

1996 ANNUAL REPORT
ROWAN COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)

As set forth in the by-laws of the Rowan County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) the group shall submit an annual report describing its activities for the preceding year. The following report is submitted in accordance with those by-laws.

Regular meetings of the LEPC were held every other month on the following dates:

18 January 1996
21 March 1996
23 May 1996
18 July 1996
19 September 1996
21 November 1996

Committee membership totals twenty one (21). A current membership roster is included as Attachment A.

Guests and visitors are always welcome at every meeting. This year we have added a member from the N.C. Department of Transportation and we are working more closely with the Rowan Regional Medical Center's Emergency Room staff.

The LEPC goals for the past year were in the following areas:

1. To develop a public education package for awareness of the LEPC functions in the community. This currently is in progress.
2. The survey of hazardous materials transported through the county for the purpose of preparing emergency responses. The study focused on hazardous materials moved along the I-85 corridor and both rail lines. Computer records were obtained from Norfolk Southern. Observers counted placards on the interstate to establish traffic flow. Results showed lots of mixed freight transported by rail. Large amounts of gasoline, sodium hydroxide, and combustible liquids go by road. This survey was completed and a copy is included as Attachment B.

1996 Haz-Mat Team Summary:

From January – December 1996 the Haz-Mat Team responded to 7 incidents.

Incident cost?

Any other info?

Meetings:

A review and discussion of all hazardous materials incidents is held at each regular LEPS meeting. As a result of these discussions, it is becoming apparent that the Haz-Mat Team is in need of a new vehicle. The present response vehicle is no longer adequate to house and transport the equipment needed for the team.

It has been both a privilege and an honor to complete the term of Chairman Jeff Gobble and I look forward to serving the LEPC as chairman in the upcoming year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kay Lowry-Hamm
Chairman

17 March 1997