
Monroe County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Local Planning Team Meeting Minutes

November 4, 2015 4:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER:

Michael Rearick, MCM Consulting Group, Inc.

PRESENT:

Bruce Henry, Monroe County EMA
Maryellen Keegan, Monroe County EMA
B.J. Bachman, Monroe County Archives
Mary Barlieh, Coolbaugh Historical Assoc.
Rachel Cardelle, Northampton Community College
Kevin Crain, Pocono Medical Center
Paul Gasper, Stroud Area Police
Chris Grim, PEMA
Jeff Higber, DWG
Gary Hoffman, Monroe County 9-1-1
Josh Kulp, Eastern PA EMS Council
Donna Kinsley, Coolbaugh Historical Assoc.
John Kloss, Eastern PA EMS Council
Amy Leiser, Monroe Historical Assoc.
Christopher Marozzi, East Stroudsburg University
Christine Meinhart, Monroe County Planning
Janet Mishkin, Quiet Valley Living
Jessica Reitz, Western Pocono Library
Mike Roche, DCNR
Gregg Schuster, Pocono Township
Robert Shiner, SANOFI
Randy Snow, DWG SPP Delaware Gap
Cathie Thomas, Stroudsburg Borough
Gail Toscano, American Red Cross
William Weimer, Coolbaugh Township
Phyllis Williams, Coolbaugh Historical Assoc.
Bob Anderson, MCM Consulting Group, Inc.

Business:

Introductions:

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

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission:

- Mike Rearick and Maryellen Keegan provided an update on the PHMC project.
- The group discussed the timelines for completion of both projects.

Project schedule:

- MCM reviewed the project schedule.
- Mike will update the project schedule and send with the meeting minutes.

Capability Assessments:

- Municipal capability assessment surveys:
 - All 20 municipalities have completed and submitted the surveys.
 - MCM will review the information and update this section.

Risk Assessment:

- Municipal hazard identification and risk assessment forms:
 - All 20 municipalities have completed their forms.
 - MCM will review the information and update this section.
- Review disaster and emergency declarations:
 - Mike encouraged any municipalities that have declared emergencies or disasters in the past 5 years, to compile this information and share to enhance the plan.
- Hazard profiles:
 - MCM is still completing the hazard profile updates.
 - DCNR provided information on the invasive species in Monroe County.
 - Discussion was held in reference to pandemic and epidemic for the pandemic profile.
- Risk factor assessment:
 - Mike presented the results of the risk factor assessment.
 - The group completed the assessments for the pandemic and invasive species profiles.
 - Discussions were held in reference to all the hazards and their results.

General discussion:

- Discussions were held in reference to the lack of hospitals and critical care systems for local health care.
- The Pocono Medical Center is working with college to set up shelter in Koehler Field House for utility outages.

- The Red Cross has issues at shelters that don't have generators:
 - Mike explained how this could be a mitigation action.

Next meeting:

- The next meeting will be conducted on December 16, 2015 at 4:30 P.M. using the MCM Conference Bridge at 877-252-4049, Passcode: 911.

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.

DCNR will provide some additional information for the invasive species profile.

Municipalities will compile and share any previous declared disasters and emergencies.