of except for 5-55-gallon drums retained for major need. Can still use, but must report use.
    - The County ESF-6 Partners Planning Team is putting together a "Disaster Shelter" exercise with plans to hold in early May. Target location is Fairchild Recreation Center in Burlington.
- EM LEPC Chemical Planner Brad Bailey/Chip Ferguson – top of meeting
- Red Cross-

Other business: At next meeting will have nominations for officers, Chair and Vice Chair, and elections if quorum present

Meeting Schedule: 2022 (Location or virtual meeting information will be determined at later time)

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Dr. Chandler, Second by Major Sykes