

**Chesterfield Emergency Planning Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2022**

Members Present:

Jason Bassett (Industrial Chemicals)
Kathy Eubank (Vol. Rescue Squad)
Bobby Lukhard (DuPont)
David Woods (CHD-MRC)

Paul Clements (Citizen)
Brian Fox (Univar Solutions)
Ruth Scharr (EPA)

Consultants/Guests:

Scott Cary (Fuji Wako)
Eric Jones (Chesterfield Sheriff's Office)
Brandon Mittman (Veolia)
Robert Paxton (VDEM)
Bill Walter (Fuji Wako)

Leslie Cascell (Amazon)
Megan Middleton (CVHC)
Rena Parker (DuPont)
Jennifer Reynolds (Chesterfield Risk Management)

EM Staff:

Darshan Parikh

Steven Herring

Welcome and Introductions

Chair Bobby Lukhard welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Presentation: CVHC Interface with Healthcare/Fire & EMS
Steve Parrott, CVHC

Approval of Minutes

The December meeting minutes were approved by the committee.

Reports

Chairman's Report –

- Chair Lukhard wished everyone a happy new year and expressed hope that 2022 would be a good year.
- Chair Lukhard mentioned the I-95 incident that occurred due to the inclement winter weather and how it shows the importance of having a winter weather kit for one's vehicles. Those needing assistance in what to have in a winter weather car kit can reach out to Chesterfield County Emergency Management for information.

Emergency Management –

- Darshan expressed the importance of winter preparedness. Another winter storm will be coming through January 6, although it will be less severe than the system that impacted the county earlier in the week. It is a great opportunity to spread preparedness information and prepare.
- Chesterfield Fire & EMS along with Chesterfield Police are interested in gathering information regarding critical infrastructure and key resources within the County. We will send out more information within the coming weeks.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) –

- CERT will be assisting the Chesterfield Health Department with various COVID-19 Testing Clinics in January.

Health Department/Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)

- The Chesterfield Health Department (CHD)'s priority is responding to the Omicron surge. CHD is deploying more assets for testing, as there is an increase in demand for tests and supplies are limited. Schedule for testing team in January and February have been doubled. In addition, s Community Testing Center with hopes it will be implemented soon.
- The CHD is still conducting normal responsibilities. Although there are many infected with Omicron, the severity is reduced in those that are vaccinated. The majority of hospitalizations from Omicron are occurring in those that are not vaccinated.

Homeland Security

- None

Neighborhood Watch

- None

CEPC Spotlight – None

Unfinished Business –

- CEPC By-Laws Review
 - Will be tabled until February

New Business –

- None

Roundtable Member Discussion:

Jason Bassett (Industrial Chemicals) – Colonial Chemical Solutions, Inc. acquired Industrial Chemicals. Transitions are currently ongoing.

Leslie Cascell (Amazon) – Leslie represents the Amazon distribution facility in Chester and is new to the CEPC. He thanked everyone for the information and is looking forward to future meetings.

Megan Middleton (CVHC) – There are various ICS-300 and ICS-400 courses being offered. ICS-300 course dates are February 22, 23, and 24. ICS-400 course dates are March 8 and 9. In addition, ABLS courses will be offered on May 20th and October 14th. The Burn Annex Plan can be found on CHVC's website on the front page. Any comments, suggestions, or feedback is welcome.

Robert Paxton (VDEM) – The Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) is currently supporting localities impacted by winter weather.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. **The next CEPC Meeting will be on February 3, 2022 via Microsoft Teams.**