

**Town of Ocean City Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)  
Coordinated through Ocean City Department of Emergency Services  
Public Safety Building 6501 Coastal Highway  
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LEPC Meeting Minutes from Thursday 24 July 2014

Attendees:

Bob Rhode	OC Emergency Services
Carol Boyles	OC Emergency Services
Fred Webster	Worcester Co Emergency Services
Tom Kane	Worcester Co Emergency Services
Jessica Waters	OC City Manager's Office
Diana Chavis	OC City Manager's Office
Steve Schweikert	Wicomico Co Emergency Services
Lorenzo Cropper	Wicomico Co Emergency Services
Roger A. Steger, Sr.	OC Public Works/Construction
Jeff Simpson	OC Public Works/Wastewater
Sylvester Dale	OC Water
Tim Price	OC Fire Department
Wayne Pryor	OC City Manager's Office
Bob Nelson	OC Planning & Development
Robyn Tytomi-Dalton	Worcester County Health Department
Kathleen Derr	Worcester County Health Department
Lindsay O'Neal	OCPD/PIO
Charles Stevenson	Sussex County EOC
Mary Ann LeMay	OC CERT
Joe Lieb	OC CERT
Larry Johnson	USCG
James Ballard	USCG

The meeting was held at the PSB 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Training Room and opened by Bob Rhode at 1:05 pm. Introductions were made around the room. USCG New Master Chief unable to attend today. The minutes from the April 24, 2014 meeting were approved and will be posted to the Town's website.

**Old Business:**

- The Town's new Comprehensive Emergency Operations Plan was adopted by the Mayor & Council in November 2013.
- Update on the Town of Ocean City Comprehensive Recovery Plan Committee. Meetings have started. Exercise in Baltimore next week using the State's Recovery Plan.

- Worcester County LEPC Meeting was held Thursday 24 July 2014 at Snow Hill with a presentation on the Ocean City FM Radio Station by Bob Dimasio. Presentation will be repeated for this meeting.
- Comments from Worcester County Representatives:
  - HazMit plan is being revised. Will then be presented to the County Commissioners for their approval before the final product is presented at a public hearing.
  - Date for HazMat waste disposal day has not been set.
  - Possible tornado hit Southern Virginia this morning; no assistance requested at this time.
- COOP Meeting was held on July 17. Ocean City will be conducting Continuity of Operations Plans (COOP) exercises on Wednesday 27 August 2014 and Thursday 28 August 2014. There will be four sessions with attendance required at only one session. Purpose of the exercises will be having personnel relocate and following recommended checklists to continue operations.
- An Interoperability Communications Exercise is scheduled for 27 September 2014. Participation from 2 States and 3 Counties is expected.
- Delmarva Emergency Task Force (DETF) started small but participation has grown with addition of multiple organizations.

### **New Business:**

- The next meeting of the Worcester County LEPC is scheduled for Thursday 23 October 2014.
- Next meeting scheduled for the Ocean City LEPC will be on Thursday 23 October 2014 at 1300 hours in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Training Room of the Public Safety Building. The guest speaker will be announced. Quarterly meetings are required; these are open to the public.
- 23 August 2014 there will be a "Preparedness Night" at the Shorebirds with the lower shore County Health Departments and Emergency Management including Maryland and Delaware State. Mobile Command Unit will be on site; OC CERT Volunteers will assist.
- Saturday 4 October 2014 there will be a Preparedness Day at the Home Depot in Berlin. This is in conjunction with National Fire Prevention Week.

### **Reports:**

There were five reportable spill responses in the last quarter to Maryland MDE, none to the National Response Center (NRC). There is a \$10,000 fine for not reporting spills that meet specific criteria.

### **Open Forum:**

- Discussion on ways to promote the Town's new FM Radio Channels.
- Wayne Pryor noted there is no LEPC grant money available this year.

- Concern of the rabies problem in the area; check for vaccination clinics.
- CERT training programs are be rejuvenated. Worcester County completed CERT Basic Training in the spring. Wicomico County had 28 persons complete their training. Ocean City will sponsor the fall CERT Basic classes. OC CERT Volunteers have donated almost 5,000 hours.

**Presentation:** By Bob Dimaio, Electronic Services Manager for the Town of Ocean City covering the Town's new FM Radio Stations – 99.5 WPSB and 100.3 WWOP. Attendees were able to inspect the broadcast room located in the EOC.

**Additional Information:**

With approval from Director Theobald and the Mayor & Council, grant money was procured to “build” an FM Radio station for the Town. The channels FM 99.5 and FM 100.3 replace the former AM station. Precedence was set by the Town receiving two licenses (one tower inland and one in Ocean Pines). Bob Dimaio was in charge of the purchases, construction of the studio at the PSB and adhering to specifications relating to this project. Public safety announcements and updated information will be broadcast. OC Fire calls are broadcast as well as EAS Alerts, when necessary. Further options of information to be broadcast will be determined.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.