



LYCOMING COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)



QUARTERLY MEETING **MINUTES**

APRIL 14, 2026 | 0800

LYCOMING COUNTY DEPT. OF PUBLIC SAFETY
542 COUNTY FARM ROAD, SUITE 101
MONTAURVILLE, PA 17754

I. CALL TO ORDER

0802 – Meeting was called to order by Chair Irv Temple.

II. ROLL CALL

Members in Attendance:

John Beauge (VC), Chris Smith (S/T), Bob Brown, Nathan Confer, David Dymeck, Stacey Folk, Tracey Harer, Kohl Knopp, Tom Mears, Samuel Miller, Chuck O'Brien, Jeff Passerrello, Kenny Smith, Chuck Whitford, Dustin Williams, Todd Winder

Guests in Attendance:

Kelsey Green, Lycoming EMA, Forest Rothchild, Lycoming DPS, Donald Young, PEMA CAO

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 13, 2026

No changes, Approved as Read by Chair Irv Temple.

IV. PUBLIC & GUEST COMMENTS

A. Forest Rothchild, Director

Lycoming County Department of Public Safety

Forest Rothchild provided brief comments introducing himself to the organization and his willingness to support however he can in his role as DPS Director.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. PEMA Updates

PEMA, represented by Don Young of the Central Area Office, had no updates.

B. County-Owned Foam Disposal Updates

- i. **Collection:** Moving to a single collection point to consolidate; working with the Airport for storage. This will make it easier to get quotes.

Chris Smith provided updates regarding the consolidation and disposal of County-Owned foam. More updates to follow.

- ii. **Foam Trailer:** Transfer of ownership and responsibility from the City of Williamsport to the Airport. Foam tote will be included in the disposal.

Chris Smith provided the update the NCTF Foam Trailer was relocated from the City of Williamsport to the Williamsport Airport, and the Airport is assuming responsibility for the trailer.

Irv Temple provided more information regarding the foam in the trailer is of the type needing disposal. A question arose concerning the replacement of the foam; if the County buys the replacement foam, would the foam itself then become a *County* asset, and how would that affect foam requests.



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C. Committee Updates

- i. Technical – Dave Bjorkman – **Not Present, No Report**
- ii. Site ID – Melisa Ulmer – **Not Present, No Report**
- iii. Public Ed/Info – *Vacant, No Report*
- iv. Training/Exercise – Samuel Miller

Samuel Miller provided updates regarding the cost of classes through Bucks Community College, due to their not providing packages any longer. The cost of \$450 per class was discussed, along with representatives from the West Branch Training Committee commenting they were provided similar information. Cost totals to provide LEPC-supported courses would approximate to ~\$4,500 to provide 10 HazMat courses. Motion to Approve the Funding made by Samuel Miller. Seconded by Todd Winder. All voted in favor. Approved.

Irv Temple stated traditionally, LEPC purchased a package, and Todd Winder commented West Branch typically would buy four (4) packages. The benefit was if there were any unused hours left in these packages, they would rollover to the following year. Bucks Community College no longer allows this.

Questions were posed by various members of how does this affect the registration process for individuals wishing to sign-up for these courses – The registration process is being reviewed for efficiency and effectiveness. Nathan Confer provided information on how firehouses can partner with local instructors to aid in providing classes.

A brief discussion focused on if there are any issues about scheduling in advance for 2027, with no resolutions.

Irv Temple posed the question was there anything we could do about the color scheme on the Course Registration website, as the colors may be very hard to read for individuals with certain visual disabilities. Lycoming EMA is working with County IS to review and revise the website and calendar.

- v. Foam Task Force – Joe Hopple – **Not Present, No Report**

Todd Winder posed a question regarding the status/existence of the Foam Task Force. Discussion revolved around the foam trailer being the TF and the process of dispatching the foam.

- vi. Health/Medical/Decon – Jeremy Reese – **Not Present**

Chris Smith read a report from Jeremy Reese:

Decon Class held at UPMC Williamsport with 15 students.

Evacuation exercises held at Geisinger Muncy and Geisinger Jersey Shore with SREMS participating at Muncy along with Pennsdale Fire and Jersey Shore EMS participating at Jersey Shore.

The Central Region Healthcare Coalition is sponsoring a 2-day patient decon class in Danville on May 14-15. If anyone would like further information to reach out to Jeremy.



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VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. 1st Quarter 2026 Plans – Status – In Review, numbers to be provided.
- B. 2nd Quarter 2026 Plans – Approval – In Review, numbers to be provided.

