



*BALDWIN COUNTY LEPC
FULL BODY MEETING
LARGE AUDITORIUM, FOLEY CIVIC CENTER
SEPTEMBER 15, 2025*

I. WELCOME & ATTENDANCE

Chief Darby (Foley Fire) called the meeting to order at 10:44 am, welcomed everyone, and then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. He then asked those in attendance to introduce themselves. Afterwards, Michelle Pennington (BCEMA) gave a Tier 2 report and a National Response Center (NRC) update: There are 105 Tier 2 reports so far in Baldwin County (nine (9) of those were submitted to BCEMA, 96 were submitted online via E-Plan). Three (3) NRC Reports have been submitted by BCEMA this year. The exact number of NRC Reports for the County is unknown at this time. A request for that information is pending.

Attendees:

Raphaela Ahmed, DHR
Neil Beasley, Prodissee Pantry
Miriam Boone, City of Foley
Chad Brewer, Foley Fire
Lisa Bush, North Baldwin Infirmary
Kevin Carnley, Foley Police
Joshua C. Crocker, Spanish Fort Fire
Joey Darby, Foley Fire
Larry Dearing, Foley Police
Kavika Duff, BCEMA
Glenn Hartenstein, Foley Police
Edith Harville, Baldwin Health
David Heinig, VOAD
Chris Hicks, Brett / Robinson
Ray Hogans, LASAR / AARS
Steven M. Huff, AEMA
Shannon Krebs, Malbis ED
Ann M^cCool, RSVP / American Red Cross

Kay Maghan, Gulf Shores Orange Beach
Tourism
Lana Mummah, United Way of Baldwin
County / VOAD
Reggie Norton, First Line Technologies
Anna-Marie O'Brien, BCEMA
Laura Patterson, AEMA
Michelle Pennington, BCEMA
Danon Smith, BCEMA
Kelley Thompson, Thomas Hospital / North
Baldwin Infirmary
Amanda Thweatt, BCEMA
Tom Tyler, BCEMA
John K. Wade, LASAR
Jessica Waters, BCEMA
Valerie Wiggins, RSVP

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The June 16, 2025, Full Body minutes were up for approval. John Wade (LASAR) made a motion to approve the minutes. Lana Mummah (UWBC / VOAD) seconded the motion. All present were in favor. The minutes were approved.

III. GUEST SPEAKER: Reggie Norton (First Line Technologies): Decontamination Products and Solutions

Reggie discussed a few of the First Line Technologies products and how they work. Generally, these products are designed to counter a range of hazardous material from the more common hazardous materials to fentanyl and carfentanil.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (ADEM)
Laura Patterson (AEMA) stated on behalf of ADEM that ADEM has a new LEPC representative.
- ALABAMA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (AEMA)
No report today.
- BALDWIN COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (BCEMA)
Tom Tyler, Director, commented that he is enjoying how things are going in the agency and is looking forward to opportunities to get together [with partners] in the future.
- FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
No report today.
- FINANCE
Michelle Pennington (BCEMA) reported that LEPC has \$9,869.54 in its account.
- FIRST RESPONDERS/HAZMAT
Chief Darby (Foley Fire) reported that there was a call-out at a gas station in Barnwell. The safety mechanism on the pump worked as it should have, vapor control occurred, and the gas station staff and responders reached out to the correct agency for cleanup.
- HEALTH AND MEDICAL
Shannon Krebs (Infirmary Health – Thomas, Malbis) reported that there has been an uptick in COVID and Norovirus since school started.
- INDUSTRY
No report today.
- MILITARY
No report today.
- SCHOOL SYSTEMS
No report today.
- TOURISM
Kay Maghan (GSOB Tourism) reported that a sea turtle nest hatched last night. She also reported that occupancy is at 40% this month but is 60% for October (that is, approximately 11,000 rooms). Upcoming events include the Shrimp Festival, the Parrot Head Festival, and the Foley Police Department's Forensic Seminar.
- TRANSPORTATION
No report today.
- UTILITIES
No report today.

- VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN DISASTER (VOAD)
Neil Beasley (Prodissee Pantry) reported that Prodissee Pantry is preparing for the holiday season.

David Heinig (VOAD) reported that the next VOAD meeting is October 23 at the Central Annex. He also reminded everyone that VOAD had elections recently, and Deann Servos (Prodissee Pantry) is the new Chair.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- Update: Intracoastal Waterway Exercise Planning with US Coast Guard
Tom Tyler (BCEMA) provided an exercise update. He gave a recap of the Intracoastal Waterway exercise history to date and stated that an Initial Planning Meeting is set to take place this month. Further, a tow company and a barge company have been identified for this exercise. Tom re-emphasized that much care is being taken in putting the planning team together because "planners can't be players." Generally, everyone should learn a lot from this experience.
- December Full Body Meeting / Christmas Luncheon Meat Money Allotment
Chief Darby (Foley Fire) gave a recap of the voting process and discussion that took place in the Steering Committee, as well as the results. Those results were that the Steering Committee approved to spend up to \$400.00 on meat. He then opened the floor for any other discussion or comments. There was none. Chief then opened the floor for a motion. John Wade (LASAR) made a motion to approve spending \$400.00 on meat for the December Full Body Meeting / Christmas Luncheon. Multiple attendees seconded the motion. All present approved. Motion carried.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have any ideas for Lithium-ion battery training, please let Jessica Waters (BCEMA) know. One such training is November 18, 2025, at 6:00 pm in Summerdale. Please register to attend.

With respect to Lithium-ion battery / electric vehicle (EV) incidents in Baldwin County:

- So far, there have been no active EV fires in the county, but some battery fires have occurred.
- E-scooters and e-bikes are a concern.
- New York City averages one (1) such fire a day (structure fire).

VII. ADJOURNMENT

After Chief Darby (Foley Fire) blessed the food, the meeting adjourned to lunch at 11:58 am.

Special thanks to Baldwin Health (formerly South Baldwin Regional Medical Center) for sponsoring today's lunch from Honey Baked Ham!

Resources of Interest

[https://baldwincountyal.gov/departments/emergency-management-agency/ema-training/get-involved/local-emergency-planning-committee-\(lepc\)](https://baldwincountyal.gov/departments/emergency-management-agency/ema-training/get-involved/local-emergency-planning-committee-(lepc)) (detailed information about LEPC – Community Right to Know, etc)

https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2020-10/documents/guide_to_epcra.pdf (the new, helpful guide for the Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act mentioned above)

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

LEPC Steering Committee Meeting / October 8, 2025 / 10:00 am / Hybrid

LEPC Full Body Meeting / December 15, 2025 / 10:30 am / Central Annex

