

Monroe County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Local Planning Team Meeting Minutes

September 2, 2015 4:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER:

Bob Anderson, MCM Consulting Group, Inc.

PRESENT:

Bruce Henry, Monroe County EMA
Maryellen Keegan, Monroe County EMA
B.J. Bachman, Monroe County Archives
Gary Hoffman, Monroe County 911
Gail Toscano, American Red Cross
Lisa Paulette, DWG
Jim Phillips, East Stroudsburg Borough
Dave Fenner, Hamilton Township
Barry Borger, Polk Township
Brian Ahner, Polk Township
Gregg Schuster, Pocono Township
Keith Elliott, Jackson Township
Steve Carey, Smithfield Township
John Ferro, Middle Smithfield Township
William T. Byron, Jr., Tunkhannock Township
Ernie Szabo, PEMA
Ed Tutrone, Tobyhanna Township
Richard J. Marsili, Ross Township
Mike Rearick, MCM Consulting Group, Inc.

Business:

Introductions:

- Introductions were completed by all in attendance. New members were introduced.

Project schedule:

- MCM reviewed the project schedule.

Capability Assessments and Risk Assessments:

- Maryellen reported that as of this morning there were twelve of each turned in. There are more to be delivered at the afternoon Local Planning Team meeting.
- A general discussion was held regarding adding new hazards. The main topic were the recent utility outages brought on by severe storms over the past five years. A suggestion was made to get PP&L more involved. During damage assessment there were issues with access to private communities due to trees down. There was a question of who is responsible for removal and can it be reimbursed if a declaration is declared. Part of the issue is getting the damage categorized properly.
- There was a discussion about cell phone towers and that they go down after a few hours of no power. Shouldn't they have generators? Some do, but it all depends on the tower location, who is co-located on the tower and some of the generators are stolen form the remote areas.
- The County will be providing County IDs for the people who will be doing the historical surveys.

Next meeting:

- The next meeting will be conducted on October 7, 2015 at 4:30 P.M. at Monroe County Office of Emergency Management.

Action Items:

MCM Consulting Group, Inc. will develop meeting minutes for this meeting and an agenda for the next project team meeting.

MCM Consulting Group, Inc. will update the project schedule.

Monroe County OEM will reach out to representative from PPL and Met-Ed to invite them to future planning team meetings.