



TOWN OF BELMONT

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

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**DATE: May 1, 2024
TIME: 5:59 PM**

February 29, 2024 Meeting of Belmont LEPC

Meeting called to order at by Chief DeStefano at 1:00pm

Attendees:

Fire Chief David DeStefano Newly appointed chair, Assistant Fire Chief and Director of Emergency Management Chief Andrew Tobio, Assistant Police Chief Mark Hurley, Jay Marcotte Director of Public Works Director, Captain Scott Spuria, Mark Piccarini - Belmont Light Director of Engineering & Operations, Sam Osmanovic - Belmont Light Assistant General Manager, John Farino - Purecoat North Compliance Director, Sarah Augood - McLean EHS

Vote for the Secretary of the Committee- Maureen Sevene was unanimously voted as the secretary for the committee

Overview of the Committee- Chief DeStefano reviewed EPCRA (Emergency Planning Community Right-to-Know Act)/ SARA Title III highlights relative to the formation of LEPCs and their goal to catalog hazardous materials in the community and provide an emergency response plan to enhance community safety

Current Emergency Response Plan- Asst. Chief Tobio (BEMA Director) provided background on the contents of Belmont's CEMP (Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan), and how that may be enacted for various incidents. Asst. Chief Tobio also discussed the capabilities of the Belmont EOC (Emergency Operations Center)

NRT-1 - national response team hazardous materials- Chief DeStefano discussed this document that is available online, which details the activities of federal, state, and local authorities under EPCRA (Emergency Planning Community Right-to-Know Act)

https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2014-09/documents/cleannrt10_12_distiller_complete.pdf

REPC - Mystic Regional Emergency Planning Committee - comprised of about 28 cities and towns around us. Next public meeting is March 12, 2024, in Wakefield at the Police/Fire Complex. Meeting of the whole May14, 2024 this is a larger meeting. Chief DeStefano discussed the value of networking regionally with other LEPCs (Local Emergency Planning Committees) and receiving continuing training from the REPC (Regional Emergency Planning Committee).

Goals and Objectives

Meeting frequency First few meetings every 2 months Once we are more established – maybe make it quarterly.

Select a vice chair.

Talk more about training opportunities NIMS (National Incident Management System) especially

Everyone on the committee should have some basic NIMS (National Incident Management System) training in case of emergency situation.

review the bylaws and discuss any updates that may be necessary

Next meeting May (date pending) 2024.

Meeting 1:30 adjourned

May, 1 2024 minutes were unanimously accepted by the committee.