

Broome County
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
LEPC /MEETING MINUTES
8/15/2024

- Call to Order 13:03 hrs.
- Introduction of guests/new members
- Attendees: Michael Bender, Cortni Brienza, GloryAngeliz Lugo-Vazquez, Mike Heide, Mark Pellerito, Ann Smith, Lynette Bellmore, Kim Saunders, Tina Survilla, Jason Zheng, Bill miller, Patrick Reardon, Stephanie Brewer, David Tinklepaugh, Garrick Henry & Pam Rexer
- Approval of minutes 6/20/2024 Motion Mike Bender, 2nd Garrick Henry
- Correspondence /Announcements
 - a) **Training Notices:**
 - a. Further details on all courses listed above as well as **registration** can be found on the [DHSES Learning Management System \(LMS\)](#).
 - b. **Useful resources** including the DHSES LMS Student Guide and FAQ can be found on the [DHSES Webpage](#).
 - c. Binghamton University will be hosting Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents (I-300) on September 16th-18th 2024. In addition, Broome County will be hosting Incident Command System Emergency Operations Center Interface (G-191) on October 7th, 2024. Both Courses are through DHSES and Registration can be found on the [DHSES Learning Management System \(LMS\)](#).
 - b) **Williams Pipeline – Emergency Response Information Pamphlet**

Old Business

- 1) **Committee Updates:**
 - **Health, Human and Animal Needs** – Meeting held on 7/18/24
 - Report from Michael Bender-
 - Monitoring H1N1
 - Monkey Pox is now listed as a global outbreak
 - Lynette Bellmore- Acting Director of the Health Department
 - Guthrie Lourdes Cyberattack – Still Actively recovering from it and things are back up and running onto their system.
 - Active Shooter Training – Greater Binghamton Health
- 2) **Drills and Training Schedule 2024 – Updates and New Events**
 - Airshow for 2024: July 6-7 Blue Angels
 - Speidie Fest – 40th Anniversary August 2, 3, and 4th
 - Asset Distribution Exercise – Health Dept/Emergency Services – Still no Date
 - LUMA Fest on September 6th and 7th.
- 3) **Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) authority was allowed to expire on July 28, 2023. *The Program and compliance currently cannot be enforced by CISA (Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency) – Program has still not been renewed.*** Voluntary Program, ChemLock, can be used in the interim. [ChemLock | CISA](#) **(Remains Unauthorized)**

New Business

- 1) **Presentation:** National Weather Service on Tornados, Hurricanes and Storms.
What is in store through Fall?
 - *Above normal precipitation*
 - *10 tornados on July 16, 2024 (Remnants of Beryl)*
 - *Average tornados in NY are 9, we've had 28 this year*

- *Flooding from Remnants of Debby caused some damage. The major rivers were not a concern, but the smaller creeks were concerning.*
- *Hurricane Ernesto is currently occurring, not a concern for our area as it will remain in the Atlantic*
- *Keep an eye on hurricane season, we are only on letter E!*
- *Cooler temperatures are on the way, no heat waves or humidity expected.*

2) **2024 LEPC PLANS**

Committees:

- Public Safety
- Health, Human, and Animal Needs
- Infrastructure
- Training/Exercises – Drills – **NEED TO PLAN RMP DRILL**

3) **RMP Facilities must develop plans** for conducting Emergency Response Exercises by December 19, 2023. This consists of notification exercises, field exercises, and tabletop exercises.

Amrex Chemical has 3 RMP facilities – taking down to 2 facilities in next quarter
 Binghamton Water Department & Endicott Water- Both have Chlorine Gas
 Broome County to Plan Exercise

4) **OSHA Hazard Communication Standard Update – Affects all workplaces with any Hazardous Chemicals: Took effect on July 19, 2024**

5) **Canadian Rail Strike Could Begin on August 22** - Embargoes have been announced on certain goods by CSX Transportation, Canadian National Railway and Canada Pacific Kansas City Limited. TIH/PIH materials (such as Chlorine Gas) is effective immediately. Chlorine is used by water treatment plants and in the manufacture of other major products.

6) **DOT Rulemaking:** Industry stakeholders and the public will have a chance to provide input into the development of regulations for transporting hazmat by unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) or "drones" during a public web conference hosted by PHMSA and FAA on August 22, 2024.

- The Rule is currently listed as in the “pre-rule” stage, with PHMSA planning an Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) for 2025.
- The requirements for carrying hazmat by UAS are the same that apply to air carriers using “manned aircraft.”
- In agricultural operations, drones can be used to disperse hazardous materials like poisons, pesticides, or disinfectants. FAA rules for agriculture operations are in 14 CFR Part 137.
- **Not any drone can carry hazmat.** US FAA regulations prohibit carriage of hazardous materials by “small unmanned aircraft” (14 CFR 107.36). The

“no hazmat” rule is one of many restrictions for piloting a drone weighing less than 55 pounds.

*Next Meeting October 17, 2024 at Public Safety Facility (and Virtual)
Committee Meetings September 19, 2024 (or alternate date as scheduled by committee)*