

New Hanover County LEPC  
Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2004

**The following persons were in attendance:**

Blake, Suzanne	UNCW
Cannon, Donnie	Vopak Terminal
Davis, Matt	NHC Fire
Dunn, Page	NHC Health Department
Gainey, Fred	Wilmington FD
George, Mike	NHC EM
Harrison, Robert	SSC
Harts, Stan	UNCW
Harvell, Dianne	NHC Health Department
Jordan, Ron	Wilmington FD
Lambert, Tracy	USCG - MSO
Lee, Warren	NHC Emergency Management
Lincoln, Doug	USCG - MSO
Long, Donnie	NC State Port Police
Marlow, Paul	NHC DEM
Monetta, Chris	GE/GNF
Morgan, Rodney	Corning
Naugle, Mary Jean	Fortron
Parkin, Michelle	PPD
Pridgen, Frankie	NHC Fire
Smith, Chris	South Wilmington Terminal
Strickler, Herb	GE/GNF-A
White, Lisa	KoSa
Wingenroth, Kristen	NHC Emergency Management

**Welcome and Introductions:**

The meeting, held at the Cape Fear Museum in the Williston Auditorium, was called to order at 1200 hours by Herb Strickler. The meeting was hosted by NHC Emergency Management. The January 14, 2004 meeting minutes were reviewed and amended to reflect UNCW was preparing to submit their application for a grant from FEMA for Disaster Resistant Universities and the correct venue for April's LEPC meeting. The minutes were approved as amended.

**Membership Announcements:**

The consolidation of GE Global Nuclear Fuels business headquarters at the Wilmington plant site is currently underway

**Old Business:**

The LEPC members present completed the review of the New Hanover County Emergency Operations Plan – Hazardous Materials ESF #10. A motion was made to adopt ESF #10 as revised, the motion was seconded and the group voted unanimously to adopt the revised document.

Warren Lee presented revised LEPC Bylaws to the County Commissioners at their February meeting. The Bylaws were approved as revised. The County Commissioners appointed Bobby Greer as their liaison to the LEPC.

New Hanover County's Emergency Operations Center is being relocated to the Market Place Mall. The County will be building a separate facility to house both the EOC and 911. NHC Emergency Management personnel will be moved to the current County Offices at Market Place Mall. The moves are expected to be complete by April 2005.

**New Business:**

Captain Fred Gainey of the Wilmington Fire Department gave a presentation on NC Hazardous Materials Regional Response Team 2 (RRT-2) which is physically located at the Wilmington Fire Department's Station 7 in New Hanover County. RRT-2 services Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover and Pender Counties, but can be called on to assist in hazardous material incidents statewide. RRT-2 is one of 7 teams strategically located in North Carolina to provide hazardous materials response services whenever an incident exceeds a local municipality's capability. RRT-2 can provide technical support, manpower, specialized equipment and supplies. Captain Gainey reviewed how to request assistance, what information will be requested in order to determine what assistance is needed, the different response levels and what assistance is associated with each response level. It was a very informative presentation.

Mr. Frankie Pridgen, Training Coordinator for New Hanover County's Department of Fire Services provided an overview on Task Force 11. These are Urban Search and Rescue teams strategically located throughout the state. There are 11 teams statewide, 3 of these teams are Level I and 8 are Level II. Wilmington Fire Department, New Hanover County Department of Fire Services and New Hanover County Emergency Management are collaborating to send 20 -25 people to Charlotte for training the end of March. These agencies need to train approximately 60 employees. It is expected to have the team up and running by mid year 2004.

The next LEPC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday March 10<sup>th</sup> at noon at the Downtown Library in the Masonboro Room. Lunch will be provided. The topic for this meeting is Department of Transportation and Maritime Security.

The schedule, logistics and sponsors for the next 4 meetings of the LEPC are as follows:

Date	Place	Topic	Host
3/10/04	Downtown Library – Masonboro Room	DOT/Maritime Security	S. Wilm. Terminal
4/14/04	Northeast Library – Oak Room	SPCC Requirements	PBE
5/19/04	KoSa – Highway 421 North	KoSa Site Tour	KoSa
6/9/04	Downtown Library – Masonboro Room	PHRST	PHRST

**Open Forum:**

Mike George announced he will be leaving New Hanover County Department of Emergency Management effective March 1, 2004. He thanked everyone for their hard work and dedication to our County's LEPC.



