

Broome County
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
LEPC MEETING MINUTES
12/18/2025

- Introduction of guests/new members

Attendees: Cortnianne Williams, Juliet Cole, Cait Cavanaugh, Michael Bender, Gloryangeliz Lugo-Vazquez, Mark Pellerito, Sierra Kunig, John McNulty

Online: David Tinklepaugh, Pam Rexter, Mike Heide, Kameron Fisher, Kerby Sainclair, Kaite Pierce, Garrick Henry, Tina Survilla, Stephanie Brewer

- Approval of minutes 10/16/2025: Motion Michael Bender, 2nd John McNulty
- New Email Address to contact LEPC: broomelepc@broomecountyny.gov
- Correspondence /Announcements: Nothing at this time

Old Business

1) Drills and Training Schedule 2025 – Updates and New Events

- *Asset Distribution Exercise – Health Dept/Emergency Services – Spring 2026*

2) Committee Updates:

- **Health, Human and Animal Needs** – Meeting held on 11/20/2025 – Jules Cole
 - Active Shooter Class with First Responders discussed
 - Chemical Spill Drill taking place at Guthrie Lourdes next Year
 - Code Blue and Housing
 - Flu/Covid/Norovirus update
 - 64 Lab confirmed patients
 - 2 Hospitals
 - Flu season is going to be worse than last season

3) Federal Government Shut-down: Effect on Services – Any residual effect on services?

- The National Weather Service (NWS) is catching up on its Skywarn classes; online classes are underway.
- Online Class on January 3rd at 10:00 AM Link for Sign up:
<https://www.weather.gov/bgm/outreachskywarntraining>

4) Upcoming Presentation – EPA to discuss LEPC requirements under the Risk Management Plan Regulations: Scheduled for February 19, 2026 meeting due to Government Shutdown – Francesco Maimone

New Business

1) 2026 Meetings:

- a. In Person Meetings at Public Safety Building. Zoom Link Available. **Meeting to begin at 1:00**
- b. Meeting Dates for 2026:
 - February 19
 - April 16
 - June 18
 - August 20
 - October 15
 - December 17
- c. *Legal Notice to appear in Press& Sun-Bulletin (Recorder will post)*

2) Election of Officers for 2026

Current Officers in 2025 are:

- Chairperson – Pamela Rexer (**Relected**)
 - Motion: Mike Bender, 2nd John McNulty
- Vice-Chair – Mike Bender (**Relected**)
 - Motion: Pam Rexter, 2nd David Tinklepaugh
- Recorder – Cortnianne Williams (**Relected**)
 - Motion: Mike Heide, 2nd David Tinklepaugh

3) 2026 LEPC PLANS for Committees:

- Health, Human, and Animal Needs
- Training/Exercises – Drills
 - Will start meeting again in March after the EPA Presentation in Feb.
- **Infrastructure**
 - Work on Creating Committee
- **Public Safety**
 - Work on Creating Committee

4) Presentation: Mark Pellerito of the National Weather Service – Winter Weather forecast

5) OSHA Hazard Communication Standard Update – Affects all workplaces with any Hazardous Chemicals: OSHA has issued a final rule that updates the Hazard Communication Standard (HCS) to align primarily with the seventh revision of the United Nations' Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS). *Current version aligns with third version. The final rule was published on May 20, 2024 and takes effect on July 19, 2024.* Some aspects have phase-in dates of compliance:

a. For Manufacturers:

1. For Substances: January 19, 2026 Updated SDS and container labeling
2. For Mixtures: July 19, 2027 Updated SDS and container labeling

b. For Employers – container labeling, employee training, and updated Hazard Communication program

1. July 20, 2026 (for substances)
2. January 19, 2028 (for mixtures)

Motion to Adjourn: Micheal Bender, 2nd Cortnianne Williams

Next Meeting: February 19, 2026 at Public Safety Facility (and Virtual)

Committee Meetings: January 15, 2026 - Health, Human and Animal Needs