

**DANVILLE/PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2019
MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Danville/Pittsylvania County Local Emergency Planning Committee was held on Thursday, February 14, 2019 at Mary's Diner, Danville, VA. Committee Chairperson Chris Slemp welcomed the group and brought the meeting to order at 12:08. A moment of silence was observed. First time visitors were welcomed.

PRESENT:

Arnn, Drew—Virginia Department of Forestry
Budd, Scott—Pittsylvania County I. T.
Clark, J. T. —Near Southwest Preparedness Alliance
Collins, Wade—Department of Environmental Quality
Conner, Jeff—Pittsylvania County Fire Marshals Office
Dillow, Sherri—American Red Cross
Duffer, Tim—City of Danville Fire Department
Eagle, David —City of Danville Fire Chief
Earp, Ray—Virginia Department of Emergency Management
Fox, Bryan—Danville Life Saving Crew
Furr, Amanda—Danville Pittsylvania Community Services
Gibson, David SFC
Grogan, Bobbie—Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute
Hooker, Josh Sgt.—Virginia State Police
Johnson, Alan – City of Danville Utilities
Kareis, Michelle—Dan Chem
Keese, Kimberly—Sartomer
Kendrick, Daniel, Pittsylvania County
Lawrence, Sam
Lee, Mike—Pittsylvania County Public Safety
Long, Brandon P.—Virginia State Police
Love, Tim—City of Danville Utilities
Mace, Leslie—Virginia Department of Forestry
Mann, Marsha—Danville Pittsylvania Community Services
Metzger, Adam
Motley, Donald – Pittsylvania County Sheriff's Office
Nallen, Michael—Near Southwest Preparedness Alliance
Neal, Barry—City of Danville Fire Department

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Newell, Amy—Danville Pittsylvania County Community Services

Pruett, Tommy—Danville Life Saving Crew

Pruitt, Michael—Virginia Department of Emergency Management

Slemp, Chris—Pittsylvania County Public Safety

Smith, Al—City of Danville CERT

Thornberry, Ryan—City of Danville Utilities

Trent, Brian--SOVAH

A motion was made by Tim Love and seconded by Alan Johnson to approve the minutes of December 13, 2018; and were voted unanimously to approve.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairman Slemp advised that a meeting would be in Chatham at 1:30 PM with FEMA to discuss disaster damages from Hurricanes Florence and Michael. He spoke briefly on the damages in the County.

He also introduced Michael Lee, Pittsylvania County's Deputy Director of Public Safety.

VICE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chief Eagle provided statistics of the City's damages from Hurricanes Florence and Michael.

He announced the upcoming retirement of Barry Neal, the City's Battalion Chief of Training/Safety and Haz-Mat Team coordinator, expressing appreciation for Chief Neal's service to the department and the haz-mat team.

He also introduced Tim Duffer as Danville Fire Department's new assistant chief and Haz-Mat team coordinator

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

CERT REPORT

City—Representative Al Smith reported that planning sessions were being held with DCC for a future exercise.

County—Representative Eddie Walker was not present.

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HAZMAT REPORT

Battalion Chief Barry Neal reported the Haz-Mat Team was working to fill vacancies within the team; and reported the occurrence of a minor spill that resulted from an accident on 29 Business in Danville.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Eagle reminded the committee that at the December LEPC meeting, due to the City's vacant assistant chief position, he (Chief Eagle) had become Vice-Chairman by default; and he now would like to nominate Assistant Chief Tim Duffer to the position. The nomination was seconded by Barry Neal and Tim Duffer was unanimously elected to serve as Vice-Chairman.

J.T. Clark of Near Southwest Preparedness Alliance reported on upcoming training classes.

Next meeting will be Thursday, April 11, 2019, 12:00 noon, at C&E's Restaurant in Gretna, VA.

Those present were invited to partake of a buffet luncheon. Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM

Chris Slempp, Chairperson
Danville/Pittsylvania County LEPC