

Garrett County, Maryland Local Emergency Planning Committee

Minutes

Meeting:	Local Emergency Planning Committee		
Date of Meeting:	January 16, 2018	Time:	9:30 am – 12:00 pm
Meeting Facilitator:	John Frank, Director Emergency Management	Location:	Garrett County-EOC Airport Road

Meeting Topics Discussed

<p>LEPC Meeting Topics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Review & Approval 19 September 2017 Meeting Minutes; ✓ EOC Design & Construction Project Update; ✓ Exercise & Training; ✓ EMS Status Update; ✓ HazMat Team Update; ✓ EOP Basic Plan Adoption & NWS Storm Ready Designation; ✓ Opioid Epidemic; and ✓ Mass Care Shelter Update. <p>Hazard Mitigation Planning Topics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Power-Point Presentation.

Attendees

Name	Organization	Name	Organization
John Reginaldi	MEMA	Brian Kloos	MSP
John Frank	GC Emerg. Mgt.	Alicia Streets	DHS
Robert Stephens	GC Health Dept.	Bradley Williams	MSP
Virginia Smith	GC Emerg. Mgt.	Paul Harvey	GC Roads Division
Shelley Menear	Garrett College	Shelia McHafey	GC Emerg. Mgt.
Lou Battistella	Emerg. Services Board	William Swift	GC BOE
Dwayne Kitis	MIEMSS	Jim Hinebaugh	GC Commissioner
Nathaniel Watkins	GC DoIT	Rick Cosner	SHA
Kevin Null	GC Administrator	Jay Moyer	GC Public Works
Katie Salesky	Office of Preparedness & Response	Mike Friend	NRP

Review of 19 September 2017 Meeting Minutes

No comments. Minutes approved as read.

Emergency Operations Center Status Update

Kevin Null reported that the original EOC facility design submitted by the contractor had an estimated

price of construction at \$5.6 million. No additional funding has been found. Therefore, Garrett County has requested a modified design specification package from the architect using a budget of \$1.5 million.

Exercise & Training

Virginia Smith distributed a training opportunities handout during the meeting (attached). Garrett County is hosting several courses this quarter. Additional training and exercise opportunities were discussed by meeting attendees, additional training announcement have been added as attachments.

Emergency Medical Services Status Update

Challenges still exist with coverage. WV is now unable to provide back-up assistance, function as a second due response company, in the southern portion of the County. Dwayne Kitis indicated that there is a thirty-year Interstate Mutual Aid Agreement. For the most part, mutual aid agreements are between individual response companies.

John Frank reported that (4) County EMS responders will attend tactical paramedic training.

HazMat Team Update

John Frank reported that hazmat team members participated in a gas meter detection training using the new gas meter equipment purchased by LEPC hazmat grant funding. Ironically enough, the gas meters were used on a hazmat call that occurred shortly after the training ended. John Frank reported that there has been an estimated 10-15 hazmat responses in GC, either fuel spill or gas leak related.

In addition, the team has worked on their overall organization chart but has yet to finalize their newly created by-laws. This is an outstanding item that they will work on during this quarter.

The team plans to host both the 40 hr. HazMat Technician course funded by the EPA, which is thereby free of charge to Garrett County. The EPA anticipates scheduling this training in 2018 and will provide additional details as they become available. In addition, Garrett County is planning an exercise for 2019/2020. The EPA offers both trainings and exercise development and facilitation free of charge. The exercise request has been formally made to EPA by Emergency Management staff.

In addition, WV will be hosting a regional hazmat & interoperability exercise program in 2018. They have invited all three Western Maryland counties to participate.

- ✓ Table-Top Exercise-April 24th at Davis Center;
- ✓ Functional Exercise held-TBD (late June or early July); and,
- ✓ Full-Scale Exercise will be held over the course of two weekends. TBD (September/October)

Emergency Operation Plan (EOP)

The Board of Commissioners adopted the *Garrett County Emergency Operations Plan* on December 4, 2017. The *Active Shooter Response Plan*, an annex to the EOP, was included.

NWS Storm Ready

The National Weather Service has approved Garrett County as a *Storm Ready* community. A presentation was given to the Board of County Commissioners on December 4, 2017.

Garrett County now has weather stations at all three County Roads Garage locations and the following

schools:

- * Route 40 Elementary;
- * Friendsville Elementary;
- * Southern High School; and,
- * Northern High School.

