

Prince George's County Office of Homeland Security (OHS)  
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)  
June 26, 2024 (virtual)

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**1. Attendee List (Virtual Meeting)**

- Please see attached.

**2. Welcome and Introductions**

- Deputy Director Meloyde Batten-Mickens.

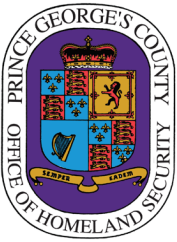
**3. LEPC**

- No Pending items discussed from last meeting.

**4. Tier II Hazardous Material Reporting Overview:**

Fire/EMS, Asst. Fire Chief, Jon Bender

- Chief Bender oversees The Special Operations Division which includes technical rescue, marine assess, metro train response and hazardous materials unit.
- At the Last meeting with the unit we did a quick overview response capability, the 816-Station Commander was going to be at this meeting, but they are currently in Charles County working on a training drill.
- Requirement to report Tier II Reporting. EPA requires businesses to report large hazardous materials. There are two types: hazardous materials and extreme hazardous substances. The biggest issue when reporting is the quantity of such materials. The EPA regulates legislation, and reporting has now moved online through "**Maryland Online Tier II Reporting**" which allows businesses to fill out a form. The Maryland Department of Environment regulates and disseminates this information throughout the State. In Prince George's County we can log in and OHS/EM has access for planning purposes. There are approximately 300 Tier II Reports all of which are due on March 1st, after that date we check frequently, sometimes we still get paper forms. These reports provide information about the materials in a particular area, allowing us to make informed decisions if the area may be affected.
- Tier II Reporting website :  
<https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/businessinfocenter/communityrighttoknow/pages/tier2reporting.aspx>

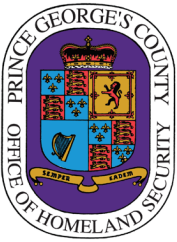


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**5. American Red Cross (ARC) support Overview:**

ARC Disaster Program Manager, Katie Butler-Tripathi

- ARC operates in various areas, providing a range of services. In the National Capital & Greater Chesapeake region we offer disaster cycle services, international services to armed forces, volunteer services, regional programs, blood services, and training services. This area includes Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's, and St. Mary's County. We are supported by 70 volunteers in Prince George's County.
- Keith Perry, Executive Director, joined the call and introduced himself and the programs he leads.
- ARC is working to increase community involvement and visibility has unveiled a five-year (5) plan to improve its disaster relief services, focusing on increasing presence, improving access, building readiness capacity, streamlining training, and addressing health and hunger concerns.
- ARC mobilizes in response to requests from the public, first responders, community partners, internal partners, and media contacts, as we have different workflows for handling requests.
- Disasters have response levels based on the impact, damage, Red Cross workers needed, relief supplies required, geographic scope, and duration of service. The Red Cross responds to over 60,000 disasters annually, including home fires.
- We offer two types of kits: Comfort kits, which include toiletries, and cleaning kits, which contain items for cleaning purposes.
- ARC provides preparedness services, including education, disaster action teams, mass care shelters, supply distribution, reunification, caseworkers, and recovery support such as health, mental, spiritual, and disability integration services.
- In Prince George's County, we responded to a total of eighty-five (85) fires, including twenty-seven (27) multi-family fires, sixty-six (56) single-family fires, and two (2) other fires. Our team dealt with one hundred and fifty-seven (157) cases and provided assistance to four hundred and thirty-three (433) individuals. The areas with the highest frequency of fires are Bowie, Capital Heights, and District Heights, with Hyattsville, Laurel, and Temple Hills not far behind. Our primary objective is to prepare for and prevent incidents in these areas.
- ARC has been providing training and outreach to the community. PBS and other local media will collaborate to educate about home fire prevention.



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**6. OHS Training & Exercise Sub-committee Update:**

OHS/EM EOC Mgr., Tyrone Wells

- Training activities tend to slow down during the summer due to low attendance.
- We will host the following community training opportunities:
  - July 20 and August 17, 2024- CPR and Spanish CPR, each day will have morning and evening sessions.
  - June 29, 2024- Psychological First Aid training for CERT members.
  - July 15, 2024- Disaster tabletop exercise for Municipal partners.
- July 09 to 11, 2024- Incident Command Training (ICS 300) open to first responders and recently open to community members based on their involvement.
- EMAC Request for the Republican National Convention. The County will provide contingent responders, EM will work along with the Police Department and State agencies during this event.

