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**Prince George's County**  
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)  
February 16, 2018

**Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:** See attached list.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair of the LEPC, Ronald E. Gill, Jr, Deputy Director of the Office of Homeland Security/Office of Emergency Management (OHS/OEM), and was followed by introductions of attendees. Appreciation was noted by the Chair to Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) for their willingness to host the meeting and their informative presentation.

A motion was made and approved to accept the July 11, 2017 meeting minutes.

**Legislative/Regulatory Update**

None at this time.

**Continuing Business- Updates**

- a. ***Emergency Management/LEPC Update and History*** – (Ronald E. Gill, Jr., Deputy Director, OHS/OEM) - Detailed the history and involvement of emergency management with the LEPC. The LEPC was previously managed by civil defense, eventually with the creation of programs like Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and Emergency Preparedness and Community Right to Know Act (EPCRA) reporting laws, emergency management took the role to coordinate the LEPC. In the last 5-6 years the Prince George's County Office of Emergency Management (PGC) (OEM) has grown to broaden the scope of emergency management in the County to include the LEPC, establishing a branding with the main message of "Creating Resilient Communities." The goal of OEM is to create a resilient community by working with government partners and private citizens. Additional ideas were requested during the meeting for methods to

promote the Prince George's County LEPC and to recommend any community member who may be an asset to the LEPC.

b. **Opioid Intervention Team** – (Courtney Mariette, Regional Planner, OEM) - Reported that the Opioid Operational Command Center began in March 2017 following Governor Hogan's Executive Order – in response to the opioid and heroine crisis. Though the Opioid epidemic has not affected Prince George's County as it has in other jurisdictions (*in terms of fatalities and number of incidents*)the PGC Opioid Intervention Team (OIT) works diligently to study data provided by the Police, Fire/EMS, Social Services, Public Schools, and Health Departments. The latest data received reveals a number of first responders are using the opioid overdose reversal drug Naloxone. The Health Department serves as the lead agency and OEM serves as the coordinating body. The OIT meetings bi-monthly to discuss trends and best practices..

c. **OEM Updates:** Updates from the Prince George's County, Office of Emergency Management.

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- **Planning-** (Michelle Ezeofor, Regional Planner) The County Emergency Operations Plan has been updated. The following plans have been completed: the Regional NCR THIRA and the Fix Nuclear Facility Plan. The 2017 Hazard Mitigation Plan is awaiting approval by the Office of Law and County Council. OEM is developing/updating the Mass Care Plan, the Donations/Volunteer Management Plan, and the Reception Center Plan. The County is utilizing BOLD Planning's COOP (Continuity of Operations) software application to make changes to the COOP Plan. A new Regional Planner will start working at OEM this month. Some plans, like a draft version of the Hazard Mitigation Plan, are available online, to allow the public the opportunity to comment.
- **Training-** (Roland Berg, Training & Exercise) - OEM provides training to citizens and county employees on a variety of emergency preparedness topics such as WebEOC, ICS, HSEEP, PIO, CPR/AED/First Aid, PIO series and NWS SkyWarn. OEM is working to complete the County Employee Basic Emergency Preparedness course. In the first half of 2018, OEM has scheduled more than 20 classes for citizens and County employees. OEM is participating in the following exercises: the WMATA Metro exercise on 03/04/18, Region 5 Emergency Healthcare Coalition exercise on 05/03/18, and the FEMA Atlantic Fury exercise on 05/04/18. OEM is developing objectives for a tabletop exercise in the Fall of 2018 and an EOC functional exercises for the Spring of 2019.

- **Community Outreach-** (Ernest Walker, Outreach & Education) - Reported on various trainings and engagement opportunities OEM has in the community. OEM participates in the Transforming Neighborhoods Initiative (TNI) program, through presentations at schools, churches, homeowners associations, private agencies, businesses and other government agencies. Seminars on active shooter, First Aid/CPR/AED, and emergency preparedness are some of the topics provided to the public.
- d. **Health Department Update** – (Richard Goddard, ~~Compliance-Office~~[Emergency Preparedness](#)) – Reported that the Health Department is promoting prevention for flu season, with the main goals of pandemic incident prevention and vaccination. The Health Department is currently leading the Opioid Crisis Program for the County.
  - e. **Department of the Environment** - (Dawn Hawkins-Nixon, Associate Director) – DOE manages the flood maintenance group, whose primary function is flood protection and flood management operations, distributing information on flood insurance to citizens and providing assistance to help citizens save up to 20% in flood insurance. DOE manages a warning system that covers Anacostia watershed area - from Beltsville to Capitol Heights, 5 major levy systems, and pumping stations to protect thousands of citizen's homes. The 2<sup>nd</sup> watershed encompasses parts of Bowie over to Largo areas. Through these programs relationships with OEM and the Department of Public Works have allowed the County to communicate and provide assistance to citizens in the event of an evacuation.
  - f. **Fire and EMS HazMat Update** - (Craig Black) - PGFD manages the reporting of hazard materials and suspicious mail, through the use of an electronic database application which makes the information available to fire stations in the area.
  - g. **Guest Speaker** – (Dave McDonough, WSSC) - Provided a detailed history of WSSC whose main mission is to provide water; WSSC was established in 1918, making it one of the oldest water utility organizations in the Country. WSSC has two main reservoirs that are created by Duckett dam and Brighton dam. WSSC is diligently working to improve infrastructure to reduce water main break response times. One of the improvements allows citizens to report a water main break 24 hours a day, either by calling WSSC's response center or via mobile application. Citizens can also sign up for alerts to notify them of water outages. Following a PowerPoint presentation, a demonstration on how repairs on water main breaks are completed and installations of new water meters was provided by a restoration team.

***New Business***

Additional Announcements

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45pm the next meeting will be on April 10, 2018.  
Location will be determined at a later date.

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