

Somerset County LEPC Meeting

23 April 2025

- At 1005 hours, Emergency Services Director, Yvette Cross, called the LEPC meeting to order.
- Each of the attendees were asked to introduce themselves.

Attendees:

Yvette Cross- SCES Director
Laraine Buck – ES Planner
Henry Brooks- ARC
Lee Patrick-Chesapeake Utilities
Derrick Crag- Chesapeake Utilities
Chief Eric Lee- Crisfield Police
Cap. Bradford – Sheriff’s Office
Christopher Parks- ECI
Keith Muir- SCDC
Jesse Drewer- PZ
Danielle Weber – SCHD
Christopher Osment- SCHD
Tavonne Satchell – SHA
Crystal Corbin- DSS
Representative from- BOE
Richard Crumbacker- Media
Henry Brooks – ARC
Daniel Tilghman- Shore Transit
Ann Harach- MDEM State Exercise Officer

There were no additions or corrections to the previous minutes from our January Meeting.

- Old Business: N/A
- New Business:

After introductions, Captain Bradford from the Somerset County Sheriff’s Office. to brief us on the recent calls from citizens concerning sightings of people taking pictures of Trains near propane tanks in Worcester and Somerset County- He said it was investigated, the people involved in the Somerset County incident were located, questioned. The findings were that they are “train enthusiasts”. The information was sent through the proper channels and field offices.

- Next we had Mr. Derrick Craig, the Government Affairs Manager for Chesapeake Utilities who provided a High Level overview about Chesapeake Utilities Corp. and their Operations in our county.
- They do have an Emergency Action Plan, but because of sensitive information it can only be shared in a closed forum with vetted individuals on a need to know basis.

Questions concerns: About the communication and messaging that took place during the incidents with Worcester and Somerset County with regards to the propane tanks.

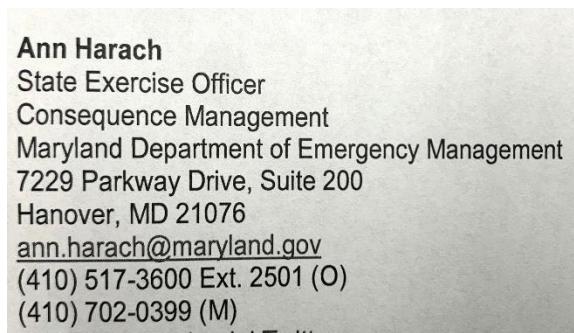
-Cap. Bradford understood the frustration and explained there was a delay because of the timing and redirecting of the calls for service and then locating those involved.

As well as how notifications are made in neighborhoods when there has been installation of natural gas pipeline. There was also a question about what the markings mean on the poles sticking out of the ground.

*Derrick said they due have a public awareness plan to reach out to the communities and the markings were warnings, letting you know what was buried below.

*Derrick met with the Police, Fire, Detention Center Warden and SCES Director after the meeting to answer their questions.

He said if there were further questions to reach out to him.



Laraine mentioned our next meeting in July will be our Table Top Drill and Ann Harach the State Exercise Officer from MDEM is here to discuss it.

- She wants to set the objectives and goals for the drill
- If you have ideas and want to be on the planning team contact her – but you won't be able to participate- just observe the day of the exercise.
- Her contact information: is above

Our next meeting is actually the Table Top Drill July 23rd. 2025 at 10- AM

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 hours.

Submitted Respectfully,
Laraine Buck, Facilitator

