

# New River Valley Regional LEPC

November 20, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Montgomery County Government Center

- 10:00 Pledge of Allegiance
- 10:01 Agenda approved Zack Evans second and Kristen Perdue/Tom Lovejoy  
Minutes approved by Dave Gruber second by Zack Evans
- 10:01 Standing Items: Hazmat Spills: nothing to report (normal fuel spills)
- 10:02 Educational Needs and Offerings
- David Linkous described the active shooter joint response training between law enforcement and EMS. The program included training and exercises.
  - Stop the Bleed classes have been making their rounds throughout the area and have had positive feedback and support. All employees of the health department are being trained to use the packs.
- 10:04 Host for February meeting: Montgomery County Government Center
- 10:05 Around the Room: member introductions
- 10:07 Introduction of Mary Lou Legg for the Regional Medical Reserve Corps
- Looking for feedback, ideas and connections within the area for the MRC
- 10:11 Old Business
- Work groups: Matt Hobson - working to upgrade the first responder communications VHF to UHF, hope to have improvements up and running by January. 911 Authority is having a needs assessment for Montgomery County.
- 10:13 New Business:
- Election of Officers will take place at the February meeting. Nominations open for President, Vice President, Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary. David Linkous will step down as president of the NRV LEPC. Nominations can be sent in through email, phone, or at the meeting.
  - Low attendance from regional partners opens a discussion to continue a regional LEPC. Discussions about moving back to a Montgomery County LEPC partnership or working on recruitment efforts in the areas that are regional and underrepresented at the meeting.
    - Dave Gruber suggested rotating meetings to the other areas of the region to increase participation.
    - Will discuss further in February.

10:17 Potential Topics for Future Discussion

- Lisa Sedlak would like to see information about reverse 9-1-1/Code Red and the timing of messages and their impact on response by the community. What is the right time to get the messages out to the community? A future discussion is proposed for after February meeting.
- Chris Ramsey discussed prior trainings on civil unrest and noted that Charlottesville threat has faded since the initial incident, as evidenced by the one year anniversary. Stephen Owen participated in civil unrest scenario developed where he was a part of a non-classified FBI security briefing. He noted some interesting lessons learned that will be published in the coming months that are geared towards higher education that may be worth reviewing.
- Kristen Perdue stated that the Red Cross was focused on Hurricane Florence as a large operation, but Hurricane Michael was where the greatest impact was for the area and ARC response. Florence preparations benefited the response efforts for Hurricane Michael. It was mentioned that this may be a good topic for folks who deployed for hurricane response.
- Dave Gruber mentioned snow storm preparedness for residents as a seasonal LEPC topic, related to informing and training citizens to support response efforts.
  - Kristen noted that the Red Cross provides disaster preparedness presentations to groups who are interested. Reach out to Kristen to schedule.
- Hospitals have discussed infectious diseases, such as Ebola, and how Steramist can kill these diseases. It can kill nasty infectious viruses and is available locally through ServPro.

10:27 Around the Room

- Robert Hawkins NSPA is hosting a Basic Disaster Life Support course for free. A flier will be sent out with the minutes from the meeting. It is open to all LEPC members.

10:30 Training: Rabies in the New River Valley by Emma Duer, Environmental Health Specialist with New River Health District

- A matrix of wild and domestic animal cases was provided to attending members.
- A copy of this presentation can be provided upon request.

11:07 Meeting Adjourned