

The Rowan County Local Emergency Planning Committee

Activity Report for 1999

Introduction

This annual report is a summary of the activities of the Rowan County Local Planning Committee or LEPC. Our committee schedules six meetings a year but the September meeting was canceled to manage hurricane Floyd tasks.

Membership

The committee enjoys participation from a mix of public and private entities. The following agencies or companies have representation on the LEPC.

Duke Power Company
Finetex, Inc.
KoSa Corporation
National Starch and Chemical

North Carolina Department of Transportation
North Carolina State Highway Patrol
Norfolk Southern Railway Police

Rowan County Emergency Services
Rowan County Emergency Medical Services
Rowan County Fire Marshall
Rowan County Health Department
Salisbury Fire Department
Salisbury Police Department

Meeting Format

The LEPC has several standing committees. These are Education, Training and Recruiting, Tier Two Review, Fixed Facility Review and the Executive Committee. Committees make reports as needed in the meetings. In each meeting Members hear progress reports on the interstate construction Project along I 85, any hazardous materials incidents are presented and discussed and Greg Atchley updates us on state emergency management issues. Most meetings end with an informative presentation.

Highlights for 1999

Greg Atchley presented goals from SERC and LEPC. Prominent among these were the development of multi-county LEPCs, an annual meeting for LEPC chairpersons, a survey of LEPC with the results to county commissioners and a

new requirement for SERC members to attend at least two LEPC meetings.

John Hodgens described the Community Alert Network or CAN. This company provides a telephone broadcast messaging service. Messages are delivered with targeted phone calls to predetermined lists. In an emergency one telephone call to CAN begins a notification process which can access as many as 8,600 calls an hour. Emergency messages can be use a prearranged calling list or target telephones by zone, block and street names.

Team member, Dick Frankdin reviewed the National Starch Risk Management Program. Accidental release requirements from the 40 CFR Part 68 section from the Clean Air Act Section 112 (r) (7) were explained.

There was a lengthy discussion among participants about Y2K compliance. Rowan County plans to open the Emergency Operations Center on December 31 and standby in case of problems. Other groups shared similar plans.

Training activities are announced at most meetings. The Salisbury Fire Department and others participated in several joint training exercises through out the year.