

Somerset County LEPC Meeting

Wed. Oct. 28, 2026

Our meeting was called to order at 10:00hrs.

Roll Call: We went around the room with introductions.

Laraine mentioned the newest position changes in the County:

- *Woody Barnes – Somerset County Deputy Administrator
- *Christina Gray- Somerset County Health Dept. Deputy Health Officer
- *Toby Swift- Somerset County Fire Chiefs Assoc. President
- *Lt. John Chatham – Natural Resource Police
- *1st Sgt. Michael Bowie- MSP - is Attending to business during Robert Phillips extended leave

Old Business:

It was mentioned for our last meeting – we held a annual drill- concerning: County Wide Internet Outage and how we would deal with this scenario throughout our departments.

Laraine asked if anyone has an idea for next year's County Wide Drill- Please submit it to her as soon as possible so we can start planning - lbuck@somersetmd.us

New Business:

Also: Emergency Services will be reaching out soon to those “stakeholder” committee members of the “Hazard Mitigation Plan” to set up a meeting in January of 2027 to begin reviewing our plan. (Updates to the plan have to be made by March 2028).

There were no other department updates at this time

We introduced James Jones Jr. – DPL/ Exelon External Affairs :

He basically went over DPL -Energy Bills, how you can save money on energy efficient equipment (bulbs, refrigerator etc.).

He did briefly mention: when power does go out priority is to the largest area populated area first, as well as high priority customers (i.e. Tidal Health- for example).

- Questions: How does a citizen have their account flagged as needing electricity on for their medical necessities? –

The customer should call DPL's customer service and mention they are electricity dependent for medical equipment. A form will be sent out for signature by their physician and they will have their address flagged for this need.

- How much of Somerset County is being serviced by DPL?

The majority of the county residents are customers.

- Does DPL automatically know when there is an outage?

There is technology that helps with this, but always call in; if you have an outage.

- If you wanted to have a community receive ‘energy efficiency’ outreach information how can this happen?

James said he could his email information with you to check into this possibility.

Live Wire Presentation “Hot Dog Simulation”:

Jaime Wagner: Safety Facilitator the Chesapeake Region Delmarva Power: Gave a brief description of what we were going to see outside with the Electrical Trailer.

Outside he explained what the lineman wear and how they prepare when attending to “live” wires. They also demonstrated what happens when contact is made with those wires- (Hot Dog Simulation). He mentioned safety procedures and when to call 911

Attendees:

Laraine Buck – Planner ES
James Jones Jr. – DPL / Exelon
Christina Gray- SCHD
Danielle Weber- SCHD
Chris Osment – SCHD
Crystal Corbin – DSS
Keith Muir- SCDC
Jesse Drewer- P&Z
Will Cornish – P&Z
Mark Konapelsky – P&Z
Catherine Skeeter- P&Z
Daniel Tilghman- Shore Transit
William Clayton – ECI Environ.
Raymond Pettit- ECI Environ.
Joshua Taylor – Sanitary District
Matt Munday – Tidal Health
Jessica Nusbaum- MDEM
Tim Biermann – Code Enforcement Princess Anne
John Chatham- NRP
Sarah Hirsh-UMD.edu (Extension office)
John Brinkley- SC EMS
Yvette Cross- Director ES
Chris Hopkins- Asst. Dir. ES

Billy Bennett- Roads
Karl Walter- SC Roads
Steve Webster- SC Roads
Troy Whiobee- Roads
Corey Marshall- Roads
Alex Walter- Roads
Cody Williams- Roads ?
Jeremy Cooper- Roads
E. Bruce Webster- Roads
Jordan Marlatt - Roads
Mark Fletcher- Roads
Curtis Hartman - Roads
Gary Nelson- Roads

Our next meeting **JANUARY 27, 2027 10-AM** (We will be reviewing: LEPC Bylaws)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM

Submitted Respectfully,
Laraine Buck, Facilitator

