

New Hanover County LEPC
Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2004

The following persons were in attendance:

Albright, Andrew	USCG MSO Wilmington
Alexander, Mike	BASF
Blake, Suzanne	UNCW
Brown, Paula	NCEM
Cannon, Donnie	South Wilmington Terminal
Chapman, Sarah	WFD
Cox, Heidi	NC DENR – Public Water Supply
Davis, Matt	NHC Fire Services
Dunn, Page	NHC Health
Ferguson, Adam	UNCW
Harvell, Dianne	NHC Health
Laurie, Howard	NCDOL/OSH
Lee, Warren	NHC EM
Long, Donnie	NC State Port Police
Marlow, Paul	NHC Environmental Management
Morgan, Rodney	Corning
Naugle, Mary Jean	Fortron
Newland, Brad	NC DENR – Division of Air Quality
Paxton, Rick	USCG MSO Wilmington
Pearce, Wayne	NHC EM
Roskam, Chuck	USCG MSO Wilmington
Steele, Shirley	Pender County Health
Stephens, Kathy	NCDOL/OSH
Strickler, Herb	GE/GNF-A
Thiel, Carol	NHC DEM
Wescott, Anthony	USCG MSO Wilmington
White, Lisa	INVISTA
Wingenroth, Kristen	NHC EM

Welcome and Introductions:

The meeting, held at the Downtown Library in the Masonboro Room, was called to order at 1200 hours by Herb Strickler. The meeting was hosted by Fortron Industries. The June 9, 2004 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

Membership Announcements:

Suzanne Blake introduced Adam Ferguson, the new Emergency Management Intern at UNCW. The group welcomed Adam and wished him well in his new assignment.

Herb Strickler reminded everyone that the September meeting will be a joint meeting with the Community Advisory Panel where local industry will present its most recent toxic release inventory data. Herb encouraged all LEPC members to attend and participated in this meeting which will be held September 14, 2004 at the UNCW campus.

Mr. Howard Laurie, District Supervisor for the NC Department of Labor Division of Occupational Safety and Health introduced himself and Kathy Stephens from the district office to the group. Howard took a few minutes to explain his department's role and what resources they can provide during emergencies.

Old Business:

The group discussed upcoming meeting dates, topics and meeting sponsors. The following was decided by the group:

- The August 11th meeting topic will be Air Quality Issues presented by Brad Newland with the DENR Wilmington Office and the host will be GE/GNF-A.
- The September 14th meeting will be a joint meeting of the NHC LEPC and the Community Advisory Panel where area industry will present their Toxic Release Inventory information for 2003. The meeting will be held at UNCW at Cameron Hall starting at 5:30 p.m., dinner will be served.
- The October 13th meeting topic will be Fire Protection presented by Sarah Chapman with the NHC and Wilmington Fire Services and the host will be INVISTA.
- Tentatively the topic for the November 10th meeting will be upcoming changes to the existing Department of Transportation regulations and the host will be PPD.

The group discussed the need for goals and a strategic plan for the LEPC to give the group better direction. It was suggested that a subcommittee be formed to pull together a strawman outline to give the LEPC members a place to start. Please think about this topic and who should be on this subcommittee to develop the outline.

New Business:

Paula Brown, Area 5 Coordinator for the North Carolina Emergency Management Office gave an excellent, very informative presentation on North Carolina Emergency Operations Center's Operations and Resources. She presented information on the NC Intrastate Mutual Aid Agreement that was created following North Carolina's experience with Hurricane Fran and how it has become an integral part of the State Emergency Response Team. For more information on the NCEM EOC contact Paula at the Eastern Branch Office at (252) 520-4923 or visit www.ncem.org.

Carol Thiel, of NHC EM presented the Hurricane Season 2004 Update. She reviewed what the forecast predicted for this year, reviewed the hurricane statistics for our area, discussed how NHC has improved their hurricane plan and resources and how we as citizens need to prepare for a hurricane.

Open Forum:

The next LEPC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday August 11th at noon in the Williston Auditorium at the Cape Fear Museum.