

Pickens County



LEPC

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Government

Industry

Community

MINUTES

Location: Pickens County Emergency Operations Center
222 McDaniel Avenue, B-17, Pickens, SC

Date: January 21, 2020

Attendees:

Scott Barnes, Easley Combined Utilities	Emily Roberts, Duke Energy	Pierce Womack, Pickens County Emergency Management
Mary Erin Morrissey, Clemson University Emergency Management	Polly G. Swindell, Ortec, Inc.	Kyle Jones, AnMed Health Cannon
David Larson, Pickens County Emergency Management	Russell Vaughn, Ortec, Inc.	Brad Owen, Easley Fire Dept
Lynn Hendrix, A & D Environmental	Cody Pucetas, 3R	Whit Dibbs, Morgan Concrete
Scot Yarborough, SCEMD	Scott Smith, Pickens County Emergency Services	Jeff Couch, Greenville Water
Kandy Kelley, PC Coroner	John Ross, Greenville Water	Jordan Bradway, Prisma Health
Chuck Owens, SCDHEC	Kaitlin Little, SCDHEC	Scot Yarbrough, SCEMD
Lyndy Barnes, United Way of Pickens	Russell Holliday Ortec, Inc.	Lee McJunkin, Dacusville Fire Department
Chris Ramey, HEPACO	Kandy Kelley, Pickens County Coroner	Jeremy Holder, Cornell Pubilier
Brad Owen, Easley Fire Department	Morgan Hughes, SCDHEC	Paige Doyle, Ortec Inc.
Elaine William, Abbott	Candis Duncan, Abbott	

Welcome & Introductions/Lunch: Scott Barnes welcomed members. Attendees introduced themselves.

Lunch was served; Meal was sponsored by 3R Incorporated

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the October 2020 meeting were approved as written.

Presentation:

- Kandy Kelley, PC Coroner
- Coroner for 12 years; Deputy for 8 years prior
- Must Determine: Cause (Medical) & Manner (Mechanism) of death
- Doctors can only sign on Medical deaths
- Coroner serves death notification
- Completes subpoenas – doesn't need a judge to issue these
- Proactive in trying to save lives; PC is number 1 in the state for suicide
- PC is known for making good meth – resulting in working many overdoses
- On-Scene response:
 - EMS calls the coroner after testing
 - Scene then belongs to the coroner; not police
 - If body is tampered with, they can be charged
 - Coroner responds and enters when scene is safe
 - Documents what is seen
 - Determines if there is a need for an autopsy (Greenville)
- Immediate response; 1 deputy (8 days a month)

- Coroner will call OSHA if it is a workplace fatality
- If called to a plant, she will want to speak with a supervisor then others as necessary
- Clemson University has developed a program to compile their statistics back to 1976; can get data as needed
- Releases information to the media via a new release after notification. Release is then sent to reporters
- Phone Number: 864-313-6886

Community Wide HazMat Emergency Drill:

- Pierce Womack
- Looking at something later in the Summer and/or Fall

Hazmat Team Update:

- Going well
- Working on recruiting new people
- Working on some equipment replacements

New Business:

- Tier II Reporting Fee: Tabled by Council
 - Narrowed down to two different ways to bill
 - Council is in favor but needs to know how to make it work:
 - How is money collected?
 - How is money spent?
 - Who approves the spending?
 - Scott will meet with Denise and Pierce to draft a letter to be approved by the LEPC
- Tier II Reporting Deadline
 - Due March 1
- PC EM Update
 - Graded Nuclear Year
 - EOC Training next month
 - Prepareathon: March 28th from 10am-2pm@ Newspring in Clemson
- Seeking new Vice Chair – speak with Scott for more information
- SCEMD:
 - SCEMD is looking at trends of LEPCs across the state and report up to SEMD; help struggling LEPCs; help inactive LEPCs; resources available online: <https://scemd.org/stay-informed/publications/local-emergency-planning-committee-handbook/>
- Update from PC Fire Chiefs Association:
 - Restroom for training facility: in need of funding
- 3R Environmental:
 - Full Service environmental contractor
 - Partners with municipalities, counties, states & industries to provide services
 - Access to a multitude of facilities and equipment
 - Reach out with questions
- Future Meeting: TBD

Minutes prepared by Mary Erin Morrissey, Clemson University Emergency Management, PC LEPC Secretary