

Montgomery County LEPC Quarterly Meeting: 1/26/24 Minutes

Meeting Location:

In Person at Public Safety Headquarters, 100 Edison Park Drive Gaithersburg, MD 20878

Virtually on Microsoft Teams

New Action Items:

Task	Responsible Party
None	None

Previous Action Items:

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None	None

New Business

OEMHS Updates – Tina Laboy

- We've recently completed an update to the County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and are working through the process of getting that through to County Council Approval
- We just participated in the Med Star Montgomery table top exercise and are currently revamping our Training and Exercise calendar for our internal emergency management group
- We are in the process of scoring the Continuity of Operations Plans for our county departments.
- We are working closely with the University of Maryland and the Maryland Department of Emergency Management on the implementation of a state Mesonet network which will provide more local weather data to Montgomery County and the state of Maryland to support weather events.
- We have hired a Climate Adaptation Program Manager and a Hydrologist to help the office and the County move forward on our climate action plan initiatives. Currently, our Climate adaptation program manager, mara parker is working on resiliency hubs best practices to implement in Montgomery County. Our hydrologist, Paramjit has been engaged in the County's flood study and is performing localized analyses in the County.
- We are working with several County departments on emergency preparedness training and safety, and notifications.
- In addition to our community outreach program, we are planning a school safety seminar for MCPS and local private schools to engage them in best practices in school safety.
- We have a draft of the updated Hazard Mitigation Plan which is currently under state review at the Maryland Department of Emergency Management.

- Our new emergency management specialist, Will Shepherd is taking on the role of the LEPC facilitator and will be planning future meetings. If you are interested in hosting an LEPC meeting, or if you have topics you'd like to see presented at a meeting, please reach out to Will.

Hazmat Permitting Program – Barbara Moore

No update provided.

Fire Rescue Hazmat Update – Battalion Chief Ivan Browning

No update provided.

Speakers/Presentation

- ***Managing Hazardous Waste and Emergency Preparedness*** - Jake Giovanucci
- ***Hazard Mitigation Planning and Montgomery County's Hazard Mitigation Plan*** - Ehsan Bahador

Moving Forward

Next Meeting

Next meeting will be April 17, 2024

For topics or to host a meeting please contact Will Shepherd –
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