Bernards Township Office of Emergency Management

LEPC Meeting Minutes – September 19, 2018

Attendance:
Christopher Hurst, John Neiman, Mike Shimsky, John Malay, Pat Monaco, Tom Timko, Jorge Casacuberto, Lucy Forgione, Kaitlin Cartoccio, Jane McArthur, Mark Rosenblum, Jack McGrath, Andrew Buterbaugh and Chris Kyriacou.

Opening
OEM Coordinator Christopher Hurst opened the meeting at 9:00 AM in the Bernards Township Municipal Building conference room with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the “Opening Statement for Mayor or Other Presiding Officer at Each Scheduled Public Meeting”.

Red Cross requested our shelter annex which Hurst emailed them.

Hurst reported that the Emergency Alert Radio System has reached the end of its useful life and was becoming cost prohibitive to operate. Other options such as Swift911 and social media providing better coverage. Will look into steps to decommision.

OEM responded to Wisteria Way fire. Red Cross requested and responded. 9 Annexes covered. Jack McGrath explained that the fire was the equivalent of a 3 alarm fire with 12 companies responding. Difficult fire. Issue with a fire hydrant valve stem that was addressed. Drew Butterbaugh proposed a tabletop exercise discussing a similar situation on a busy road.

BT OEM participated in a County E-team drill in August.

EMAA:
Hurst reported that our 2017 EMAA Grant Application is completed and we are waiting on it. Amount
Hurst advised we are also on track for 2018 EMAA Grant Application
**Staff Comments:**

Jorge Casacuberta:
- Introduced himself as the Director of DPW

Mike Shimsky:
- Advised the generator grant is current.

Tom Timko:
- Discussed looking into further mitigation grants.

Andrew Buterbaugh:
- Spoke about importance of exercising annexes.

Lucy Forgione:
- Flu shot clinic will be at St. James October 10th.
- Discussion of the Morris County point of distribution meeting. Discussion of prior point of distribution flu shot event at our DPW building.

Kaitlin Cartoccio:
- Discussed presentation OEM and Health Department provided at Township Committee Meeting. Thanked OEM for working together on the presentation.

Jack McGrath
- Reported that Bernardsville EMS about to go to Atlantic Health as a paid service. John Malay stated that this should be publicized if this goes forward.

Mark Rosenblum
- Discussed concern of Atlantic Health billing and spoke about revitalizing EMS Task Force
- Advised that Fire/EMS Dispatch has gone down twice this month. Malay advised this was unacceptable. Shimsky will be speaking to Stahl at County Communications about getting Fire/EMS on the 700 band.

Mike Shimsky:
- Thanked Hurst, Neiman, Forgione, and Cartoccio for presentation to Committee.

**Public Comment:**

None.

**Closing:**

Hurst adjourned the meeting at 9:45 A.M. Next meeting scheduled for January 23, 2019.