

Broome County  
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)  
**LEPC MEETING MINUTES**  
**8/19/2021**

- Meeting started 13:02.
- Introduction of guests/new members
- Jason “Jay” Cawley. NYSP, Troop ‘C’ EMO- New Member approved : Eric Janis, Mike Bender
- **In Attendance:** Pam Rexer, Mike Bender, Ray Serowik, Patrick Dewing, Mike Heide, Kim Saunders, G Henry, Dave Adler, Eric Janis, K Kamp, Josh Phelps, Lisa Beeman.
- Approval of minutes 6/17/21- G Henry, P Rexer
- Correspondence /Announcements
  - a) **Training Notices:** <http://www.dhss.ny.gov/training/>
  - b) Resignation Letter from Michael Ponticiello as Vice-Chair of LEPC due to his new position with the County as Deputy County Executive (See New Business)

**Old Business**

- 1) **Committee Updates:**
  - a) **Public Safety** – coordinate RMP requirements *No Update*
  - b) **Health, Human and Animal Needs** – July meeting cancelled
- 2) County Wide Radio Project – Status/Progress - Projected to be in place end of 2021 (with cautious optimism)

*Project will have testing in the Spring of 2022 (2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter); Anticipate complete by end of 2022*
- 3) **Drills and Training 2021**
  - Broome County Airport Air Show on July 17<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>:
    - *Well attended, People were safe and enjoyed*
  - Dick’s Open July 4<sup>th</sup> Weekend
    - *Attendance was limited but went well; even with rainy weekend*
  - Speidie Fest in Fall
    - *Moving ahead with traditional format and scheduled for October 8,9, 10 (Columbus Day Weekend) Balloon launches will be AM Saturday*

*Luma Art Festival scheduled for 9/10-9/11*  
*EOC/OMS – training to be held Nov 2- Nov 4 virtually*

**New Business**

- 4) Update on COVID 19 (Corona Virus) –Mike Bender/Ray Serowick
  - County Status on increasing infection rates of Delta Variant
    - *48 cases/day*
    - *NYS Guidance is to follow CDC guidance*
    - *3<sup>rd</sup> shots 8 months after 2<sup>nd</sup> shot- given through Pharmacies and Primary Care*
  - Vaccination Status of Broome County *At approximately 60%*
  - Status on new restrictions coming? *Recommendations were made*
  - Broome County Schools – Opening plans
- 5) 209-U Inquiry regarding public availability of information submitted by companies to Fire Department/Fire Coordinators - *No further inquiries*
- 6) Elect New Vice-Chair for LEPC – Approved by Mike Heide, Kim Saunders
  - a. *Mike Bender Vice- Chair*
  - b. *Patrick Dewing- Recorder*
- 7) Remaining 2021 Meetings:
  - October 21
  - December 16
- 8) **Topics/Presentations for future meetings – Ideas and Suggestions**

*Motion to adjourn 13:35 – M. Heide, P. Rexer*

**Next Meeting October 21, 2021 at Public Safety Facility**  
**Committee Meetings September 16, 2021 (or alternate date as scheduled by committee chairs)**