



LEPC MEETING MINUTES
 September 18, 2019 – 10:00 AM
 Skidaway Island State Park



I. **Call to Order and Welcome**..... Randall Mathews

II. **Roll Call & Introduction of Guest** Randall Mathews

III. **Minutes Review**..... Stephanie Cox

IV. **Treasurer’s Report** Stephanie Cox

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Deposits	0.00
Disbursements	0.00
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V. **General Membership Comments**..... Randall Mathews

VI. **Old Business**

VII. **New Business**

- Subcommittee Reports Randall Mathews/Sub-chairs
 - ❖ Training and Exercise Vacant
 - ❖ By-Laws/Steering Tom Dolan
 - ❖ Grants and Finance Stephanie Cox
 - ❖ Support and Development Greg Rouse
 - ❖ Outreach Steve Thompson
 - ❖ Emergency Response James Vickers
- Membership Application Randall Mathews
- Agency Spotlight..... None
- Hurricane Dorian Roundtable and After Action Comments.....All Members

VIII. **Closing:**Next Meeting, November 20, 2019 at 10 am
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Call to Order

Randall Mathews called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM on September 18, 2019.

Roll Call and Introduction of Guests

Roll call was conducted from the member roster. A total of 14 member agencies were present, therefore there is a quorum.

Guests: Matt Gaskin, MacAljon

Minutes Review

July minute meetings were reviewed by Randall Mathews. No comments were made. Motion made to accept the minutes. Motion was seconded. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer’s Report

The treasurer’s report for the July meeting was reviewed by the LEPC:

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Treasurer’s report was reviewed by Stephanie Cox. No comments were made. Motion made to accept the Treasurer’s Report. Motion was seconded. Treasurer’s Report were approved.

Membership Comments with Hurricane Dorian Comments

- DPH – currently working on reviewing processes of Functional and Access Medical needs evacuations to determine what can be improved upon the next time. Entire staff was sheltered at Hunter and/or Savannah Morning News critical workforce shelters. The registry only includes people who live in private residences and not those in long-term care facilities.



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More people were brought back into Chatham County due to people that were added to the registry when arriving at the Evacuation Assembly Area.

- First Environmental – coordinated with Georgia Power leading up to Hurricane Dorian. Some employees evacuated and some stayed.
- SHER – worked with CEMA during Hurricane Dorian. FEMA's historical preservation department requested the SAGIS layer to determine the artifacts and areas in Savannah that could be impacted. There was an issue with facilities following information from sources other than CEMA. Announcements: September 27th, Georgia Southern Armstrong will host Susan Orlean speak regarding the 1986 fire in the Los Angeles Library. The Atlanta University Center in Atlanta received a \$16,000 grant to create an editable online directory of the cultural organizations within Georgia. GEMA will also be incorporating their data into the system while it is being built.
- O'Brien and Gere (Ramble) – getting ready to send people to the Bahamas to assist, they haven't sent anyone out yet. There has been some work completed with the overturned ship in Brunswick in mitigating releases and planning for any potential releases when the ship is righted.
- Chatham County Engineering – the Chatham County Floodplain will be launching a signage program along Chatham County right-of-ways to alert citizens to the different flood zones within Chatham County. There are currently campaigns in place to advertise in the newspapers and via mailings regarding the need for flood insurance. This will allow more awareness of where flood insurance is needed within the county. Signs should be ready by the end of the year.
- MacAljon – employs roughly 750 people in 3 states, company has equipment capable of lifting extremely heavy objects off of things, equipment available for moving items and shoring up buildings. Interested in joining LEPC.
- Impulse Safety – relied on CEMA to provide clear and precise information during Hurricane Dorian.
- Port City Logistics – followed normal storm policies and procedures during Hurricane Dorian. Followed CEMA to be able to notify their employees as closures and shut downs occurred.
- OSHA – evacuated their offices during Hurricane Dorian, Margo came to the EOC for a brief period.
- Ft. Stewart / Hunter – most everyone evacuated and kept in contact via cell phone.
- Memorial Hospital – evacuated the neonates to other hospitals and then sheltered the remaining employees and patients as necessary. Activated their hospital incident command system (HICS) on the Monday before Hurricane Dorian. Information was disseminated via a hotline, cellphone alerts, emails and social media messaging.

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- Mitsubishi Hitachi Power Systems – plant shut down for three days during Hurricane Dorian. Used a multi-messaging product to disseminate information to employees and others who had signed up to receive the alerts. Plant discussions regarding Hurricane Dorian began the Wednesday before Labor Day to ensure everyone was prepared and ready to react as needed. Management team held conference calls and then the information that the employees needed to know was sent out via the messaging service. Reserved a block of rooms outside of Chatham County for those that needed it. Had a team that stayed back at the plant site. Initiated their hurricane plan without any incidents.
- Colonial Oil – no incidents during Hurricane Dorian. Used system similar to CEMA to disseminate information.
- City of Savannah – was able to push notifications to all employees with a Verizon phone. There was an issue with supervisors not pushing information down to employees as needed.
- VOPAK Terminal – followed information from the Coast Guard in determining the actions they needed to take.
- City of Savannah Water Resources Division – working very hard to meet a March 2020 deadline in completing Risk and Vulnerability Assessment of their water facility plant. This will include both natural and man-made disasters.
- Southern LNG – evacuated the terminal on Wednesday prior to Hurricane Dorian. The facility has a surge wall that would have withstood the storm; however, no one wanted to risk staying if a medical emergency occurred. The plant never lost power or had any issues during the storm. All employees are responsible for alerting their supervisor as to their location and status before and after the storm. Used a new system during Hurricane Dorian to send out mass messaging to employees.
- CEMA – began storm monitoring the Tuesday before Hurricane Dorian potentially impacted Chatham County. Multiple conference calls and coordination efforts were held on a daily basis to ensure that preparedness efforts were occurring across the county. The evacuation process was very smooth and facilitated by lessons learned during Matthew and Irma. Storm surge amounts are still preliminary and are lower than originally anticipated. This could have been worse if high tide had occurred during the storm. On October 18th, the CEMA Faith-Based Summit will be held at the Georgia Southern Armstrong Center. This is a full day event that will help our faith-based communities prepare for a disaster.

New Business

- Subcommittee Reports
 - No Reports



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- Membership Application
 - None

Old Business

None

Closing

- Meeting schedule – the November 20, 2019 LEPC meeting will be at Oatland Island at 10 AM.
- Meeting adjourned at 10:44 am.

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