Opioid Epidemic

Garrett County has a program in-place, which includes two committees, Opioid (meets monthly) & the Drug Overdose Committee (meets quarterly).

The GC Sheriff's Office tracks drug related calls, starting in July 2017 to present. This tracking yielded eighty-eight (88) calls that were in some way drug related.

2017 was a record year in Maryland for drug overdose statistics. Garrett County had (7), of these (3) were opioid, while the remaining cases were any other drug (except heroin) related overdoses. John Frank reported that County EMS statistics indicate that EMS administered Narcan 39 times.

Bob Stephens reported treatment statistics, (82) in 2014, as compared to (230) in 2017. Going forward, GC plans to:

- ✓ Increase Recovery Support- (2) Coaches;
- ✓ Provide Narcan in Hospital-staff to provide training of the use of Narcan to family members;
- ✓ Educate children on drug abuse-Public Schools & Health Department;
- ✓ Emergency Declaration still in-place-moving from a response phase to a recovery phase; and,
- ✓ Funding secured to hire a coordinator- hire pending.

Mass Care Shelter Updates

Alicia Streets, Dept. of Human Services, reported that second shelter response trailer acquired that will serve up to 100 people. This improved capability will allow for both a northern and southern shelter response trailer deployment. Garrett County now has two shelter response trailers, capable of serving (200) people. MOU was drafted detailing agreement between GC Public Schools and the GC Board of Commissioners. Main shelters within GC are Northern High School, Southern High School, Northern Middle School, and Southern Middle School. Garrett College CARC is a state approved shelter. The state will provide the facility with back-up generator power.

Updates will be made to the Cold Weather Plan to include additional information on warming centers.

Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Virginia Smith presented a power-point presentation highlighted updated plan elements and next steps. In addition, information from the National Flood Insurance Program was presented and discussed.

Garrett County has **(17) Repetitive Loss Properties and (1) Severe Loss Property**. Flooding has been ranked as a "High-Risk" hazard within the plan.

*A **Repetitive Loss (RL) property** is any insurable building for which two or more claims of more*

than \$1,000 were paid by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) within any rolling ten-year period, since 1978. A RL **property** may or may not be currently insured by the NFIP.

The **Severe Repetitive Loss** SRL group consists of any NFIP-insured residential property that has met at least 1 of the following paid flood loss criteria since 1978, regardless of ownership:

- 4 or more separate claim payments of more than \$5,000 each (including building and contents payments); or
- 2 or more separate claim payments (building payments only) where the total of the payments exceeds the current value of the property.

In either case, 2 of the claim payments must have occurred within 10 years of each other.

Multiple losses at the same location within 10 days of each other are counted as 1 loss, with the payment amounts added together.

In addition, current capabilities were reviewed and discussed. New capabilities that were added since the previous 2012 plan included:

- **New Weather Stations**
- **Storm Ready**
- **New Communication Tower/Equipment**
- **Everbridge-Citizen Alert Sign-Up**
- **Mass Care & Shelter**
- **Incident Command**
- **Additional Message Sign Boards**
- **Ordinance Updates-Floodplain & Sediment & Erosion Control**
- **Plan Integration-Comprehensive Plan Update**

Next steps in the planning process include:

- **Meeting(s) with specific County Departments**
 - **Planning & Permits: January 30th**
- **Vulnerability Assessment Update**
 - **Riverine Hazus Run-TBD**
 - **New Flood Insurance Rate Maps & Study**
 - **Update Municipal Synopsis Maps**
 - **Focus of Essential Facilities-All Hazards**
- **Municipal Packets & Meeting**
- **New Hazard Chapters-Cyber Attack & Opioid Crisis**
- **New Mitigation Actions & Projects**

Planning committee members are requested to communicate any mitigation ideas to Virginia Smith, at their earliest convenience. New ideas will be discussed at the next meeting.

Finally, John Frank reported that EM staff plan to present information on the hazard mitigation plan update process at the next municipal mayors meeting. This will also serve as an outreach opportunity and will be documented within the plan update. Also, municipal information and feedback have been prepared and distributed in order to encourage participation throughout the planning process.

Meeting Date(s)

- LEPC Committee Meeting Date: **April 17, 2018**

Location: **Garrett County Airport-EOC Room**

Time: **9:30 AM**

Please note the meeting start time has been changed from our usual 10 AM to 9:30 AM.