

TOWNSHIP OF HOLLAND
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 20, 2010

The Holland Township Emergency Management Council Meeting was held on Monday, September 20, 2010, at the municipal building, 61 Church Road, Milford, NJ, in the Meeting Room / EOC.

EM COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Chief David Van Gilson (E.M. Coordinator); Sgt. John Harris, Jr. (D.E.M.C./P.D.); Chief Larry Lutz (D.E.M.C./Milford-Holland Rescue Squad); Tom Holzworth (D.E.M.C. Communications); Captain Tom Welsh (Holland Township Fire Company); Chuck Cooper (Damage Assessment), Pearl Hammerstone (Board of Health); Rick Botto, Jr. (Hazmat Safety Officer/ Communications/C.E.R.T.), Alan Turdo (Holland Township DPW), Deborah Patrylo (Welfare) Greg MacTye (Garden State Underwater Recovery) .

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Colleen Pursell (Holland Twp. Police/E.M. Secretary), C.E.R.T. Members: William Cordasco, George Knoedl, Joan Kolonia, Donna Lizanich, Susan Panzer, Beth Silva, Chuck Weber.

OPENING STATEMENT

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 pm by Chief David W. Van Gilson, E.M.C. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chief Van Gilson. Recording Secretary, Colleen Pursell, announced publicly at the commencement of the meeting the following statement: "Adequate notice of this meeting was given pursuant to the open public meeting act law, by the Township Clerk on December 10, 2009 by her: 1. Posting such notice on the bulletin board at the municipal building, 2. Mailing the same to the Hunterdon County Democrat, The Express Times, and to other parties, if any, who are entitled to the same."

Minutes of the June 21, 2010 meeting previously mailed to Council Members on July 7, 2010, were made available for review. Minutes were approved as distributed on a motion by Tom Holzworth, seconded by Chuck Cooper.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence listed below, received or mailed since the 6/21/10 meeting, was made available for review by interested parties and open for discussion if necessary, with Chief Van Gilson giving a brief review of several items:

- 6/21/10 Email from Beverly Kappel – Quarterly Report Due
- 7/8/10 Email from Laurene Fleming – Mitigation Meeting 7/29/10
- 7/30/10 Email from Beverly Kappel – Hunterdon County All Hazard Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan-Draft
- 8/4/10 Email from Hunterdon County OEM – Minutes from May 11, 2010 Coordinator Meeting
- 8/20/10 Email from Hunterdon County OEM – EMAA Application
- 8/20/10 Email from Hunterdon County OEM – Flood Warning User Forum
- 8/26/10 Email from Hunterdon County OEM – Register Ready Training
- 8/31/10 Email from Hunterdon County OEM – Situational Awareness: Hurricane Earl #1
- 8/31/10 Email from Hunterdon County OEM – Situational Awareness: Hurricane Earl Update
- 9/1/10 Email from Hunterdon County OEM – Situational Awareness: Hurricane Earl Update #2
- 9/1/10 Email from Hunterdon County OEM – Situational Awareness: Hurricane Earl Update #3
- 9/1/10 Email from Hunterdon County OEM – Situational Awareness: Hurricane Earl Update #4
- 9/1/10 Email from Hunterdon County OEM – Situational Awareness: Hurricane Earl Update # 5
- 9/2/10 Email from Hunterdon County OEM – Situational Awareness: Hurricane Earl Update #6
- 9/2/10 Email from Hunterdon County OEM – Situational Awareness: Hurricane Earl Update # 7
- 9/3/10 Email from Hunterdon County OEM – Situational Awareness: Hurricane Earl Update #8

- 9/3/10 Email from Hunterdon County OEM – Basic OEM Workshop

STATE / FEDERAL O.E.M.

It is hurricane season and so far we have been lucky! The state has been pushing a program called Register Ready NJ. This program is for residents who may have special needs during an emergency or disaster. Information is forwarded to emergency response agencies to assist these residents. For more information or to register visit www.registerready.nj.gov.

