



WARREN COUNTY EPR/LEPC COMMITTEE

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Public Health Emergency Response and Preparedness Committee/LEPC MEETING MINUTES

October 29, 2025 @ 9:00AM

1.) Introductions:

Meeting was called to order at 9:03am by Dan Durkee. Dan thanked everyone for joining the meeting. He gave a brief overview of the agenda items.

Recording of minutes: Nancy Rosati

Attendees:

Combs, Joe	Northern GI
DiLorenzo, Corey	NYS Public Health
Durkee, Dan	Warren County Public Health
Higgins, Robert, LT	NYS DEC Police
Martin, Connor	HHHN
Mason, Ann Marie	Director, Emergency Services
Rivers, Ashley	Deputy Director, Emergency Services
Schrammal, Jamie	Hazmat Coordinator - WC Emergency Services
Stack, Donald	Warren County Public Health
Stella, Anthony	NYS OEM
Stebbins, Laura	Glens Falls Hospital
Vaisey, Wendell	SUNY ADK

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

An opportunity to bring community partners together to discuss preparedness ideas, risks and to share solutions and ideas on how others have handled or is handling emergencies.

3.) Glens Falls Hospital – 3rd Quarter Review and Updates – Laura Stebbins



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Emergency Prepared

- **Simulated Emergency Test 10/10/25**

- RACES staged a communication exercise to test radio connectivity with healthcare locations
- Scenario – Tornado hitting multiple sites in the community

- Situations included:
 - Impassible roadways/closed roads
 - Downed trees and wires
 - Power failures
 - Nursing home evacuations
 - Civilian and First Responder injuries
 - The coordination and communication among all the participants demonstrated the importance of amateur radio operations in a large-scale event, even if phone access was not available.
- Chempack Project
 - There is a need to expand the annual Chempack training and exercise to include front line responders from Warren and Washington County Fire/HazMat and EMS agencies
 - 3-Phase Project
 - Provide tabletop to introduce the project
 - Provide agency specific training
 - Develop full scale exercise
 - Observations – well attended by multiple agencies although limited number of participants from target agencies (EMS and Fire/Hazmat); several representatives from other counties are unfamiliar with Chempack.
 - Follow-up Strategies include: Schedule onsite sessions at agencies as a scheduled training program; consider Teams platform for training at attendees'; convenience; apply for CMEs; NYSDOH participant identified opportunity to develop a HEPC Chempack work group to include all Capital District HEPC reps.
 - Ashley did an excellent job with the table top along with Jamie! Dan thanked them too and brought up the need to get the person to the end point. A lot of controlled substances which would be difficult to administer on a large scale. Possibly a full-scale exercise that would put all that together. Jamie agreed that there is a definite gap in communication amongst all groups.

4.) Warren County OES and LEPC – Updates

Ann Marie Mason – Director, OES – Updates:

Ashley Rivers – Deputy Director, OES - Updates:

- Citizen Preparedness training occurred on 10/21/25
 - Very well attended (almost 60 people); plan to schedule again in the 2026 Spring and Fall.
- OES is hosting the following trainings
 - I-300 – 1/12/26-1/14/26 – Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents
 - I-400 – 4/7/26-4/8/26 – (registration is not yet available)
 - Sign up is through DHSES LMS. Please reach out to us if you need assistance registering



Course Description
for I-300.pdf

- Events/Incidents – Balloon Festival, Car Show, World's Largest Garage Sale. All went off with no incidents to report.
- Plans:
 - CEMP (Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan) was updated
 - CART and Logistics Next
- Full Scale Airport Exercise – Ashley is pulling together a plan/exercise that would include a 500' plane with scale of 2-3 patients to 100 or more.

- Grants:
 - FY23 \$179,800; FY24 \$66,327. Jamie indicates that we did get grant money but that it decreased by 62% from past years. Funding will become difficult and counties will need to put money toward their HazMat teams.
- Reviewed Chempack and response at the Chempack TTX on 9/9
- Reviewed the Airport response plan at TTX on 9/14.

5.) Public Health Updates – Measles Outbreak – Dan Durkee

- Dan proposed “Hybrid” meetings for 2026 since meeting rooms are scarce; In-person or ZOOM. Everyone agreed this is a good idea so more people can attend.
- Home Care needs Transportations assistance numbers/identified. If you are responding to a call, you should be able to know what equipment might be needed to transport a patient such as, wheelchair, ambulance, oxygen, etc.
- Flu Season – expecting a robust season. State has opened up tracking system. Usually flu doesn’t spike until December and January.
- Flu vaccine is available through Health Department
- Immunization changes – there is a concern for more diseases as vaccination rates go down. State provides emerging infectious diseases list – Measles is still a big issue.

6.) Committee Member Updates

- Joe Combs – Northern GI - mentioned the challenges of getting updated information on respiratory virus guidance as the CDC has not updated its interim guidance since 2022
- Bob Higgins - DEC - Hunting Season is upon us – make sure you wear your orange in the woods. A deer in Columbia County was diagnosed with rabies. If you see a deer that is acting or looking “weird” like lesions or drooling, report. Looking at EHD and Tick Season too
- Anthony Stella – NYS OEM – Table top at the Airport; Flight Mitigation equipment coming into the county; IPAWS – Jan 7th workshop, Rensselaer Training Center
- Connor Martin – HHHN is focusing on Emergency Preparedness
- Wendell Vaisey – SUNY ADK – updating emergency data plans; SUNY has mandated the school provide plan for 4-year schooling plan by next month

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

January 28th, April 29th, July 29th, October 28th

Closed the meeting at 10:10 am

Minutes submitted by:
Nancy Rosati
11/19/2025