Bernards Township Office of Emergency Management

LEPC Meeting Minutes – January 18, 2017

Attendance:
Mike Shimsky, Christopher Hurst, Mayor Carolyn Gaziano, Bruce McArthur, Brian Bobowicz, Dennis Bettler, Kaitlin Kordusky, Lucy Forgione, Jack McGrath, Karen Vaias, Jane McArthur, Mark Rosenblum, Tom Timko and Chris Kyriacou.

Opening
OEM Coordinator Mike Shimsky opened the meeting at 9:00 AM in the Bernards Township Municipal Building conference room with the salute to the Flag and the “Opening Statement for Mayor or Other Presiding Officer at Each Scheduled Public Meeting”.

EOP:
Shimsky reported that our emergency operations plan was re-certified in June of 2016 and is due again in 2020. Any changes to annexes should be forwarded to him whenever they occur in order to keep the document as relevant as possible.

Town Hall Generator:
The town hall generator is functional and all reimbursement paperwork has been submitted.

Incidents:
No occurrences since the previous meeting in September. Winter storm Jonas reimbursement has been closed out, receiving approximately $271,000, mostly for DPW expenses.

EMA:
EMA paperwork has been submitted; the grant is now $9,400.

Work plan Initiative:
- Somerset County hosting EOC exercise
- BRFC&FAS planning a mass casualty drill
➢ To take place in mid to late 2017
➢ Will most likely include both tabletop and functional exercise
❖ Kaitlin working with Affinity FCU for emergency preparedness training

**Preschool Plans:**

2 preschool plans have been reviewed by BT OEM to date.

**Credentialing:**

Credentialing project is still in the works. Will require background checks and possibly fingerprinting. Shimsky working on making it as easy as possible for volunteers to obtain credential cards.

**VHF Radio System:**

We are researching solutions while waiting for migration onto the County trunk system. Shimsky reported that Clifton shares both the current fire/ems channel as well as the old police channel. Rosenblum commented that interference from Clifton is causing problems with pagers and radios. Shimsky has been in contact with the Clifton radio vendor and is researching solutions to the issue. Also working on maintenance for our existing system.

**Staff Comments:**

Lucy Forgione:
• Flu shots administered in Fall 2016. Hosting flu shot clinic tonight in Bernardsville.
• Still monitoring Zika.

Kaitlin Kordusky:
• Prescription medications drop off at PD scheduled for 3/25/17.

Mayor Gaziano:
• Working on photograph a day project for 2017, any events contact her for photo opportunities.

**Public Comment:**

None.

**Closing:**

Shimsky adjourned the meeting at 9:34 A.M. Next meeting scheduled for May 17, 2017.