



LYCOMING COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)



QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES

JULY 14, 2026 | 0800

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

– Meeting was called to order by Chair Irv Temple. Attendees were reminded to complete the sign-in sheet with current email address and phone number so the membership roster can be updated.

II. ROLL CALL

Members in Attendance:

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Guests in Attendance:

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III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 14, 2026

One correction was noted: the Data Center discussion under Item VI.F was attributed to Lycoming County; the amended minutes correctly reference Union County. The amended minutes were circulated at the meeting for review. Motion to approve the April 14, 2026 minutes as amended. All voted in favor. Approved.

IV. PUBLIC & GUEST COMMENTS

A. Dave Dymeck, Assistant Fire Chief, Williamsport Regional Airport

Dave Dymeck reported on the week-long fluorine-free (F3) foam course he and Airport Fire Chief Gary Bennett attended at Texas A&M (National Foam). Key points for responders and EMA:

- F3 foam does not lay down a vapor barrier the way legacy AFFF does. Vapors are held in the bubbles; as the blanket breaks down it "ghosts" or "tunnels" and the fire re-ignites through the foam.
- The blanket cannot be topped off. Each reapplication is a new blanket, and separate blankets will not heal or seal together (seams). Foam-flow calculations must assume full reapplication; a fire needing 300 gallons to knock down may require ~900 gallons on hand for reapplication.
- Application technique (roll-on / bank-in) and training are critical. F3 products are application-specific and must be matched to the fuel; F3 and AFFF can be mixed only after application, not before.
- The change from AFFF is driven by environmental and health (PFAS) concerns, not performance. Environmental notifications to DEP still apply for any foam release.

National Foam will present its "mini school" (classroom portion) locally on August 7 and August 8, 2026 – one 8-hour class each day, free of charge. Notices have gone out through County EMA (Sam/Jena) and the Airport Fire & Rescue Facebook page;



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a reminder will go out one to two weeks prior. Dave recommended the LEPC consider sending one or two people to the full Texas A&M course.

Airport status: the Airport now houses the County foam bank (300-gallon AFFF 3–6% tote on the foam trailer with all equipment to flow foam). Engine 19 carries 120 gallons of F3; Rescue 19 carries 90 gallons of legacy AFFF and will be converted to F3 within the year (approx. two weeks out of service for tank flushing). The Airport is hosting its required annual live aircraft burn with a mobile trainer and opening it to regional fire departments; the July event drew departments from approximately seven counties and State College.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. PEMA Updates

Forest Rothchild reported on a meeting held with Brian Feist (PEMA) and distributed a packet containing (1) the EPA presentation on legacy AFFF, (2) a one-page summary, and (3) a draft HazMat Response/Notification SOP.

EPA position on legacy AFFF: Fire departments are not mandated to dispose of AFFF and will not be pursued for using it. EPA will exercise discretion focused on those responsible for significant releases; the pending litigation stems from over-application used as a means of disposal. Departments that retain AFFF should use it pragmatically and only in the quantity needed. The County will not direct departments either way; it will support consolidated collection and disposal if that remains the consensus of the departments.

Draft HazMat Response/Notification SOP: Developed following the March 2026 Lewis Township drum incident, when it was found that no documented procedure existed for who responds (Bressler's, local cleanup, DOT, etc.). The draft covers the process from 911 call intake through field response, notifications, and reporting, in both a written SOP format and a flip-card format for the Incident Commander. It has been sent to PEMA for input and will be emailed to all members for feedback. The draft is a starting point and members are asked to comment freely.

A member requested that County EMA take a more proactive field role at HazMat incidents – responding as an on-scene advisor to the Incident Commander on procedures, County resources, and post-incident filing. Forest Rothchild agreed; the SOP is intended to formalize this. Related resource needs (gas meters, dams, spill materials) should be items the LEPC can fund and stage on the County trailer. It was noted the LEPC had previously approved purchase of pads and booms after the Hughesville call but the purchase was never completed pending quotes; EMA will follow up.

County Resource List: Members noted the County's fire/HazMat resource list (apparatus, monitors, equipment by department) has not been updated in roughly 25 years. It will need to be rebuilt and refreshed at least annually; this may also be a Fire Advisory Board item.

B. County-Owned Foam Disposal Updates

- i. Collection: The Airport has received the LEPC foam bank stock from Jersey Shore and Muncy. The DuBoistown foam (approximately 100–105 gallons) has not yet



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been picked up; DuBoistown's insurer has identified it as a liability and they want it removed.

Given the EPA guidance, the committee agreed to pause general collection of legacy foam from fire departments at the Airport so the Airport is not left responsible for foam that may not ultimately be disposed of. At least four departments are known to hold significant quantities. Any department wishing to turn in foam should contact County EMA before delivering it to the Airport. Chief Winder will relay this direction to County fire departments through West Branch. Sam will arrange transport of the DuBoistown foam.

The Airport noted that ongoing Airport Authority changes may eliminate the climate-controlled storage area currently used for the foam bank.

- ii. Foam Trailer: No change. Trailer remains at the Airport with the 300-gallon AFFF tote.

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

The committee position remains vacant; discussion of a prospective appointee to follow.

- iv. Training/Exercise – Samuel Miller – Not Present (at MS-1 drill)

Kelsey Green will have Sam provide a written update for distribution to the membership.

