



*BALDWIN COUNTY LEPC
 FULL BODY MEETING
 AUDITORIUM, CENTRAL ANNEX
 DECEMBER 15, 2025*

I. WELCOME & ATTENDANCE

Chief Darby (Foley Fire) called the meeting to order at 10:42 am and welcomed everyone. 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: As of Thursday, December 4, 2025, there are 106 Tier 2 reports in Baldwin County (nine (9) of those were submitted to BCEMA, 97 were submitted online via E-Plan). Fourteen (14) NRC reports related to Baldwin County were filed from January 2025- November 2025. The breakdown is as follows:

National Response Center Reports for Baldwin County, Alabama, January-November 2025
 (information courtesy of US Coast Guard Sector Mobile)

Month	Number of Reports	Month	Number of Reports
January	2	July	4
February	2	August	0
March	0	September	1
April	0	October	0
May	1	November	1
June	3		

Total = 14

Attendees:

Mary Agee, ADPH EP
 Krystal Bodiford, City of Foley
 Miriam Boone, City of Foley
 Thurston Bullock, City of Foley
 Sarah Butterworth, Auburn Extension
 Patrick Coleman, USCG
 Easton Colvin, Gulf Shores Orange Beach
 Tourism
 Bradley Cooper, ADPH EP
 Joshua C. Crocker, Spanish Fort Fire
 Joey Darby, Foley Fire
 Deborah Leigh Dixon, ADPH
 Kavika Duff, BCEMA
 Tiffany Givens, Baldwin County Commission
 Terri Graham, Solid Waste Disposal
 Authority
 Jenni Guerry, University of South Alabama
 David Heinig, VOAD

Frank Lundy, Baldwin County Commission
 Christopher McCain, Summerdale VFD
 Matt McKenzie, Baldwin County Commission
 Lana Mummah, United Way of Baldwin
 County / VOAD
 Bruce Nelson, Orange Beach Fire
 Anna-Marie O'Brien, BCEMA
 Anna Odom, ADPH
 Michelle Pennington, BCEMA
 Brian Phelan, American Red Cross
 Robert Quates, BCEMA
 Deann Servos, Prodissee Pantry / VOAD
 Barbara Shoemaker, ADPH
 Joel Simmons, Alabama EMA
 Stephen Sullivan, Riviera Utilities
 Amanda Thweatt, BCEMA
 Tom Tyler, BCEMA
 Jessica Wade, ADPH

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The September 15, 2025, Full Body minutes were up for approval. Tom Tyler (BCEMA) made a motion to approve the minutes. Easton Colvin (GSOB Tourism) and David Heinig (VOAD) seconded the motion. All present were in favor. The minutes were approved.

III. GUEST SPEAKER: Terri Graham (Solid Waste Disposal Authority of Baldwin County) on Lithium-ion Battery Disposal

Terri described the makeup and differences of batteries, discussed why lithium-ion batteries are so attractive as well as hazardous, and explained how and where these batteries can be turned in safely. Two organizations she referred to in order to find more information are Skip the Bin (<https://batterysafetynow.org/>) and the Solid Waste Association of North America (<https://swana.org/resources/safety-resources>).

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (ADEM)
No report today.
- ALABAMA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (AEMA)
Joey Simmons, LEPC Program Manager, described the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program and its goal to strengthen community resilience through a volunteer neighbors-helping-neighbors setup that would buy time until professional responders arrived. He also mentioned a Transcaer lithium-ion battery response training that is online.
- BALDWIN COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (BCEMA)
Tom Tyler, Director, thanked everyone for being at today's meeting. He encouraged everyone to reach out to BCEMA if they have questions and encouraged everyone to invite industry partners to LEPC meetings.
- FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
No report today.
- FINANCE
Michelle Pennington (BCEMA) reported that LEPC has \$9,931.37 in its account.
- FIRST RESPONDERS/HAZMAT
Chief Darby (Foley Fire) recounted the hazardous materials issue at the gas station in Barnwell. That fire has been put out.
- HEALTH AND MEDICAL
Anna Odom (ADPH) announced that the Medical Response Surge Exercise (MRSE) will take place in Atmore on April 28, from 9:00 am-3:00 pm. Credits are available for participating in this exercise.

Bradley Cooper (ADPH) announced that the RDS exercise is coming up. He also stated that a shelter exercise is coming up. The focus of the shelter exercise is the medical needs side of shelters.

Shannon Krebs (Thomas Hospital / Malbis ED) reported that it's flu season, and the hospital is full. Also, beginning in January, the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) program will be inviting in those who are 13-years old and older. Child safety advocate training is coming up.

- INDUSTRY
No report today.
- MILITARY
Patrick Coleman (USCG) briefly recapped the exercise situation for 2025 and how the Federal government shutdown impacted exercise planning and the US Coast Guard, in general. He will share more during the New Business section. He also stated the USCG is assisting with NRCs.
- SCHOOL SYSTEMS
Jenni Guerry (University of South Alabama) reported that the university is growing, and the university's response plans are growing to accommodate.
- TOURISM
Easton Colvin (GSOB Tourism) reported that there is a lot more traffic and that the county is seeing more short-term visitors due to the airport opening.
- TRANSPORTATION
No report today.
- UTILITIES
Stephen Sullivan (Riviera Utilities) discussed some of the services available through Riviera, utilities maintenance being one of them.
- VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN DISASTER (VOAD)
Deann Servos (Prodissee Pantry / VOAD) reported Prodissee Pantry is busy – this season is a “weird” season for those involved.

Brian Phelan (American Red Cross) reported that fires are happening and urged those in attendance to check their fire plan. He also thanked BCEMA for its help with the event he is working on.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- Update: Intracoastal Waterway Exercise Planning with US Coast Guard
Patrick Coleman (USCG) gave a recap of the exercise history up to the government shutdown. He said now we are getting back on track and will stay as close as possible to April for an exercise date, but that it could be May. The Planning Committee is looking at possibly the first two weeks of January for the next planning meeting. This meeting will be in Orange Beach so the group can fit in a site visit as well. As far as the exercise itself, Patrick is trying to get a barge so the first responders can have the experience of getting on board. NOAA will be participating in the exercise. One caveat, though, is that there might be another government shutdown in January. If that happens, Patrick might be exempt.

- 2026 Meeting Schedule Adjustments Discussion and Voting
Michelle Pennington (BCEMA) provided the proposed 2026 meeting schedule and included a handout explaining why certain meeting dates were adjusted. The group looked over the documents. No one expressed any objections to the adjusted meeting dates. David Heinig (VOAD) made a motion to accept the 2026 meeting schedule. Bruce Nelson (Orange Beach Fire) seconded the motion. All present approved.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Matt Mackenzie was in attendance today and wished everyone a merry Christmas on behalf of the Baldwin County Commission.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Tom Tyler (BCEMA) made a motion to adjourn. Multiple people seconded the motion, and all present approved. After Chief Darby (Foley Fire) blessed the food, the meeting adjourned to lunch at 11:48 am.

Special thanks to all of our attendees who contributed to today's Christmas luncheon!

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 / January 14, 2026 / 10:00 am / Hybrid

LEPC Full Body Meeting / March 16, 2026 / 10:30 am / Location TBD