



# WARREN COUNTY EPR/LEPC COMMITTEE

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## Public Health Emergency Response and Preparedness Committee/LEPC MEETING MINUTES

April 29, 2026 @ 9:00AM

### 1.) Introductions:

Meeting was called to order at 9:03am by Dan Durkee. Dan thanked everyone for joining and explained the structure of the meeting.

Recording of minutes: Nancy Rosati

### Attendees:

Combs, Joe	Northern GI
Coughlin, Robert	SWWCOAD
DiLorenzo, Corey	NYS Public Health
Durkee, Dan	Warren County Public Health
Durkin, James	CISA/DHS
Gitro, Chris	National Weather
Higgins, Roberts	DEC
Kaczor, Jeff	DHES
LeBarron, Sandy	Finch
Lewis, Michael	NYSP
Mason, Ann Marie	Director, Emergency Services
Lehman, Don	Warren County
Martin, Connor	HHHN
Rivers, Ashley	Deputy Director, Emergency Services
Schrammel, Jaime	Hazmat
Stack, Donald	Warren County Public Health
Stebbins, Laura	Glens Falls Hospital
Vaisey, Wendell	SUNY ADK
Watters, Jay	SUNY ADK

### 2.) Purpose of EPR/LEPC Meetings – Dan Durkee

The meetings focus on emergency preparedness and includes updates from various stakeholders involved in local emergency management. Dan Durkee opened the session by acknowledging the importance of networking and the necessity of the meeting as mandated by the Office of Emergency Services.

### 3.) Glens Falls Hospital – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Review and Updates – Laura Stebbins



Warren County  
4-29-26 GFH Activity



Warren County  
4-29-26 Medical and

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- Medical and Surge Exercise 3-25-26:
  - Paper Exercise, no patients involved
  - Scenario: In the last 48 hours there has been a high rate of absenteeism in schools and industries/business due to flu like symptoms. Simultaneously, a local news outlet receives an anonymous, encrypted message claiming responsibility for releasing a “covert agent” at major transportation hubs during a heightened traffic period.
  - GFH activated the Hospital Incident Command System team to present to the Hospital Command Center
  - Internal Staff notification – received 25 status reports within 15 minutes
  - ED received “60 patients” completing the triage form, resulting in the # of beds needed
  - Physicians provided plague treatment information
  - Results
    - Liaison officer contacted OES regarding EMS transport capabilities; contacted PH regarding plague information
    - OES to provide tent and communication vehicle
    - 5 area nursing homes would accept 35 stable patients
    - Infection Prevention monitored volume of plague victims
    - Pharmacy provided inventory of antibiotics
    - Logistics provided bed and staff availability
    - PIO monitored social media comments
    - IT provided tech support
  - Off Campus Response
    - Health Centers – number of discharged GFH patients
    - Saratoga County Oncology services
    - Lab and Radiology Services
    - Rehab Services
  - Lessons learned:
    - HCC landline phone tied to fax – resolved
    - Initial delay with GFH receiving communication from the Albany HEOCC – resolved
    - Additional 2-way radios and central location needed
    - System IT Ransomware Recovery Project in process
  - Dan Durkee suggested reaching out to Urgent Care sites, HHH as well
  - Dan also mentioned that agencies tend to have different communication systems which makes it hard to communicate across counties. Laura looking into this.
  - Ann Marie suggested reaching out to Washington County who may be able to offer ambulance services.

- **Ebola Drill**
  - Scenario: Patient presented to the ED with symptoms, recently returned from a two-week medical mission in the Republic of Congo
  - Patient Access called for ED RN and patient don a mask and patient was escorted through back hallway
  - Security cordon off area to block access
  - All ED Staff donning PPE
  - ED systems will automatically pull up active diseases in the area the patient has traveled to, which will be helpful when asking about travel activity
  - Saratoga Special Pathogens is the only upstate office in NY State – the other closest is in NYC
  - Lessons learned:
    - Review EPI Travel screening process
    - Review PPE – PAPRs and gloves
    - Second drill in June – opening 2 new AllR rooms
    - Review Ebola Annex to include Saratoga Pathogens plan
- **Summer of 2026**
  - Tourist/Travel Season
    - Mass Gatherings
    - Recreational parks
    - Boating Activities
    - Children’s Camps
    - Adirondacks
    - Large Scale Events
  - 250<sup>th</sup> USA Anniversary
  - Political unrest
  - FIFA World Cup Games
  - Illness Risks
  - Severe Weather
  - Preparedness Activities – see attachment for dates
    - GFH monthly tabletops
    - County – Skywarn Training (See OES update)
    - GFH Ebola drill
    - County tabletop with Harding Mazzotti Arena
    - GFH Evacuation Drill
    - NYS FIFA educational series
    - GFH Policy/Annex Revisions
    - Regional Workshop

