

Central Midlands Local Emergency

Planning Committee (LEPC)

July 12, 2017

The quarterly meeting for the Central Midlands LEPC was held in the Newberry County Sheriff's Office Drill Hall 550 Wilson Road, Newberry, SC on July 12, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

1. The meeting opened with the welcome and introductions by Tommy Long, Newberry County Emergency Management

2. Responding to Real World HazMat Incidents (Great Falls Fire and Chester County Landfill Fire) - Josh Morton, Saluda County Emergency Management

Josh Morton reported on two incidents in Chester County; the old J.P. Stevens Mill #2 fire and the Bennett landfill fire.

3. American Red Cross- Pam Bartley, ARC

Pam Bartley presented a power point presentation on ARC and she expressed a great need for volunteers.

4. Presenting Draft By-Laws- Bethany Morton, SCEMD Region 3 Manager

It was suggested to be added to the By-Laws Active Members should meet 3 consecutive meetings to be considered active instead of 5 meetings.

The by-laws will be voted on at the October meeting and the election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

The LEPC meetings will be held twice a year starting next year. (2018)

Solar Eclipse- Each county needs to be mindful of this major event that is taking place on August 21, 2017. A lot of local activities are being planned each county needs to be prepared.

5. Other Matters

Chief Keith Minick-Newberry City Fire reported the ammonia leak at Kraft Foods was contained within the plant. Newberry HazMat, DEHC and Newberry City Fire were on scene for 3 hours. The residents in Grant Homes Apartments who lives close to the plant were evacuated. The employees were evacuated to the Newberry County Detention Center parking lot.