



Prince George's County Office of Homeland Security (OHS)
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
December 18, 2024

1 Attendee List

- See attached

2 Welcome and Introductions

- Deputy Director Meloyde R. Batten-Mickens

3 LEPC

- No pending items from last meeting.
- Website reminder: please check out the website with links and valuable information, including last meeting minutes.

4 Hazardous Material Report, Chief Bender, Fire/EMS, HazMat Unit

- Fire/EMS, responded to routine calls, primarily addressing hazards like carbon monoxide mitigation, which are the most frequent.
- There was an incident in Laurel where the team had to complete a full entry and decontamination procedure. This situation was mitigated without incident. Laurel Police Department also responded.
- Call involving a tanker truck that was non-hazardous required a cleanup contractor.
- Fire/EMS have acquired new equipment, including a satellite station for decontamination, has the typical three-part entry system. Other jurisdictions, such as DC and Montgomery County, possess similar equipment.

5 Presentation- Francis Scott Key Bridge Incident Response in Baltimore, Lieutenant Commander EvelyAnn M. Bruno, CEM, NEMAA

- LCmdr. Bruno provided a preliminary Key bridge Response report.
- The timeline of the incident spanned 30 days: occurrence to re-establishing traffic.
- All victims were recovered.
- Collaboration with Joint Information Center (JIC) was smooth, and maintaining transparency with the public was crucial. A total of six agencies formed the unified command (UC), offering a diverse array of expertise and resources.
- This was the first deployment of Starlink and Starshield for the US Coast Guard (USCG) during a live contingency scenario.
- The busiest day of the operation was April 21, 2024, when 686 personnel were part of the response team, along with necessary equipment.
- The primary objective of the UC was to ensure the safety of both response personnel and the public. There were no significant safety incidents reported during this operation.
- Additional objectives included the safe restoration of the marine transportation system, mitigation of environmental impacts, and preparation for potential pollution incidents.
- Engineers effectively assessed, developed, and coordinated salvage operations and plans throughout the response.
- The response effort lasted for 62 days and served as both a recovery and learning experience. The team was able to identify successful strategies and improvement areas.



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**6 Enhancing Resilience for Communities with DAMS in Prince Georges County
Preston Wilson, President, Resilience Solutions Consulting**

- Mr. Wilson has worked for FEMA and established his own company to assist communities in preparing for various emergencies.
- In Prince George's County, there are 48 dams listed in the national dam inventory.
- Flooding significantly increases the impact on infrastructure, especially if we fail to understand how dams and levees interact as well as the age of the infrastructure.
- Effective dam incident management requires shared responsibilities, collaborative partnerships among stakeholders, including owners, government agencies, public partners, emergency managers, and others.
- It is important to understand the planning process, which includes training and exercises, to enhance community resilience. Learning the locations of dams, their effects on communities, and how to access relevant information is crucial.
- Additionally, communication with dam owners and operators is essential. We must understand their priorities and ensure they acknowledge community risks and the need for preparedness.

7 OHS Training & Exercise Sub-committee Update: Tyrone Wells, OHS/EM Ops Mgr.

- The training schedule for the next quarter includes the following employee training sessions:
 - Basic WebEOC** on February 20, 2025
 - Employee CPR** (date to be determined)
 - Employee PATC** on March 5, 2025
- Additionally, a Cyber-Response Seminar will be based on our new plans, and employee seminars are scheduled for February 12 and February 18, 2025.
- OHS/EM process of finalizing our Integrated Preparedness Plan (IPP), which outlines our multi-year schedule of preparedness priorities and our capability-building activities.

8 OHS Planning Sub-committee Update: Ashley Morris, OHS/EM Outreach & Preparedness Mgr.

- OHS held the Mass Care and Sheltering Kick-Off Meeting to reassess feedback and the work of the planning committee.
- The development of the Plan Cycle Repository is currently underway. We continue to support all agencies with their reviews of emergency building safety plans and partners' dam plans.
- The draft of the Integrated Preparedness Plan is also in progress.
- Updates to the Continuity of Operations Plans (COOP) for county agencies are ongoing.



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9 OHS Outreach Sub-committee Update: Ashley Morris, OHS/EM Outreach & Preparedness Mgr.

- Our team has been actively supporting regional evacuation plans for the inauguration. We are ensuring effective communication and participating in preparation meetings and tabletop exercises.
- We are collaborating with Maryland VOAD on managing donations and volunteer planning, as each county and state needs to evaluate the utilization of warehouses and donations. We are also planning functional exercises to address access and functional needs.
- We are analyzing the CERT program at the county and municipal levels to identify ways to improve service. A meeting will be held in January to include all county CERT members and municipal representatives, where we will share data and information. Please note, there is no class scheduled for January. Additionally, we will launch a new website and interest forms to facilitate information sharing and onboarding packages that enhance engagement with municipal teams and the community.
- Yesterday, we participated in a virtual snow summit with Dept. of Public Works and Transportation—please check our social media for updates.
- Regarding the Alert System, we are encouraging more residents to sign up for Alert Prince George's. Link provided in the chat.

General Around-the-Table Information-share and Updates

- Ashley Morris from OHS requested the USCG FSK Bridge After-Action Report when available.
- Next LEPC meeting will be March 26, 2025, at 10:00 am to 11:30 am (Virtual)
- American Red Cross responded to 13 incidents in the month of November.
- Critical Infrastructure, Mark Weissman, OHS
 - Participating in the Election support and inauguration planning
 - Nice presentation on dams, and we have been on tabletops for dam incidents.

• LEPC Meetings for 2025

- March 26, 2025, at 10:00 am to 11:30 am (virtual)
- June 25, 2025, at 10:00 am to 11:30 am (in-person)
- September 17, 2025, at 10:00 am to 11:30 am (in-person)
- December 17, 2025, at 10:00 am to 11:30 am (virtual)

Other valuable information and links:

- Prince Georges County OHS/Emergency Management email: oenstaff@co.pg.md.us.
- Community Outreach: Rasheed Plummer: rdplummer@co.pg.md.us.
- Training & Exercise: Ashley Morris: aemorris@co.pg.md.us.
- FIRE/EMS Hazmat Response: Jon Bender jwbender@co.pg.md.us



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- Tier II Reporting:
 - <https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/businessinfocenter/communityrighttoknow/pages/tier2reporting.aspx>
- Dept of the Environment email: doecares@co.pg.md.us.
- LEPC Website go to: www.princegeorgescountymd.gov.
 - Government > Departments > Homeland Security > Emergency Management > Local Emergency Planning Committee
- Eventbrite: www.eventbrite.com.
 - Organizer name: Prince George's County Office of Homeland Security.
- American Red Cross-National Capital & Greater Chesapeake Region
 - <https://www.redcross.org/local/dc-va-md-de.html>
- Alert Prince George's
 - <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/departments-offices/homeland-security/services/alert-prince-georges>
- National Inventory of Dams
 - <https://nid.sec.usace.army.mil/#/>