Bucks County Community College Marketplace: Members discussed how LEPC-funded HazMat classes will work now that Bucks no longer sells training packages. Consensus of the discussion: the LEPC registers as the sponsor of a class on the Marketplace (e.g., "LEPC HazMat class hosted at Trout Run Fire Station"); students register for a seat under the LEPC listing; Bucks bills the LEPC directly. Individual departments do not need to be set up as County vendors. Students are not charged. Out-of-county students reimburse the LEPC directly, not through Bucks. Quarterly billing was previously arranged with Bucks but the registration setup has not been confirmed as complete. Several departments have members whose HazMat certifications have lapsed pending these classes. A member requested a Bucks representative attend a future meeting to walk through the process. Action: confirm status with Sam.

- v. Foam Task Force – Joe Hopple – Not Present, No Report
- vi. Health/Medical/Decon – Jeremy Reese – Not Present, No Report

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. 3rd Quarter 2026 Plans – Status
- B. 4th Quarter 2026 Plans – Approval

Forest Rothchild reported that facility plan reviews have not been completed for several months and the County is behind. No new reports or planning-fee revenue have been generated, and several facilities have contacted DPS asking about the



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status of their submitted plans. The email approval vote for the 1st/2nd Quarter plans authorized in April was never sent. DPS will catch up all outstanding plan reviews before the October meeting and send a single email approval request covering all quarters; approvals will be ratified at the October 13, 2026 meeting. Agreed by consensus.

C. Tier II/SARA Planning Fees Report

i. Updates to Invoicing/Billing contacts/process

No invoice report was available. Tier II filings and SARA planning-fee invoices are due by March 1 annually; historically the final billing was sent February 28 with 30 days to pay. Forest Rothchild will confirm with Jena Rishel whether any 2026 fees remain outstanding and report back.

D. LEPC Membership Housekeeping

i. Membership Applications

Three applications from Bressler's Environmental Services were expected but were not in hand at the meeting. Tabled to the October meeting. The bylaws will be checked to confirm whether a company is represented by one member or may seat multiple representatives.

E. Hazmat Quotes / Invoices

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

Invoice remains unpaid. The response was requested from a third-party vendor when the County's state HazMat contractor (Eagle) should have been used. PEMA advised two options: (1) request that the County absorb the invoice as a one-time exception, or (2) pay from LEPC funds as a one-time exception. The County request is on Director Barnes' agenda this week. DPS will also ask Bressler's to review the invoice breakdown for any adjustments.

Motion by Forest Rothchild that once the payment path is decided, the invoice details and cost be emailed to the LEPC membership for an email vote, with formal ratification at the October 13, 2026 meeting. Seconded by Dave Dymek. All voted in favor. Approved. Target for the email vote: within two weeks.

ii. Tool Kits for the IMU(s)

Not discussed. Montgomery EMA receipt for reimbursement remains outstanding.

F. LEPC Bylaws Update

i. Current Bylaws are from 2022

Irv Temple reviewed the bylaws and stated they are adequate as written. With the Secretary/Treasurer vacancy and the backlog of plan reviews, invoicing, and records, he recommended the LEPC defer any bylaw revision until operations are caught up and staffed. Urgent items can be addressed by the existing Bylaw Committee. No action taken.

Records: Irv Temple will locate the digital bylaws and other LEPC files and offered to walk DPS through where records reside. DPS is still reconstructing LEPC files and the email distribution list following the Secretary/Treasurer's departure; the April and July minutes will be sent to everyone on the sign-in sheet.



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VII. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Lycoming Engines Superfund Site: John Beauge reported EPA has posted the required sign identifying the 28-acre Superfund site on Oliver Street, but no-trespassing signs placed in front of it make it unreadable from public property. EPA advised sign placement is the site owner's responsibility.

VIII. NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026, AT 0800

Lycoming County Dept. of Public Safety, 542 County Farm Road, Suite 101,
Montoursville. Updated agenda to follow.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn. All voted in favor. Meeting Adjourned at.

Respectfully Submitted,

/S/ Forest W. S Rothchild

Acting Secretary

Lycoming County LEPC

SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

Action	Owner	Due
Email draft HazMat Response/Notification SOP and PEMA/EPA foam packet to membership for feedback	F. Rothchild	2 weeks
Email vote on Bressler's invoice (\$3,152.89) once payment path decided; ratify Oct 13	F. Rothchild	2 weeks
Complete all outstanding facility plan reviews; send consolidated email approval request	DPS/EMA	Before Oct 13
Confirm status of outstanding 2026 Tier II / SARA planning-fee invoices	F. Rothchild / J. Rishel	Before Oct 13
Confirm Bucks County Marketplace registration setup; written Training update to membership	S. Miller / K. Green	Before Oct 13
Notify County fire departments: contact EMA before delivering foam to Airport	T. Winder (via West Branch)	ASAP
Arrange pickup of DuBoistown legacy foam	S. Miller	ASAP
Obtain quotes and complete previously approved spill supply purchase (pads, booms)	EMA	Before Oct 13
Locate digital bylaws and LEPC records; provide to DPS	I. Temple	Before Oct 13
Bressler's membership applications (3)	Tabled	Oct 13
Distribute April and July minutes to all sign-in sheet contacts; update roster	F. Rothchild	ASAP



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LYCOMING COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

MEETING TOPIC:
LEPC meeting



LOCATION:
EOC

DATE:
07/04/2020

7/14/20

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