Once counts are available, an email with approval vote requests will go out. Approvals will be ratified at the next meeting (July, 14, 2026). Motioned by John Beauge. Seconded by Kenny Smith. All voted in favor. Approved.

C. Tier II/SARA Planning Fees Report

- i. Updates to Invoicing/Billing contacts/process

Jena Rishel from DPS, who processes the Tier II Billing/Invoicing, could not attend. Chris Smith read a provided invoice report:

Hazardous Chemicals: \$25,275.00

Planning Fees: \$1,100.00

Total Invoiced Amounts: \$26,375.00

Can confirm a revenue of \$13,650.00 in eFinance.

Four (4) checks are waiting to be confirmed until received by the County Treasurer for Deposit.

D. LEPC Membership Housekeeping

- i. Membership Applications:

Gordon Bennett, Repsol Oil and Gas USA, LLC

Kelsey Green, Lycoming County EMA, Planner

Kevin Maloney, Repsol Oil and Gas USA, LLC

Jena Rishel, Lycoming County EMA, Admin Assistant

Forest Rothchild, Lycoming County DPS, Director

All new applicants' names read and voted on as one. Motion to Accept made by Stacey Folk. Seconded by Kenny Smith. All voted in favor. All Approved.

All approved applications were presented to the Chair for signature, and provided to the County Commissioners.

E. Hazmat Quotes / Invoices

- i. Bressler's Invoice: \$3,152.89 (4/7/2026 incident)

Chris Smith read invoice information regarding a HazMat response request from for a single 55-gallon drum found leaking on the side of the road in Lewis Township where Bressler's Environmental Service responded.

Chuck O'Brien was at the scene, but not Incident Commander, and provided specific factors relating to the response. The drum contained approximately twenty (20) gallons of Diesel, and approximately five (5) gallons leaked.

Nathan Confer also provided information regarding the incident and the current protocols for responding agencies.

Tom Mears from DEP commented on the process of DEP Notification in HazMat response situations, and per Act 165, the County must have a State-Certified Response Team on contract, but are not exclusively bound to use them for all responses.



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Lycoming County EMA will work with DEP and first responders to revise documents and implementation of the Response/Notification procedures. John Beauge Motioned to Pay the Invoice – Contingent PEMA confirmation the expenses used in the response are covered expenses. Seconded by Dave Dymeck. All voted in favor. Approved.

Lycoming EMA will reach out to PEMA to provide confirmation.

- ii. Tool Kits for the IMU(s):
Montgomery EMA will purchase kits and submit a receipt to LEPC for reimbursement.

Montgomery EMA has not provided a receipt at this time.

F. Data Centers

John Beauge discussed a meeting he attended where they discussed there are potentially as many as four (4) Data Centers are coming to ~~the County~~ adjacent areas and wanted to provide that information to the LEPC, and how fire chiefs could be pro-active in their planning. Also briefly mentioned a county radio issue.

G. LEPC Bylaws Update

- i. Current Bylaws are from 2022

Chris Smith highlighted the outdatedness of the bylaws and the necessity of review to revise/add information to maintain continuity with current policies and procedures.

- ii. Establish Bylaw Review Committee

Irv Temple explained a Bylaw Review Committee consists of the Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and any interested members. Changes are proposed and discussed during a meeting, and voted on at a subsequent meeting.

VII. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Dave Dymeck discussed a foam presentation and training provided through Texas A&M, including live-burn exercises, by National Foam. He is working to bring the academic portion of the training to the county, possibly in August.

Kenny Smith discussed revisiting the project of building out the EMA F-350 and trailer as a HazMat response vehicle(s) with supplies for containment/mitigation, as a cost-saving alternative to requiring Bressler's or Eagle to respond to small incidents.

Kenny Smith also briefly mentioned looking into the Li-Ion battery storage capabilities of the landfill for safety.

Irv Temple commented on reviewing current and new facility plans to see if Li-Ion Battery checks are part of the plan and/or would make them a Planning facility.

Jeff Passerello provided an update for Seneca Resources, who are preparing begin fracking operations starting in June.

Chris Smith provided an update from Repsol, stating they do not have any drilling, completions, or major construction activities planned for the county in the second quarter. Though they do anticipate activity beginning later this fall. More information to follow.

Irv Temple provided a brief comment on Stallion moving, but did not elaborate.



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VIII. NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2026, AT 0800

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn made by Kenny Smith. Seconded by Chuck Whitford. All voted in favor. Meeting Adjourned at 0935.

Respectfully Submitted,

/S/ Chris Smith
Chris Smith
Secretary/Treasurer
Lycoming County LEPC