

**DANVILLE/PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 2018
MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Danville/Pittsylvania County Local Emergency Planning Committee was held on Thursday, August 9, 2018, at C&E's Restaurant in Gretna, VA. Chief Eagle welcomed the group and brought the meeting to order at 12:08 pm. Daniel Kendrick checked in participants and then an introduction was made by first time attendees.

PRESENT

Budd, Scott—Pittsylvania County
Kendrick, Daniel—Pittsylvania County
Kelly, Terry – Pittsylvania County Fire Marshal
Slomp, Chris—Pittsylvania County Public Safety
Garrett, Chris – Virginia Department of Health
Johnson, Alan – City of Danville Utilities
Valdovines, Hugo—City of Danville Public Works
Clark, J. T.—Near Southwest Preparedness Alliance
Neal, Barry—City of Danville Fire Department
Earp, Ray—Virginia Department of Emergency Management
LaPrade, Stephanie—Southern Area Agency on Aging
Eagle, David –City of Danville Fire Chief
Mace, Leslie—Virginia Department of Forestry
Lawson, Ralph – American Red Cross
Dishman, Steve – City of Danville Fire Department
Motley, Donald – Pittsylvania County Sheriff's Office
Kareis, Michelle – DanChem Technologies, Inc.
Rives, Dave – American Red Cross
Oakes, Jerry—Williams Pipeline
Pruitt, Mike—Virginia Department of Emergency Management
Conner, Jeff—Pittsylvania County Fire Marshals Office
Thornberry, Ryan—City of Danville Utilities
Lewis, Nicole—Danville-Pittsylvania Community Services
Newell, Amy—Danville-Pittsylvania Community Services
Blackstock, Elton—Pittsylvania County
McCabe, Becky-Virginia Department of Health
Parker, Haley-Danville Register & Bee
Ballenger, Cathy-DTI

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A motion was made by Chris Garrett and seconded by Alan Johnson to approve the minutes of June 14, 2018; and voted unanimously to approve.

A moment of silence was followed by a buffet luncheon.

At 12:42 pm Chief Eagle called the meeting back to order.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chief Eagle had nothing to report.

VICE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

None: The Vice-Chairperson's position was vacant.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

CERT REPORT

None: No representatives from the City or County were present.

HAZMAT REPORT

Barry Neal of Danville spoke briefly regarding: equipment being purchased with Homeland Security funds, an upcoming drill to be conducted at Sartomer, and a hazardous materials response in July in Danville. VDEM Hazardous Materials Officer Ray Earp provided additional information regarding the incident that involved the improper mixing of chemicals.

Chris Slemph of Pittsylvania County spoke briefly on the landfill fire that had occurred in June.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

With the retirement of Jim Davis, the vice-chairperson vacancy needed to be filled. In accordance with the Committee's bylaws, a special election was conducted and Chris Slemph of Pittsylvania County Public Safety was voted to fill the position.

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The scheduled speaker, Danville Police Chief Scott Booth, was unable to attend.

Mike Pruitt of Virginia Department of Emergency Management spoke regarding the approaching peak of hurricane season and needed preparedness, and also recent tornados and flooding in the area.

Nicole Lewis of Danville-Pittsylvania Community Services, Stephanie LaPrade of Southern Area Agency on Aging and J. T. Clark of Near Southwest Preparedness Alliance all gave a brief synopsis of current events within their respective agencies.

Next meeting will be Thursday, October 11, 2018 at Mary's Diner in Danville. VA.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

David Eagle, Chairperson

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