

**TOWN OF WAYLAND  
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)  
MEETING: SEPTEMBER 18, 2013 @ 8:00AM  
PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING  
MEETING MINUTES**

**WAYLAND LEPC Mission Statement**

**“Wayland’s Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) is a group of elected and appointed community representative who meet quarterly each year, for the purpose of promoting and facilitating the pre, present and post incident safety of all Wayland residents and business owners. LEPC takes an “All-Hazards” approach to public safety, emergency preparedness, and public health, which include hazardous materials incidents, natural disasters, manmade and terrorist events. Wayland’s LEPC goal is to manage public expectations and emergency preparedness concerns for the community by establishing a Continuity Of Operations Plan (COOP) for Town government, promoting and advocating for public education while improving communications before, during and after emergent events.” (Approved 06/20/12)**

**Members in Attendance:** Jay Abelli (Bldg), Brandon Decker (GIS), Police Chief Irving, Julia Junghanns (BOH), Stubby Kadlick (DPW), Doug Leard (LEPC Chair), John Moynihan (Facilities), Don Ouelette (DPW), John Senchyshyn (Acting TA), Fire Chief Smith, Deputy Fire Chief Houghton, Leisha Simon (IT)

**Others in Attendance:** Nancy McShea (Rec), Joe Doucette (DPW), Mike Linderman (DPW), Police Lt. Pat Swanick, Brian Monahan (Con Com), Ruth Mori ( BOH), Joe Gordon (CERT), Joe Boykin (CERT)

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 8:05AM.

The meeting agenda was as posted with the exception that Deputy Fire Chief had asked to speak briefly to the audience.

Acting Town Administrator John Senchyshyn informed the members that NSTAR was looking to schedule a meeting to review NSTAR's Emergency Response Plan (ERP), Critical Facilities, Fire/Police Calls and to introduce individuals to key NSTAR employees who have been assigned to support our restoration efforts in our community. John asked department heads to reply to him based on their availability.

Minutes for the October 18, 2012 LEPC meeting were approved.

Doug Leard presented a PowerPoint presentation titled: “Should the Massachusetts Legislature Adopt a K-12 Emergency Preparedness Program For Children?” (Based on a paper he prepared for his Masters Degree in Emergency Management). The 20-minute presentation addressed the need for children (and adults) to have a better understanding of the need to be prepared, whether it is children in the Wayland school system or the children or grandchildren attending schools outside of Wayland. 20-25% of the

population in Massachusetts and the United States are under 18 years of age. Statistics show that 30-50% of children exposed to a disaster are subject to Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). How do we recognize these signs and symptoms? Emergency Preparedness Education can be mandated, be voluntary or an all-encompassing school safety system, similar to the State of Texas (Texas School Safety System), are possibilities. There are Pros and Cons to each method but understanding the need to be prepared is fundamental. Teaching our children to be prepared is critical. Educating our children will cause parents and caregivers to take an interest as well. If we educate our children today they will pass this knowledge on to other children and to their children as they mature. Remember, in a disaster situation, many people are in need and a call to 911 may not give you the rapid response times we are accustomed to today.

Deputy Fire Chief Dave Houghton gave a brief presentation of the training and unannounced drills that Wayland Fire and Police have conducted with town of Wayland lifeguards. Deputy Houghton emphasized that the training exercises have proven to be well-received and invaluable to staff, swimmers and first responders.

Deputy Houghton also spoke of possible future plans to provide an unannounced tabletop exercise. It has been quite a few years since such an exercise has been offered.

Any one with suggested agenda items/topics for next meeting are asked to email them to Doug..

Next meeting date TBD

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:50AM.