

Garrett County, Maryland Local Emergency Planning Committee

Minutes

Meeting:	Local Emergency Planning Committee		
Date of Meeting:	April 17, 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 16 January 2018 Meeting Minutes; ✓ FirstNet Presentation: Lori Stone-First Net & Jack McArdle-AT&T; ✓ EOC Design Project Update; ✓ Training Opportunities; ✓ HazMat Team Update; ✓ EMS; ✓ Opioid Epidemic; and ✓ Department Updates. <p>Hazard Mitigation Planning Topics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ PowerPoint Presentation & Discussion-FEMA Flood Hazus Results & Mitigation Strategies.
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Attendees

Name	Organization	Name	Organization
John Reginaldi	MEMA	Ronald Bray	GC BOE
John Frank	GC Emerg. Mgt.	Alicia Streets	DHS
Craig Umbel	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.
Mike Friend	NRP	William Swift	GC BOE
Dwayne Kitis	MIEMSS	Jeff Hinebaugh	Garrett Regional Medical
Nathaniel Watkins	GC DoIT	Rick Cosner	SHA
Katie Salesky	Office of Preparedness & Response	Jay Moyer	GC Public Works

Review of 18 January 2018 Meeting Minutes

No comments. Minutes approved as read.
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FirstNet Presentaion

First responders, AT&T and the First Responder Network Authority have come together to build FirstNet, a dedicated purpose-built communications tool created for and by public safety.

Please find attached the PDF-FirstNet PowerPoint presented at the meeting.

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Emergency Operations Center Status Update

John Frank reported that a final cost analysis for the EOC construction project is scheduled for May 1st. The expectation is that this cost analysis will be within the allocated budget, which will ensure that the overall building is constructed at a minimum. The earliest expectation for the start of construction is possibly September/October 2018.

Upcoming Local Training Events

ICS 300 April 25-27, 2018 & ICS 400 April 30-May 1, 2018

Garrett College-Accident Career & Technology Training Center

Public Information Course

Start: **5/15/2018**, 8:30 AM End: **5/17/2018**, 4:00 PM Training Location: Garrett College Career Technology Training Center (CTTC)

The G290 Basic Public Information Course emphasizes the basic skills and knowledge needed for emergency management public information activities. Topics include the role of the PIO in emergency management, conducting awareness campaigns, news release writing, and television interviews. **May 15-16, 2018**

The G291 Joint Information Center/Joint Information System Course discusses how to work in a multi-jurisdiction and/or multi-agency JIC, JIC concept of operations and how to plan for and equip a JIC. **May 17, 2018**

The Schedule is as followed:

The G289 course is taught all of Day 1- **Completed: This is the course that was presented in the Fall of 2017 at Garrett College Career Technology Training Center (CTTC).**

The G290 course will be taught on Days 2-3.

The G291 course will be taught on Day 4 and will include the practical exam.

Registration for this course is through the MEMA Learning Management System (LMS). To [access or register for the MEMA LMS](#), please visit the following webpage: <https://memamaryland.csod.com>

Additional Training Flyers are attached: **Critical Decision Making for Complex Events & Grants Training for Western Maryland Nonprofits.**

HazMat Team Update

Craig Umbel reported that the HazMat Team has approved the by-laws and will present to the Board of County Commissioners. The team is currently working on streamlining the alerting process.

The team plans to host the 40 hr. HazMat Technician course funded by the EPA, which is thereby free of charge to Garrett County. The 4-day training is scheduled as follows:

September 8th-9th and September 29th-30th. 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.

Finally, 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)

Katie Salesky reported that the Health Department's Radiological Plan is due by the end of 2018. Regional funds may be available in the near future for radiological detection equipment.

Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

John Frank reported that EMS is experiencing a high call volume. Aid requested from both PA & WV is contributing to this high volume of calls for response.

Opioid Epidemic

Garrett County has a program in-place, which includes two committees, Opioid (meets monthly) & the Drug Overdose Committee (meets quarterly). Recently, an Opioid Intervention Coordinator was hired by the Health Department using grant funding. Bulk purchasing for Narcan is available under state contract. Garrett Regional Medical Center is now discharging identified patients with information and Narcan Kits.

Mass Care Shelter Updates

Alicia Streets, Dept. of Human Services, reported that grant funds have been obtained to supply the second shelter response trailer, which 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.

Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Virginia Smith presented a power-point presentation highlighting hazus vulnerability assessment results, mitigation strategies, and next steps.

Items completed since the last planning committee meeting included:

- **Meeting(s) with specific County Departments**
 - **Planning & Permits: January 30th**
- **Vulnerability Assessment Update**
 - **Riverine Hazus Run**

- **New Flood Insurance Rate Maps & Study**
- **Update Municipal Synopsis Maps**
- **Focus of Essential Facilities-All Hazards**
- **Municipal Packets Distribution- (6) of (8) municipalities have participated to date.**
- **Meeting with County Tourism/Chamber of Commerce on April 19, 2018**
- **New Hazard Chapters drafted for review -Cyber Attack & Opioid Crisis**
- **New Mitigation Goals, Objectives, and Actions**

During the meeting planning committee members discussed mitigation goals, objectives, and actions. Applicable mitigation actions carried over from the previous plan were assessed for 2018 priority ranking. In addition, new actions were reviewed and assessed for priority ranking. Finally, members of the committee discussed four new mitigation actions for inclusion into the mitigation action table.

- Emergency Generators-Primary Shelters
- Opioid Outreach-Speaker’s Bureau
- Opioid Intervention & Interdiction Training
- Cyber Threat Mitigation & Preparedness

Planning committee members are requested to communicate any additional mitigation ideas to Virginia Smith, at their earliest convenience. Also, municipal information and feedback will continue to be sought. The two remaining municipalities will be encouraged to participate.

Department/Agency Updates

Alicia Streets-DHS reported that the Vulnerable Populations Committee held a winter storm after action meeting. They committee recommended the scheduling of joint training with both DHS-nursing and Health Department shelter staff. In addition, each county DHS has received an ebola quarantine push-pack.

William Swift-Public Schools discussed recent incidents indicates Family Reunification Planning is of vital importance. Alicia Streets expressed her concern over the lack of a plan for Garrett County. The next step is to establish a committee and begin the planning process. Mr. Swift indicated that (15) trauma kits have been obtained and installed at all GC public schools. All administrators have had the “Stop the Bleed” training. Nurses are scheduled for training on April 23, 2018. Mr. Swift also reported that as a result of new legislation, school safety & security funds will be made available to local jurisdictions. Funds will be available for additional School Resource Officers.

Finally, Mr. Swift is in the beginning stages of coordination with MVIEW to integrate public schools cameras into the system.

- **MVIEW camera feeds are available for streaming on tablets, smart phones, and other mobile devices.** MVIEW has the ability to group cameras together for ease of use by first responder. Past special events such as the Preakness, the Baltimore Grand Prix, and the 2014 Star-Spangled Spectacular have utilized MVIEW camera groupings so that first responders, command centers, and users can easily access CCTV from their portable handheld devices.

Dwayne Kitis-MIEMSS reported that Garrett County was awarded \$6K for “Stop the Bleed” training and EMS Protection (PPE).

Jeff Hinebaugh, reported that GRMC successfully completed the Joint Commission Survey.

Evacuation Surge Drill was conducted at Garrett Regional Medical Center with participation from 9-1-1,

community action, and emergency management. The drill was very successful. **Katie Salesky** indicated that the health department & hospital is expected to participate in an annual drill going forward. However, the drills will not include a physical evacuation every year. Additional grant funds will be obtained to continue these efforts. Training and resources will be provided to additional entities such as long-term care and dialysis centers.

Nathaniel Watkins, DoIT reported on cyber attacks. Ironically, Mr. Watkins dealt with an attack while attending the meeting. Problems with hackers tapping into GC government phone system for internationally calling, resulting in illegal use and expensive charges to the county has occurred several times.

Paul Harvey, Roads reported that they are beginning spring cleanup efforts and the paving program will begin sometime in May.

Brad Williams, MSP reported that the motor pool has been replaced, as needed, with all-wheel drive vehicles. The McHenry Barracks will continue to operate despite rumors. Also, new staff is needed to fill-in positions, at least (4).

Shelley Menear, Garrett College reported that they are interested in the “Stop the Bleed” training. The summer has been targeted for this training.

Meeting Date(s)

- LEPC Committee Meeting Date: **September 11, 2018**
Location: **Garrett County Airport-EOC Room**
Time: **9:30 AM**