

LEPC Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2017
12:00 pm Walters State Community College – Foundation Room

The meeting was called to order by Candy Lamb, chairperson of the LEPC. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Danny Houseright. Invocation was given by George Hoffmann.

Candy introduced EMA Director Chris Bell who recognized Dr. Eric Powel, current LEPC vice-chairman, for being awarded the Executive Fire Officer Program award for completion of the four year course. The EFOP is designed to provide senior fire officials with a broad perspective on various facets of fire administration. The program provides fire service officers with the expertise they need to succeed in today's challenging environment.

Next, Director Bell read the nomination for the new LEPC vice-chairperson from the Executive Committee, Nathan Antrican, and shared a bio since Mr. Antrican could not attend the meeting.

Director Bell turned the meeting back over to Candy Lamb who asked for a vote on Nathan Antrican as next year's vice-chairman. The vote was affirmed with none dissenting. Candy then introduced LEPC secretary Lindsey Horn. Lindsey announced the new LEPC Facebook page (www.facebook.com/HamblenCountyLEPC) and encouraged everyone to like the page and share with others who may not be aware of the organization.

After that Candy brought back Director Chris Bell who began the tabletop discussion.

Everyone divided into groups while Director Bell introduced the tabletop, rules, and scenario. He began the scenario with a situation in which workers cut a branch off a tree near cell towers and the branch falls the wrong way, damaging two repeaters for local emergency agencies and one cell antenna on the tower (Verizon.) After brief discussion, he introduced the next element of the scenario in which a box truck crashed into the MUS substation, causing large scale power/internet/phone outage. Law enforcement instantly began discussing potential terrorist threat and how they would investigate. It was introduced that cell service was limited and that 911 was being overwhelmed with calls. Many residents/businesses/agencies are without power/internet/phone service. Discussion time was allowed for different agencies to talk through how they would handle such an incident.

Questions of driver motive were brought up (and later revealed to be an individual who had a medical issue and crashed, but survived). Others were curious about evacuation and whether shelters had generators. Another question of how the public would be informed of updates.

At the end of the discussion between groups, the floor was opened for announcements. George Hoffmann of the EMAV announced an ARES simulated emergency test on November 18th, with more details to follow. Neal Johnson of the EMAV spoke briefly on receiving a retired ambulance that several individuals are working on to coordinate communications between agencies.

New members were welcomed and recognized. Then outgoing Chairperson Candy Lamb was presented with a small gift for her service.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15pm.



The Morristown LEPC would like to thank **Domino's** for their generous lunch donation.

Our next scheduled meeting to be held on January 9, 2018.