

# Prince George's County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Quarterly Meeting: July 11, 2017



## **Location:**

Prince George's County, Public Safety Complex, 7915 Anchor St. Landover, MD 20785

## **Presiding:**

LEPC Chair- Ronald E. Gill, Jr., Director, Prince George's County Office of Emergency Management (OEM)

## **OEM Personnel Attendees:**

Ronald E. Gill, Director, Prince George's County OEM, and LEPC Chair  
Tony Anderson, Prince George's County OEM, Regional Planner  
Brindisi Chan, Prince George's County OEM, Community Developer  
Michelle Ezeofor, Prince George's County OEM, Regional Planner  
Courtney Mariette, Prince George's County OEM, Regional Planner  
James Morrow, Prince George's County OEM, CERT Coordinator  
Eydi Reyes, Prince George's County OEM, Administrative Aide  
Ernest Walker, Prince George's County, OEM, Community Outreach

## **Member/Invited Guest Attendees:**

Russ Strickland, Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) Executive Director, Guest Speaker  
Stephen Allen, City of Laurel  
Craig Black, Prince George's County Fire Department (PGFD)  
Major Victoria Brock, Prince Georges County Police Department (PGPD)  
Paul Carden, Red Cross  
Mike Caruso, Prince George's County Public School (PGCPS)  
Gwen Clerkly, Prince George's County Department of Public Works & Transportation (DPWT)  
Gerald Collins, Cottage City  
Lee Cornwell, City of Bowie  
Capt. Kenneth Eckar, University of Maryland Police Department  
Richard Goddard, Prince George's County Health Department  
Gary Goldberg, Citizen

Ken Green House, Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES)  
Dawn Hawkins-Nixon, Prince George's County Department of the Environment (DoE)  
Angela Holmes, Citizens Encouraging Community Revitalization (CECR)  
Douglass Lindsey, Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES)  
Charles Scott, Prince George's County Department of Corrections  
Isaac Truth, City of Bowie  
Troy Walls, Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS)  
Lakina Webster, Prince George's County, Office of the County Executive

## **Welcome & Introductions- Ronald E. Gill, Jr. Director, OEM**

### **1. Purpose of LEPC**

- a. The purpose of the Prince George's County LEPC is to enhance Prince George's County's preparedness and response to hazardous materials incidents by involving the government, private business, nonprofit organizations, and citizens in planning and preparing for such an incident.
- b. Background of LEPC in the State of Maryland and Prince George's County was discussed.
- c. LEPC Mission/Vision Statement

## **LEPC Updates- Ronald E. Gill, Jr. Director, OEM**

### **1. Working on rebranding LEPC, vision and mission statement**

- a. Are there any proposed new mission and vision statements?
- b. There will be voting on the new statement in the future.

### **2. Role of the State in Prince George's County LEPC**

- a. The State helps enforce the Federal regulations.

## **Guest Speaker: Russ Strickland, Executive Director, MEMA**

### **1. LEPC attendance was very impressive.**

- a. 28 members of the community and representatives of the State and County government were present.

### **2. Overview of LEPC in the State of Maryland and State interaction with the Prince George's County LEPC - work is done thru information/resource sharing and collaboration.**

### **3. Planning should be comprehensive, statewide efficient and effective.**

### **4. Emergency Management current trends include: Planning, Training & Exercise and the Opioid Crisis.**

### **5. The State helps to regulate and enforce Federal regulations:**

- a. State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) functionality is evolving and re-establishing requirements at the local level.

- b. Working with the HazMat grant process and working with community groups to address hazardous material concerns.
- c. Questions and Answer Session.

### **Opioid Intervention Team (OIT) - Courtney Mariette (OEM); Richard Goddard (Health Department)**

#### **1. OHS/OEM Courtney Mariette**

- a. OEM heads the Prince George’s County Opioid Intervention Team -which is a consortium of County agencies that determine how best to fight the heroin and opioid epidemic, and seek to expand on current prevention, enforcement, and treatment efforts.
- b. Major Brock (Prince George’s County Police Department) discussed the Police Department collection services for unused drugs/medications from citizens in the community in support to the Opioid Intervention Team.

### **OEM Planning Update- Michelle Ezeofor**

#### **1. Regional Planning**

- a. OEM 2016-2017 completed plans include: the Severe Weather Plan, the Hazard Mitigation Plan, the Fixed Nuclear Plan, and an update to the Emergency Operations Plan.
- b. A final list of Plans will be presented to the LEPC during the fall meeting. County is transitioning to electronic plans submission, specifically, Continuity of Operations Plans (COOP) from all County agencies.

### **OEM Training Update- Courtney Mariette for Roland Berg**

#### **1. Training Resources**

- a. OEM hosted Multi-Year Training and Exercise Plan (MYTEP) – training for County Employees.
- b. Hosting the Rapid Assessment workshop and Disaster & Recovery course in August.
- c. Hosting First Aid/AED Classes.
- d. Participating in the Calvert Cliffs Exercise.
- e. OEM classes are listed in the Emergency Management section of the Prince George’s County website.
- f. OEM Staffer Ernest Walker - Community Outreach Liaison – shared an overview of community based initiatives, to include – Community Emergency Response (CERT) classes, First Aid/AED training, and active shooter.
- g. Prince George’s County will be hosting the National Capital Region Community Emergency Response Team Conference (CERTCON) a two day conference on September 23-24, 2017 at Flowers High School in Springdale, Maryland.

### **Health Department Update- Richard Goddard**

#### **1. Initiatives in progress:**

- a. Opioid Epidemic in the County; Department of Behavioral Health Division meets monthly to discuss the opioid crisis efforts and public outreach.
- a. Zika Epidemic outreach efforts have been one of main programs.

- b. Currently working on Continuity of Operations (COOP) Plans with flow chart.

### **Department of the Environment (DoE) - Dawn Hawkins- Nixon**

#### **1. DoE Sustainability Division:**

- a. FEMA Flood insurance information - residents need to purchase flood insurance.
- b. Department of Permitting and Inspections and Enforcement are always identifying flood prone areas.
- c. Working on Hazard Mitigation Plan every 5 years, this information helps the County apply for grant funding.
- d. Monitoring cameras of 5 high hazard dams. Working on updating flood plans for those dams.

### **Fire and EMS HazMat Update - Craig Black:**

#### **1. Reported Spills & Leaks:**

- a. Craig Black is the record keeper and reports under Title 3 of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA), and the Emergency Planning & community Right-to-Know (EPCRA)
- b. Currently 170 facilities meeting HazMat thresholds have reported to our LEPC.

### **Other Agencies**

- 1. Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS):** Mr. Mike Caruso shared an overview of the Prince George's County Homeland Security Program. This program is an effort between OHS/OEM and PGCPS.
- 2. Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES):** Asked about the County participation in the Communication program Interoperability cell phone (First net) a decision will be made probably in September.

### **New Business:**

- 1. Working to rebrand the Mission and Vision statement.
- 2. Supporting School initiative thru Prince George's County OHS Program.
- 3. First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) program- Maryland State is reviewing draft created by AT&T to have this program available in the State
- 4. Tour of the Prince George's County Public Safety Complex and Emergency Operation Center (EOC).

### **Moving Forward:**

**Next meeting date: TBD**