



# Prince George's County Office of Homeland Security (OHS)

## Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

### March 27, 2024 (virtual)

### Minutes

#### 1. Attendee List - (Virtual Meeting)

- Please see attached.

#### 2. LEPC Members Welcome and Introductions

- Deputy Director Meloyde Batten-Mickens

#### 3. LEPC- Deputy Director Meloyde Batten- Mickens

- LEPC purpose and structure.
  - Purpose: Federal requirement program, to enhance Prince George's County's preparedness and response to hazardous materials incidents, by involving government, private business, non-profits, and citizens. Also, acts as an advisory committee for emergency preparedness and response to hazardous materials and to fulfil the federal requirements under the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know ("EPCRA").
  - Structure, LEPC is open to individuals who have an interest in Emergency Preparedness. A list of representatives who must be present in the County LEPC are listed and available on our website.
- Website:
  - Where to find LEPC information: Go to the County's website, Office of Homeland Security. Select Emergency Management and then Local Emergency Planning Committee.
  - Link: <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/departments-offices/homeland-security>.
  - Meeting information, meeting minutes, and LEPC bylaws will be posted and updated, to include previous meeting information.
- Members will be provided with an electronic copy of the members' roster.

#### 4. Fire/EMS HazMat & Hazardous Material Reporting Update: Assistant Chief Jon Bender

- FIRE/EMS staff are trained in hazardous materials (HazMat) response, there are three (3) stations specialized in HazMat incidents in the County (Northview Drive, Calverton, and Croom). Several apparatus capabilities including Command and control. communications, equipment for Level-1 HazMat team, metering for atmospheric and radiation. For large incidents those three units are deployed.

- The response for hazardous materials incidents in 2023 were 2,681 including 2,488 gas leaks, and 6 full response hazmat box alarm. Every unit carries an atmospheric monitoring unit for gas detection and alarm values for all gases.
- FIRE/EMS works in partnership with different regional, state, and federal agencies in the neighboring jurisdictions in regards of hazardous materials response and preparedness.
- A question about providing training for DPWT staff in hazardous recognition and awareness level. Assistant Chief Bender was open to discuss training opportunities, as well with other local agencies. Contact information was provided.

**5. Department of the Environment (DoE) Update:** Associate Director Dawn Hawkins-Nixon.

- DoE explained their sustainability division programs, watershed- level flood hazard assessments, and mitigation covering many cities and throughout the county. DoE uses information gathered from the gages to forecast impending threats and communicate to public safety officials to prepare.
- DoE updating flood plans for all major streams, flood prone identifications, mitigation options, assessments, and preparedness.
- Residential communities within watershed study areas, experiencing repetitive flooding are encouraged to share information by contacting DoE at [doecares@co.pg.md.us](mailto:doecares@co.pg.md.us).
- Completion of study is anticipated for FY25, final report, mapping that will be shared.

**6. OHS Planning Sub-committee General Update:** OHS Staff. Deputy Mickens

- Hazard mitigation plan was approved by FEMA Region 3.
- EOP plan is awaiting final signatures.
- Keep working together and update other agencies like DoE with annexes for our plans.

**7. OHS Training & Exercise Sub-committee Update:** OHS Staff. Ashley Morris, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator.

- Employee countywide trainings, CPR, our new employee preparedness class, monthly PATC bleeding control trainings are available with the LMS, contract employees can contact OEM to register.
- SKYWARN classes open to the public and employees, to learn how to share and collect storm reports, how to share with EM staff, and debris management in response to severe weather.
- ICS classes are available for public safety staff. ICS-300 and the next level ICS-400. There will be other classes throughout the year.

- Exercise planning- Integrated Preparedness Plan- revamping and getting all agencies representatives to collaborate. IPPW goal is to make sure we are working together, sharing exercise and training information and efforts.
- Continually working on: Continuity tabletop- COOP monthly with agencies, planning a cyber exercise is in process with OIT, testing EM plans, air quality plan, and our virtual EOC plan.
- Mayor Dodro asked about access for municipality staff to the same type of trainings available to county employees. A list of training opportunities for external partners will be released shortly, additionally Deputy Mickens will look into shared training opportunities with municipalities. Mr. Bagley second the importance to have municipalities to cooperate and be prepared with coordinating training between agencies.
- For training opportunities, and questions please reach out to OHS/Emergency Management at [oemstaff@co.pg.md.us](mailto:oemstaff@co.pg.md.us).

8. **OHS Outreach Sub-committee Update:** Activities, Training, & CERT- OHS Staff. Rasheed Plummer, Senior Community Coordinator.

- Currently hosting two (2) Community CPR classes a month, registration available via Eventbrite.
- Group CPR classes provided to groups, local churches, community organizations, as well as Girl and Boy Scouts.
- We also offer Spanish CPR classes throughout the county for community members who English is their second language.
- CERT- basic Community Emergency Response Team training is currently available every other month, however the goal is to host the class on a monthly basis. We welcome volunteers. To take the training, volunteering is not a requirement. We understand classes get filled up quickly, however, we encourage everyone to add their name to the waiting list, and we will notify when spaces are available.
- We continue onboarding and training for the County CERT Team in the following areas: Shelter Management, Food Handling, Traffic Control.
- Preparedness presentations are offered for community organizations, seniors' facilities, and within the community at community events.
- Training opportunities and scheduling presentations can be made at [oemstaff@co.pg.md.us](mailto:oemstaff@co.pg.md.us).

## 9. General Around-the-Virtual-Table Information-share and Updates

- Mr. Cobb- praised the efforts for the LEPC, recommended to have a central location for information of trainings and outreach events. Deputy Mickens will make sure information is available on the website.
- Associate Director Hawkins-Nixon. Shared that Prince George’s County participates in the FEMA Community Rating System (CRS) that helps lower flood insurance for citizens, routine meetings to review hazard mitigation plans are required for participation, to which the LEPC participation will be very helpful.
- OHS will coordinate and share information regarding the upcoming LEPC meetings.
  - June 26, 2024, at 10:00 am to 11:30 am (virtual)
  - September 25, 2024, at 10:00 am to 11:30 am (in-person 7915 Anchor St.)
  - December 18, 2024, at 10:00 am to 11:30 am (virtual)

**Next Meeting: June 26, 2024, at 10:00 am to 11:30 am (virtual)**

Other valuable information and links:

- Prince Georges County OHS/Emergency Management [oemstaff@co.pg.md.us](mailto:oemstaff@co.pg.md.us).
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- DoE: [doecares@co.pg.md.us](mailto:doecares@co.pg.md.us).
- LEPC Website go to: [www.princegeorgescountymd.gov](http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov).  
Government> Departments > Homeland Security > Emergency Management > Local  
Emergency Planning Committee
- Eventbrite: [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com).  
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