Bernards Township Office of Emergency Management

LEPC Meeting Minutes – January 23, 2019

Attendance:
Mike Shimsky, Christopher Hurst, Mayor Carol Bianchi, Pat Monaco, Tom Timko, Dennis Bettler, Kaitlin Cartoccio, Jane McArthur, and Andrew Buterbaugh.

Opening
OEM Coordinator Chris Hurst opened the meeting at 9:01 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”.

OEM Responses:
There have been two structure fires in the past two months but no OEM response was needed. Both structures suffered minor damage and the affected families made their own alternate arrangements.

ETeam Drills:
Hurst and Neiman have been participating in ETeam drills over the past several months.

Alert AM Radio Station:
The Alert AM radio station has reached the end of its useful life and will be taken out of service in the next couple of weeks.

FEMA Reimbursements:
The EMA grant payment for FY2017 has been processed. The Township should be receiving the check shortly.

EMS Rescue Task Force Training:
Jane McArthur reported that the County is looking for EMS members to receive special training that will provide them the skills to operate more efficiently in a tactical type situation. More information to come as the training rolls out.

**Staff Comments:**

Kaitlin Cartoccio:
- Has recently been certified as a NJ DRCC responder.

Dennis Bettler:
- The old A&P building will be demolished in the next few months. Will keep the emergency services updated for its use for training prior to demolition.

Chris Hurst
- Information on the recent predicted snowstorm was related to the public using multiple social media platforms.

Andrew Buterbaugh:
- Township fire companies will soon be assessed by ISO.

**Public Comment:**

Todd Edelstein, Riverside Dr.
- Inquired about warming/cooling centers.

**Closing:**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 A.M. Next meeting scheduled for May 22, 2019.