



LEPC Meeting Synopsis

Date: 6 September 2024

Time: 10:00am -12Noon

Location: Clayton County Fire and Emergency Services Training Facility

SYNOPSIS:

Meeting called to order.

Opening Remakes – Chair Walter Barber

- Welcome to the first meeting of the new year.
- We'll be rescheduling the HazMat Demo from last year.

Old Business

- No old business

New Business

- Currently in the process of developing a LEPC webpage, which will feature essential documents such as by-laws, along with visual content and links to key community partners like Forest Park, Riverdale, and the Water Authority.
- Exploring the idea of procuring promotional items (swag) to bolster the visibility and promotion of the LEPC, aiming to increase community engagement and awareness.
- Actively seeking partnerships for sponsorship of LEPC meetings, recognizing the value in external support for enhancing meeting quality and outreach efforts.

Public Safety / Community Partners Updates:

Clayton County Office of Emergency Management / ORS– Shelita Broomfield

- EMA's new director, David Vazquez, formerly Deputy Chief of the Office of Professional Standards, is now leading the department.
- We're organizing a Praise & Preparedness Seminar for the faith-based community as part of National Preparedness Month in September. It's vital for this community to be ready to support its members during disasters.
- Topics will include hate crimes, information sharing, and physical threats, with the Director of GEMA as the keynote speaker. The event is free and open to all.
- We're also teaming up with the fire department to provide training sessions for the health department.

Clayton County Police Department - Officer A. Thurman from the Uniform Central Division

- Noteworthy points include the capabilities of the Fusion Center, emphasizing disaster coordination and access to live business camera feeds.
- Emphasis on firearm security due to reports of stolen weapons surfacing on the streets, with potential legal actions against parents for negligence.
- Highlighted the utility of the "flock pole camera" for surveillance and investigation purposes.
- Ongoing efforts to integrate fire station cameras into the PD system for improved monitoring and response capabilities.

Amber Johnson (Clayton County Public Health)

- The health department has COVID test kits available both for public for individual use and for agencies/businesses to pick-up in large quantities for distribution internally or externally.
- BinaxNOW COVID-19 test kit 15-month to 22-month shelf-life extension granted by the FDA. Extension dates can be found at <https://www.fda.gov/media/158003/download>
- COVID-19 and Flu testing kiosks also available for agencies/businesses interested in hosting one.
- If there are any suggested updates to the LEPC brochure, I can also be contacted for those.

Presenter: GA Environmental Protection Division

- Responds to oil or hazardous material spills 24 hours a day.
- Statewide emergency response number. – 1-800-241-4113 (Goes straight to GEMA)

- Responds 15 minutes of the initial call.
- Investigates urgent complaints.
- Manages Right-to-Know (SARA/Title III) data.
- Supports the State Emergency Response Commission.
- Enforces provisions of the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act.
- Observes an increase in lithium battery fires.
- Maintains reports for compliance with George Open Records Act.
- Encourage reporting with the mantra “ If you see something, say something.

Closing Remarks

- Meeting Adjourned