#### **4.) Warren County OES and LEPC – Updates**

##### **Ann Marie Mason – Director, OES - Updates:**

- **Tier 2 Report**
  - **New:**
    - R J Waterhouse (Mirabito Energy Products) – Fuel Oil #2. Kerosene
    - GF Hydro, aka Brookfield Renewable – Diesel Fuel #2, Miscellaneous Oil
    - National Coatings and Supplies – Solvent Coatings
    - Home Depot – Sulfuric Acid
  - **No new chemicals have been reported**

- 23 Companies filed Tier 2 Reports in Warren County, spanning 37 locations.
- Checking on Checon, they were new last year, but did not file for 2026, waiting for response.
- Heidelberg Cement is done reporting.

- **Exercise/Training**

- Spring 2026 Weather Spotter Training Sessions:



NWS Albany  
Skywarn Spring We:

Date	Time	Location	Register
May 2, 2026	10am-12pm	<a href="#">Bennington Fire House - 130 River Street, Bennington, VT 05201</a>	<a href="#">Register Here</a>
May 8, 2026	6pm-8pm	<a href="#">Schoharie County Office of Emergency Services - 2783 State Route 7, Cobleskill, NY 12043</a>	<a href="#">Register Here</a>
May 14, 2026	7pm-9pm	Virtual	<a href="#">Register Here</a>
June 1, 2026	7pm-9pm	Virtual	<a href="#">Register Here</a>
June 9, 2026	6pm-8pm	<a href="#">Warren County Municipal Center - Sheriff's Office Training Room - 1400 US-9, Lake George, NY 12845</a>	<a href="#">Register Here</a>

- Citizens Preparedness – 10/1 – HSB 1<sup>st</sup> Flr Conference, 5:30pm-7:00pm. Sign up at NYSDHSES website in August.

- **Plans**

- Warren County CART
  - Redeveloping and rewriting a plan that more closely fits Warren County in terms of animal shelter in emergency situations. This was a previous 3 county group.
- Chempack
  - Reviewing and updating the Chempack plan.
- Cooling, Warming, Air Quality Centers Plan
  - Developing a plan to fit the growing need for these centers.
- CEMP
  - This plan is next up for review.

- **Real Events**

- Highway Safety Days – 5/19 & 5/20. Municipal DPW departments attend this two-day event hosted by our Self-Insurance Dept – 2 days of community outreach for OES.
- Tour Bus Crash 4/19/2026

- **Hazmat Update – Jamie Schrammel:**

- Maintenance mode – train people and maintain what we have.

## 5.) **Public Health Updates – Dan Durkee**

- Pat Belden was officially appointed Director of Public Health
- Budget Update – LEPC is grant funded
- Several items to look out for as the summer season approaches

- Rabies
- Bats (June and July)
- Disease throughout

## 6.) Committee Member Updates

- CISA/DHS
  - 250<sup>th</sup> planning
  - Training I-300 and I-400
  - SPAC
- Chris Gitro – National Weather
  - 250 Celebrations
  - Looking forward to working with OES on the balloon festival
- James Durkin
  - Offering chemical inspections through Chemlock
- Rob Coughlin - DHS
  - Great to be part of LEPC for networking purposes
- MK Lewis
  - 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebrations – keep him in the loop
- Sandy LeBarron
  - Moving annual shutdown to fall
  - Repairs on bridge has been completed
  - Annual meeting with Ann Marie, Jammie and Izzy

Dan Durkee asked, if there are any other agenda items than the ones he lists, please either bring it with you to the next meeting or send Dan the topic to add to the agenda.

### Next 2026 Tentative Meeting Dates

July 29<sup>th</sup>, October 28<sup>th</sup>

Closed the meeting at approximately 10:22 am

Minutes submitted by:  
Nancy Rosati  
5/11/2026