LOCAL O.E.M.

Reminder to all that Holland Township is signed up with Nixle which is a free service that allows the police department to send geo-targeted alerts and advisories to residents via text message and email. You can also sign up for outside areas and receive their updates. Recently, we used the Nixle system to send out a bear alert and information on road closings for the Windmill Classic 5K. To sign up, visit www.nixle.com.

On Saturday, September 11, 2010 Holland Township had Community Day at the Holland Township School. Thank you to those who attended and helped out. This year the CERT trailer was not taken out for display. We did however display the Command Bus and we used our new ATV which served very beneficial. The ATV was also used by the rescue squad at the Windmill Classic 5K.

COUNTY O.E.M.

Hunterdon County has been revising their mitigation plan. By doing this, the State of New Jersey is able to get more federal assistance.

Chief Van Gilson recently spoke with Laurene Fleming, Hunterdon County OEM Coordinator, who discussed the possibility of giving Holland Township a mass causality trailer.

C.E.R.T.

Gail Rader is planning on running a new CERT class this coming winter – spring. We will be looking for people to help volunteer. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Gail Rader or Colleen Pursell.

Larry Lutz and Chief Van Gilson have been discussing a search and rescue for CERT, sometime in October. Once a date and details are determined, everyone will be notified.

If you have a new email address or cell phone number, please let Colleen Pursell know so we can have our records updated. Email: cpursell@hollandtwp.org or call (908) 995-9629.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES / AGENCIES

911 Coordinator (Cathy Miller) – Not in attendance.

Communications (Tom Holzworth) – The bus is in good shape. It was checked out before Community Day and is going to get checked out again now that Community Day is over.

Health Department (Pearl Hammerstone) – The health department received a letter from the Public Health Officer advising that there is funding available to provide protection from hepatitis B infection to certain emergency medical technicians, firefighters and police officers. October 8th is the deadline for applying for funds. Chief Van Gilson stated that the swine flu is not supposed to be as bad this season.

Resource Management (Colleen Pursell) – Nothing new to report.

Hazmat (Rick Botto) – Nothing new to report.

Damage Assessment (Chuck Cooper) – Nothing new to report.

Holland Township School (Jim Stryker) – Not in attendance. Chief Van Gilson stated that beginning September 27th they will begin putting in a second lane in front of the school. Alan Turdo, DPW Supervisor, advised they have put the date off until they finish work in Flemington.

Industrial Plant- Plant Representative – RRI Energy, Inc. (Frank Miechur) – Not in attendance.

Georgia Pacific (Dennis Miller) – Not In attendance.

Agencies

Fire – (Tom Welsh) – Last month they got their Pierce Pumper.

Police – (John Harris, Jr.) – Nothing new to report.

Rescue Squad (Larry Lutz) – The squad just got a new litter for their ambulance.

Public Works (Al Turdo) – Nothing new to report. Chief Van Gilson advised that repair work has begun on the Riegelsville bridge. Advisory signs are posted for bridge closure updates. Larry Lutz advised that Milford's bridge is scheduled for repairs at the end of December.

Welfare (Deborah Patrylo) – Nothing new to report.

Garden State Underwater Recovery (Greg MacTye) – They have two new lieutenants- Sunny Longordo and Carl Bayer. In June, Lieutenant Bayer was one of the divers who found the bell of the Andria Doria at the shipwreck site. Greg MacTye offered water rescue training with CERT.

Unfinished Business

Chief Van Gilson was approached by Anthony Roselle in regards to radios. Narrow banding is going to be implemented in Hunterdon County. Chief Van Gilson is going to order new portable radios for rescue, fire, and CERT. The radios we currently have are not good for distances.

New Business

Open to Public

Chief Van Gilson announced that he will be retiring December 31, 2010.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

- December 20, 2010 (tentative)

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm on a motion by John Harris, seconded by Larry Lutz.

Respectfully Submitted,



Colleen M. Pursell
Recording Secretary