



**Cumberland County  
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)  
Meeting Minutes July 24, 2025**

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The Cumberland County Local Emergency Planning Committee met on July 24, 2025, at the Wal-Mart Distribution Center, 1057 Sand Hill Rd. Hope Mills NC 28348

**Attendance:**

- See attached documents

**Introductions and Approval of the Minutes:**

- Welcomes and introductions were made at the beginning of the meeting. The preceding meeting minutes were approved by the committee. (Motioned by LB Herndon, seconded by Greg Phillips, approved unanimously)

**Membership Update/Nominations:**

- Garry advised that Gene retired, his ex-officio position will be vacant until the role is filled.
- Tiowana Owans will fill the role of secretary, per bylaws.
- Transportation rep is still vacant
- CCSO -Law Rep – Luis Fermin, Greg Phillips motioned, seconded by Laura, was unanimously approved by board.
- At-Large rep vacant – Terrance Phillips submitted his resignation from this role due to health challenges.
- Facility Representatives
  - Waiting for Board of Commissioners to move forward with pending nominations for facilities due to many are out of county representatives. Commissioner Tyson advised should have an update at the next quarterly meeting.

**Notifications:**

- Garry Crumpler updated on notifications received.
  - BJ's Wholesale Club #215 & Gas Station – Arrangement, May 13, 2025
  - Global Companies LLC – Fayetteville Terminal – Arrangement, June 26, 2025
  - Garry presented regarding Mercury spill. This call did not come in through typical methods. Chief Johnson sent a team out to investigate spill, that came in regarding a grandfather clock that was being moved due to renovations, when a leak was noticed. Fire department responded out, where responders and their gear were contaminated. Chief Johnson contacted Garry Crumpler with request for resources in addition to the local RRT. Took approximately one month for clean up with cost totaling nearly one million dollars. Its important to note that the RRT is there to mitigate the emergency, not for cleanup. During this response Garry reached out to NCEM, initiated a state call which included SERT, EPA and local Public Health. First responders were



screened and were cleared, one set of gear was elevated and given measures to clear. No traces of Mercury were found on the truck. The homeowners, unfortunately, screened very high. Their vehicle was giving concerning readings, but the owners were given directions to decontaminate safely. Owners were advised to receive medical treatment; however, we are unable to advise if they sought treatment. This was a month long cleanup process, which involved bringing in heaters to superheat the house for decontamination. This event occurred during this year.

### Sub-Committees

- Commissioner Tyson reviewed that at the last quarterly meeting it was approved to create these subcommittees. We are looking to move forward with those. Garry Crumpler provided sign up sheets for those interested.
  - a. Inaugural LEPC Conference Planning Committee – Looking to host at Methodist University due to size and needs such as breakout sessions and dining options. Potential of five sessions, looking to plan event and what type of classes, such as safety courses needed for facility options. Looked at FTCC Fire Training Campus and Main Campus, but due space and coordination, feel that Methodist may be the better facility for this event type. Due to funding of grant, we may need to do an extension to ensure we don't lose funding. Dates have not been solidified.
  - b. EOP Review Committee – Will have Amanda send out the current EOP, Hazmat annex for review. Would like to have a Hazmat and Fayetteville Fire representative.

### Old Business

- LEPC Certification Program & Incentives – Commissioner Tyson presented information regarding discussion for certification and incentives to facilities. Inquiring if committee would be inclined to send this to the Board of Commissioners. Open for discussion for questions.
  - Q: Are there any current frameworks for certification programs. A: We are currently looking at other frameworks, but at present there isn't any information to present for reference.
    - i. Commissioner Tyson, request a motion if the committee would like to move in that direction.
      1. Garry Crumpler noted that many of the industry partners at the previous meeting on what the incentives would look like, either monetary or tax. Commissioner Tyson advised that incentives could be a mixture of either or. Would like either the subcommittee or LEPC, to send this request up to the Board of Commissioners for review.
      2. Garry Crumpler made motion to investigate similar programs and how a program similar can be brought to ensure safety among industry partners and what incentives look like and how they can be provided from county perspective. Item seconded by Harrison Combs, with addition to explore what a framework and certification would look like. Commissioner Tyson asked for vote, motion carried unanimously. Encourage anyone who would like to serve on subcommittee to please let committee know. Katherine Lindsey and Harrison Combs both advised they would assist. Won't set a date certain to come back, to give time for research.