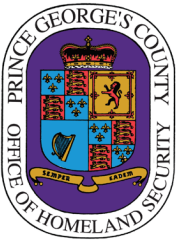
**7. OHS Planning Sub-committee Update:** OHS/EM Outreach Manager, Ashley Morris

- Outreach: We have been promoting the Floodsmart webinar series with the Department of the Environment on social media. Sign-up is available through our social media and the Department of the Environment's social media.
- All our diverse training opportunities are available every month online, follow us on social media and Eventbrite.
- Our team is working on preparing for National Night Out; we will provide outreach information and promotional items throughout the County.
- September is National Preparedness Month. We will work on improving visibility with outreach presentations and social media presence. The goal is to share what emergency management is and the services we provide to the community before, during, and after an emergency. Keep an eye on social media and media releases.

**8. OHS Outreach Sub-committee Update: Events, Training, & CERT**

OHS/EM Outreach Manager, Ashley Morris

- We are working on and preparing different emergency plans.
- The Point of Distribution (POD) plan aims to distribute food, water, and medical supplies during a disaster. Tyrone and I will review, add comments, and will reach out to pertinent agencies to create a planning committee.
- The Mass Care Plan is being drafted.
- IPPW (Integrated Preparedness Plan Workshop) is in progress.



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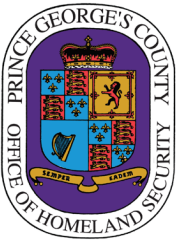
- Utilizing the THIRA (Threat Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment) and SPR (Stakeholder Preparedness Review) the team will continue plans to include agency representatives next year.
- The JIC (Joint Information Center) is a crucial component of our emergency response. We plan to revisit its operations post-COVID and other incidents in the County, particularly in terms of how we coordinate press releases with all PIOs.
- Volunteer Management Donations Plans: It is a priority to enhance our CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) program, define the County CERT, improve recruitment efforts, and strengthen collaboration with agencies like the Red Cross.
- Emergency Operations Plan has been approved. We will start seminars and trainings.

### **9. General Around-the-Virtual-Table Information-share and Updates**

- Next LEPC meeting will be in person at The Office of Homeland Security in Landover.
- Chief Bender—The hazardous materials team responded to several incidents, including motor vehicle collisions involving spills. The Poison Center reported a hazardous chemical in a residential property. We worked with EM, and determined the chemical in question was not there. No further action was required, and no one was displaced.
- Mark Weissman introduced himself as the new OHS Critical Infrastructure Officer and is working with DHS to strategize plans to benefit Prince George's County.

#### ➤ **Next LEPC meetings:**

- September 25 , 2024 at 10:00 am to 11:30 am (in-person 7915 Anchor St.)
- December 18, 2024 at 10:00 am to 11:30 am (virtual)



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**Other valuable information and links:**

- Prince Georges County OHS/Emergency Management [oemstaff@co.pg.md.us](mailto:oemstaff@co.pg.md.us).
- Community Outreach: Rasheed Plummer [rdplummer@co.pg.md.us](mailto:rdplummer@co.pg.md.us).
- Training & Exercise: Ashley Morris [aemorris@co.pg.md.us](mailto:aemorris@co.pg.md.us).
- FIRE/EMS Hazmat Response: Jon Bender [jwbender@co.pg.md.us](mailto:jwbender@co.pg.md.us)
- Tier II Reporting:  
<https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/businessinfocenter/communityrighttoknow/pages/tier2reporting.aspx>
- DoE: [doecares@co.pg.md.us](mailto:doecares@co.pg.md.us).
- LEPC Website go to: [www.princegeorgescountymd.gov](http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov).  
Government > Departments > Homeland Security > Emergency Management > Local  
Emergency Planning Committee
- Eventbrite: [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com).  
Organizer name: Prince George's County Office of Homeland Security.
- American Red Cross-National Capital & Greater Chesapeake Region  
<https://www.redcross.org/local/dc-va-md-de.html>