Broome County
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
LEPC MEETING MINUTES
10/15/2026

- Introduction of guests/new members

Attendees: Sierra Kunig, Cait Cavanaugh, Dave Tinklepaugh, Juliet Cole, Dave Adler, Josh Nytch, Mark Pellerito
New Member: Olivia Shimkus
Online: Mike Heide, Donna Davis, Cortni Williams, Pam Rexter, Kamaran Fisher

- Approval of minutes 8/20/2026 Motion: Josh Nytch, 2nd Juliet Cole
- New Email Address to contact LEPC: broomelepc@broomecountyny.gov
- Correspondence /Announcements
  - FedEx Ground Hazardous Waste Contingency Plan Update Received

Old Business

1) Drills and Training Schedule 2026 – Updates and New Events

- *Red Cross Drill moved to 2027*
- Deposit School Tabletop on August 31st
- Deposit School Evacuation Drill on October 8th
- EOC Tabletop on December 3rd
- Williams conducting a Drill at one of the Compression Facilities
- Office of Mental Health Active Shooter Exercise on November 11th 2026
- Red Cross conducting Thunderbolt Drill Next Year
- Binghamton University conducting a full-scale exercise in May 2027
- SUNY Broome conducting a mock disaster in May 2027

Training:

- ICS 400 Conducted in September
- Wildland Search Skills Class conducted this past weekend.
- Peer Support training in November
- CERT Training being conducted until November 7th

2) **Committee Updates**:

- **Health, Human and Animal Needs** – Meeting held on 7/16/26
  - Cases of Shigella on the rise in Broome County– Gastrointestinal illness. Health Dept. is continuing to monitor.
  - Measles outbreak – Confirmed Cases in the State (Not Broome County at this time)
    - NYS created a dashboard for the State on Measles. https://health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/measles/data.htm
  - Flu Vaccine Clinics being offered
    - Once respiratory disease season "officially" starts, NYSDOH and BCHD will track weekly case numbers.

- **Training/Exercises** - Meeting held on 9/18/26
  - Currently 5 members: Pam Rexer, Mike Bender, Cortni Williams, Cait Cavanaugh, Mike Heide

1) Ideas for Exercises:

- **TRANSCAER Train –** *Pam is reaching out to set up for Sept/Oct of 2027*
- **Tier 2 Report Training –** *Attempting to put together a Joint meeting with the Chamber of Commerce on either 1/20/27 or 1/27/27 (Pam and Cortni)*
- NYS Chemical Bulk Storage
- Preparing for Weather Emergencies
- Radioactive Materials Training

2) **Polling Members for Deliverables** – Mike Bender
    - We will gather all replies and report back to the Full Committee in December.

3) **2026 LEPC PLANS** for **Committees:**
    - **Infrastructure**
    - **Public Safety:** Mike Bender and Cortni Williams will invite individuals to LEPC and try to create the committees based on attendees

New Business

1) **Presentation:** National Weather Service on Winter Outlook
2) **Measles Update** – Health Dept and Emergency Services
    a. No cases have been confirmed in Broome County. 1 individual was in a Broome County hospital but not a Broome County resident.
    b. Governor signed Executive Order No. 65 on Oct. 5, 2026, declaring a State Disaster Emergency
    c. BCHD is doing education and vaccinations; no other changes to operations at this time.

Motion to Adjourn: Josh Nytch, 2nd Cait Cavanaugh

Next Meeting December 17, 2026 at Public Safety Facility (and Virtual)

Committee Meetings: November 19, 2026 - Health, Human and Animal Needs
November 12, 2026 - Training/Exercises