- 2024 Tier II Report – reaching out to facilities who did not file that may need to report. For our first responders, we ask that as you are out in the area more than others, if you are responding to a call and have concerns about the facility reporting status to please utilize the Tier II Referral Form. (QR code available), this form and code can be sent via email and will be available soon on the LEPC website.
- Garry Crumpler announced that at the August 25, 2025, Board of Commissioners meeting, we will be presenting a certificate and coin to the family of Calvin Bishop. Encourage committee to attend. Commissioner Tyson also advised that he will send details to the Board of Commissioners for a proclamation for Calvin Bishop as well.

### **New Business**

- Public Health Presentation – Greg Phillips announced that this presentation was spurred from the Palestine incident. This is regarding long term monitoring and record keeping. Monica made presentation on how public health can monitor paperwork and health information. Health Information Exchange (HIE), which is required by the state for public health departments. Where they can see any public health information, from other records, with permission. This allows patients to more easily be followed for treatment. Effective May 2025, Cumberland County joined the network. For use by public health, urgent care, private providers, etc. Benefits with HIE, allows for continuity of care. Records will include prescriptions, immunizations, labs, test results, imaging reports. Mental health information will not be included. Patients can opt out of HIE. Engagement would be after the incident is over. There was interest in software/programs out there that for reporting/recording piece. As long as providers are good at inputting information in HIE, for those who may move, information can be shared. Tracking can be for lifetime if needed, and rules and regulations of other counties may apply for those patients who are from other countries.
- 2026 Meeting Locations – First thank you to Wal-Mart Distribution for stepping up to host meeting today. If you are interested in hosting a meeting in 2026, please sign up next to the date of your choice.

### **Open Forum**

- Welcome to Wal-Mart from Chad Gilreath. Noted a major remodel at the facility. Introducing robotics to processes. Climate control is being introduced. There are two operations in the building with primarily general merchandise, servicing 127 stores out of this facility from Greensboro to the coast down to Charleston, SC. Approximately 800 associates at the facility. 300 drivers, and 225 automatic trucks with APU units. Testing hydrogen trucks for future use. All forklifts are powered by hydrogen, with hydrogen storage facility on site.
- Chief Richtmeyer, was thankful for presentation today. Encouraged to see engagement today on case study on Mercury, would like to get more facilities engaged and presenting/sharing their EAP, allowing for collaboration and familiarity with each other's plan.
- Carson Walker, noted battery storage systems are going great. Announce Southriver just rolled out live line demo trailer, would like to catch all departments in the county they serve. Fire, EMS, Police and industry partners, are encouraged to participate and if there is interest coordination can be made to have the trailer brought local.
- Garry Crumpler announced CSX training in October at Pearces Mill Fire Department.



**Next Meeting:**

October 23, 2025, Location: Cargill, 1754 River Rd, Fayetteville NC 28312

**Adjournment**

Meeting was followed by lunch provided by Wal-Mart Distribution and a facility tour given by Trevor Proefrock.

Supporting materials for this meeting may be requested by contacting the Cumberland County Emergency Management department.



# Voting Member Sign-In Sheet



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Ex-Officio Members and Military Representatives				
Initial	LEPC Position	Name	Contact Number	E-Mail
<i>Present</i>	Cumberland County Board of Commissioner/ Liaison	<del>Timothy Tyson - Chairman</del>		
	Cumberland County Manger/Liaison	Clarence Grier		
	Fayetteville City Manager/Liaison	Doug Hewett		
<i>Present</i>	Hazardous Materials Response Team Leader Representative	<del>David Richtmeyer - Chairman</del> Patrick McArdle		
<i>ARR</i>	Cumberland County Emergency Management Coordinator	<del>Garry Crumpler - Vice-Chairman</del>		
	Ft. Bragg Representative	Adam Buehler		
	Director of Emergency Services	VACANT		
	Secretary	VACANT		
Members				
	Local Environmental	Amy Mateo		
<i>Present</i>	Community Group	Colby Foster	315 604 4270	Colby.Foster@redcross.org
<i>Present</i>	Public Health	Greg Phillips	477-3819	greg.phillips@cumberlandnc.gov
<i>Present</i>	Hospital	George White		
	Transportation	VACANT		
<i>Present</i>	Print & Broadcast Media	Lou Cherry		
<i>SC</i>	Emergency Management	Laura Smith	9103919179	LauraSmith@fayettevillenc.gov
	Law Enforcement (CCSO)	VACANT - Application In		
<i>Present</i>	Law Enforcement (FPD)	Harrison Combs	910-587-9644	HarrisonCombs@fayettevillenc.gov
	First Aid	Robert Godwin		
	At-Large	VACANT - Application In		
	Utilities	Marcia Tillman-Bookhart		
	Fire Dept.	Logan Herndon	710-624-6177	loganherndon@fayettevillenc.gov
	Facilities - Hexion	<del>Dante</del> - Vice-Chairman		



# Guest Sign-In Sheet



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