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## Regional Meeting of the Nashua Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

October 16th, 2023 10:00am-12:00pm

Lake Street Fire Station

177 Lake Street. Nashua, NH 03060

Facilitators: Deputy Chief Mark Wholey, Nashua Fire Department and Emily Martuscello, City of Nashua Office of Emergency Management

Agenda:

### **Hazmat Response and Reporting**

10 -10:15 am Welcome, Sign In/Networking - Mark Wholey & Emily Martuscello

10:15 - 10:45 am Overview of State Tier II Reporting - Jim Stone, State of NH  
Hazardous Materials Coordinator

- Any facilities that store hazardous materials that meet the reporting requirements must submit Tier 2 reports- most materials require reports for over 10,000 lbs, but there is some variation
- Reports are done January 1 - March 1 for the previous year
- Tier 2 Submit is used to submit reports to the state
  - Google: Get Tier 2 Submit
- New changes from the state:
  - Consistent & monitored email address
  - SDSs for all reported chemicals
  - Verify latitude and longitude values for facilities
- Make sure attachments such as site photos are oriented the correct way
- Creating a standard naming format - filecontent\_facilityname\_city/townname
- Reports also have to go to local LEPC and fire department
- Spill reporting - in the order that you should make these calls:



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- 911
  - State Emergency Response Commission (SERC): 800-346-4009
  - National Response Center (NRC): 800-424-8802
  - Electronic Signatures are accepted

10:45 -11 am Overview of Local Tier II Reporting - Emily Martuscello, City of Nashua Emergency Management Director

- Purpose of Tier II Data
  - Analysis
  - Plan for hazardous response
  - Identify gaps
  - Share facility plans, response plans
- Submit ELECTRONICALLY to [Tier2@nashuanh.gov](mailto:Tier2@nashuanh.gov)
  - This notifies both the LEPC and fire department
  - Please make sure to include PDF copies

11 am -12 pm Overview of the SMART Hazmat Team and Deployment to Vermont Flooding - Mark Wholey, Nashua Fire Rescue Deputy Chief

SMART

- SMART was established in the early 90s as a regional Hazmat team, primarily Nashua FD but also includes mutual aid from other partners
  - 24/7 Coverage out of station 2
  - 17 Partner communities - Hillsborough county
- How incidents are managed within the city:
  - 911 call comes into the state
  - Nashua Fire Alarm receives the call from State 911
  - 1st alarm responds with the HazMat team
- How incidents are managed outside the city:
  - 911 call comes into the state
  - Local fire alarm receives the call from State 911
  - Local FD responds
  - Local FD evaluates



- Local FD calls Nashua
  - Phone consultation
  - Response decision made
- Hazmat incident prep:
  - Ensure proper facility & product marking
  - Training for response teams
  - Communicate with local FD
- Hazardous materials mitigation:
  - Work with LEPC
  - Make sure things are properly stored & infrastructure is protected
- Hazmat is expensive, part of the response is recouping costs

### Vermont Deployment

- About 5-7 inches of rain in VT back in July
- Bedford NH swift water rescue team deployed as well
  - VA Beach deployed as well
- Entire downtown Montpelier had about 5ft of water
- Rail impact was significant
- VT Hazmat was established in 1994, only one full time Hazmat member in the state, everyone else is on call
  - 32 people responsible for Hazmat in the state
  - Hazmat team is funded through Tier 2 reports
  - 150 hazmat incidents annually
    - 50 rollouts
  - For the July incident, 176 Hazmat incidents
- Nashua and Keen Response
  - 1 DFC with Aide
  - 8 Hazmat techs
  - Special hazards unit
  - Engine Co
  - Support items
  - Operated out of Barre Municipal Airport
- Recon missions to find hazards
  - 500 lb propane tank located

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- Some propane tanks were found 11 miles from where they started
  - 14 tanks located over 8 miles in one day
  - North Heartland Reservoir - 65 ft of flood waters 48 hours after the storm
  - 2 48-hour response missions
    - NFR 7 tasks, no emergency responses
    - KFD 6 tasks, 2 emergency responses including RAD incident
    - 2 additional coverages canceled by the state of VT