



**Eastern Healthcare Preparedness Coalition**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**4 Feb 2025**  
**0930 - 1300**

**Dale Griffin, Chairman**

**Jennifer O'Neal, Co-Chair**

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- INTRODUCTIONS / HOUSEKEEPING – CHRIS CIESZKO
  - MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING. APPROVED BY MICHAEL SIMMONS, 2<sup>ND</sup> BY JIM MCARTHUR.
- BY LAW REVIEW – CHRIS CIESZKO
  - CHANGES TO NOTE: MOVE THE HVA REVIEW FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER TO 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER DUE TO STATE DEADLINE NEEDS. CHANGES WILL NEED TO BE VOTED ON AT NEXT MEETING.
- ECU HEALTH NORTH HOSPITAL FLOODING – SUSAN OGBURN
- NC OEMS UPDATE – JOE COMELLO & ALAN JOHNSON
  - JOE: MISSIONS TO HELENE ALL BUT 1 ARE COMPLETE. PRIMARY FOCUS IS ON CREATING THE AAR – SHOULD BE OUT IN MARCH/APRIL TIMEFRAME. ADDITIONAL FUNDING WAS RECEIVED FOR HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA PREPAREDNESS. FOCUS OF FUNDS ARE ON EMS PREPAREDNESS AND EXERCISE. SOME FUNDS WILL BE UTILIZED FOR REMAINING COVID ITEMS AS WELL. THERE ARE NUMEROUS ITEMS IN THE IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR COVID.
  - ALAN: EMS ADMIN CONFERENCE IN WILMINGTON NEXT MONTH (MARCH). EMS EXPO IN GREENSBORO (MAY). NC OEMS EMS PROTOCOLS HAVE BEEN RELEASED CHANGES THAT NEED TO BE ADOPTED OR REVISED BY APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup>. TDMA REQUIREMENTS FOR RADIOS DEADLINE IS JULY 2025. ALL EMS AGENCIES NEED TO HAVE UPDATED STATE TEMPLATE LOADED INTO THEIR RADIOS TO COMMUNICATE DURING HELENE LIKE EVENTS.
- COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE – MATT McMAHON
  - HELENE BIG HIGHLIGHTS AND GAPS – UPDATED STATE RADIO TEMPLATES – EVERYONE NEEDS TO HAVE THIS UPDATED TO THE MOST UP-TO-DATE VERSIONS. STARLINK WAS A CLEAR WINNER FOR DATA. START TALKING TO YOUR IT FOLKS ABOUT HOW TO INTEGRATE INTO YOUR HOSPITAL OR PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCY. GAVE EXAMPLE OF RADIO BUSY SIGNALS AND HOW TO NAVIGATE. VIPER WORKED VERY WELL DURING THE STORM; SOME SITES WENT TO SITE TRUNKING (STAYED LOCAL) DUE TO POWER (GENERATOR) FAILURES. JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup> COMMEx REGISTER ON TERMS. NEED TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO REPLACE OLDER RADIOS THAT WILL NOT WORK ON THE VIPER SYSTEM AFTER JULY 2025.
- AIR SHOW UPDATE – CHRIS CIESZKO
  - EHPC SMAT WILL DEPLOY TO SJAFB WINGS OVER WAYNE AIRSHOW MAY 1-3, 2025. USE THE QR CODE ON THE PPT TO REGISTER TO ASSIST WITH THE FIELD HOSPITAL.

- PATRICK BRENNAN, SUPPLYRISK SOLUTIONS
  - ECU HEALTH USED THEM FOR INTEL ON STOCKING UP ON IV SUPPLIES FROM HELENE IMPACT ON BAXTER HEALTHCARE IN NC MOUNTAINS. THEY PREDICTED A HIT AND SUPPLY IMPACT. THEY HAVE A FREE VERSION THAT FOLLOWS TOP 10 MANUFACTURERS AND USES PREDICTIVE IMPACT AREAS FOR WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE SUPPLY CHAIN IF THIS COMPANY IS IMPACTED. WEBSITE: CONSUMER.SUPPLYRISK.COM
- REGIONAL UPDATES
  - REGIONAL SMAT III UPDATE:
    - NONE
  - PHPR ERO: ADRIAN/CHRISTA
    - SOME ON-GOING RECOVERY EFFORTS FROM HELENE.
    - CURRENTLY SUPPORTING AG WITH AVIAN FLU EFFORTS.
    - STARTING PLANNING FOR CHEMICAL INCIDENT TABLETOP EXERCISE – SIMILAR TO RADIOLOGICAL ONE WE DID AUGUST/SEPTEMBER TIME FRAME, MORE TO COME.
  - HOSPITAL EPI – CURRENT EPI RESULTS, SEE EPI SLIDE INFO.
  - REGIONAL RESPONSE TEAM – CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF SERVICE.
  - 42<sup>ND</sup> CST – NO REPORT
  - NC AG – LOTS OF AVIAN FLU, DE POPULATION EFFORTS GOING ON IN THE STATE.
  - DPR UPDATE – ITEMS APPROVED BEING PURCHASED OFF LAST YEARS LIST. THIS YEAR'S LIST HAS BEEN APPROVED.
  - NCHEMC UPDATE – NO UPDATE
  - NC EM EBO – EASTERN BRANCH TRAINING WEEK MARCH 31-APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>. EBO OPEN HOUSE FEB 25<sup>TH</sup> 9A TO 3PM.
  - ECU HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER TRAUMA – CARICO – ERAC MEETING FEB 26 FROM 9A TO 12 PM. MOBILE SIMULATION TRUCK MAKING ROUNDS TO COUNTIES FOR PEDIATRIC TRAUMA SIMULATIONS, WENT TO 8 LAST YEAR, 1 ALREADY AT CARTERET COUNTY, NEXT AT WILSON COUNTY, THEN HALIFAX COUNTY MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup>. BRENDA - ERICA GREEN & STEPHANIE SEALS GOING TO LOOK AT HOSPITAL PEDS PROGRAMS TO ENSURE READINESS. TNCC CLASSES AT THE MEDICAL CENTER IN MARCH.
- NCDS MARCH 25&26 - [HTTPS://NC-DS.COM/REGISTRATION](https://nc-ds.com/registration)
- OTHER BUSINESS – 2025 MEETING DATES (IN NC TERMS)

May 13<sup>th</sup> (Monroe), Aug 19<sup>th</sup> (TBD/Monroe) and Nov 19<sup>th</sup> (Monroe)

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