

Local Emergency Planning Committee

Date: October 12, 2023

Time: 12:05PM

Location: Danville Fire Department

Minutes

The regular meeting of the Danville Pittsylvania County Local Emergency Planning Committee was held on October 12, 2023, at the Danville Fire Department. Committee Chairperson Chris Key welcomed the group and brought the meeting to order at 12:00PM. First time visitors were welcomed, with two in attendance.

Present:

Michael Barker	Polynt Composites
Randy Beauchamp	Polynt Composites
Glenna Caldwell	Pittsylvania County 911
David Coffey	Danville Fire Department
Todd Cox	Colonial Pipeline
Jason Curtis	VDEM
Timothy Duffer	Danville Fire Department
David Fesperman	Danville Pittsylvania Community Services
Arnold Hendrick	City of Danville
Scott Hutcherson	Pittsylvania County
Cathy Hyler	Ascent Chemical
Alan Johnson	Danville Water Treatment Plant
Chris Key	Pittsylvania County
Ralph Lawson	American Red Cross
Jason Maurakis	Pittsylvania County
Monica McCullough	Southwest VA Health Care Coalition
Tracey Moser	Williams Pipeline
Noah Robbins	Pittsylvania County
Kasey Seay	Pittsylvania County
Brandyn Smith	Danville Fire Department
Doug Van Nuys	Southern Virginia Mental Health

A moment of silence was observed, and members were invited to a buffet lunch with an opportunity to network with one another.

The minutes from the last meeting were read and approved by David Coffey and Kasey Seay.

Chairman's Report

Chief Key reported the County is working to update their Emergency Operation's Plan. On November 8th and 9th VDEM will be hosting a Planning/Workshop Forum. Other events for the County include Fire Prevention Week.

The County is preparing for another Active Shooter Drill, and it is scheduled for the Spring of 2024.

Vice Chairman's Report

Tim Duffer reported the City is in the process of updating their mass alerting system. This project is geared toward cell phones and VOIP phones, which will allow more businesses and individuals to receive mass notification. Mass Notification alerts include weather, LEPC notifications, and any emergency response. This project should be up and running by the end of November.

Subcommittee Reports

PIO Report-City

The newspaper has gone to a three-day print. Charles Wilborne has joined the Danville Register & Bee as a reporter.

Matt Bell, the Public Relations Specialist with Danville PD will be joining the LEPC as another added resource.

PIO Report-County

The Code Red Alert System is being advertised and the County is encouraging individuals to sign-up for this program.

Hazmat Report-City

There have been no responses since the last meeting.

Three individuals from the Danville Fire Department's HazMat Team attended the HazMat Conference in Newport News.

Hazmat Report-County

There have been no responses since the last meeting.

Jason Curtis-VDEM

Jason Curtis reported a few small incidents and one major incident in the Tidewater area, since the last meeting. He also reported that Lynchburg just hosted a tabletop exercise on Cyber Security.

Unfinished Business

There is no old business to report.

New Business

Brandyn Smith, Deputy Chief of Operations for the Danville Fire Department led a presentation on Insurance Service Office (ISO).

The next meeting will be on December 14, 2023, at the Chatham Community Center.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:25 by Scott Hutcherson and Noah Robbins.