

# New River Valley Regional LEPC

November 20, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Montgomery County Government Center

10:05 Pledge of Allegiance

10:06 Agenda/Minutes Approval

- Agenda approved by Neal Turner, second by Tammy Turpin
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10:08 Standing items: No major HazMat clean-ups reported (Neal Turner)

10:08 Educational Offerings

- Stop the Bleed classes have been going on throughout the county and within the health departments – Contact David Linkous for more information
- CBERS: Chempack training coming up. Chempack can be deployed if there is an event or a potential event with a nerve agent. Biggest issue with Chempack is that they are not widely known. Training will provide information about the program and how to request the Chempack Contact David Linkous for more information.

10:12 Host for May Meeting

- The May meeting will be hosted by Blacksburg Rescue, courtesy of David English.

10:14 Old Business

- Derek Rogers reported an update on the Responder Communication work group; see attached memo update.
  - o Neal reported the transition was seamless and that communications capabilities are now available in areas that did not have such capabilities in the past. There are still some issues, but otherwise the transition has been very well received.

10:17 New Business

- Name change: remove “Regional” from the LEPC name due to low regional participation?
  - o Neal suggested sending a letter to each of the respective agencies asking for a response if they wish to continue participating as a regional LEPC. If they are not interested, he recommends returning to the Montgomery County (Christiansburg/Blacksburg) LEPC. Members in attendance were in agreement.
- Election of Officers
  - o Executive decision by David Linkous for a special election: Neal will be appointed Chair for a term of one year, John Tuttle and Steve Owen; Billy Hanks is appointed as HazMat Chair; Tanya Hockett is appointed as Secretary; Jennifer Harris is appointed as Public Information Officer.
- JT Clark: NSPA is offering a course for mental health for first responders

- Pittsylvania County March 2 has a few spots left and a second class is already full with a waitlist
- Class is an eight hour training, open to hosts in the NRV
- Additional details: NSPA staff and others from the NRV area (Community Service Board) attended a week-long training program; The program is interactive with small group exercises; Supports grant funded focuses of first responder safety and behavioral health initiatives; Course is a new class created by first responders; Minimum of 5, maximum of 30 participants; Clergy have asked for similar courses.
- More information can be found at <http://nspa1.org> or at the NSPA Facebook page.
- Neal Turner is working on scheduling a local course offering.
- Measles Information in the NRV: Jason, Epidemiologist at NRHD.
  - Many countries are experiencing their largest Measles outbreak in decades
  - 10 states in the US affected currently
  - Washington State has declared a state of emergency due to the Measles outbreak
  - New River Health District is preparing for the worst
  - Pertussis has spread through the unvaccinated populations in the NRV quickly, and Measles is more contagious and easily spread in these vulnerable populations
  - Measles vaccination is considered life-long; when the population drops below the 95% threshold, the “herd immunity” is lessened

10:42 Meeting adjourned