



*BALDWIN COUNTY LEPC
FULL BODY MEETING
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER,
ROBERTSDALE
JUNE 16, 2025*

I. WELCOME & ATTENDANCE

Chief Darby (Foley Fire) was in DC today, so Michelle Pennington (BCEMA) called the meeting to order at 10:35 am, welcomed everyone, and then asked those in attendance to introduce themselves. Michelle then 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). There have been some issues with BCEMA not receiving the NRC reports. Natascha Dilley (BCEMA) is working to resolve that issue.

Attendees:

Raphael Ahmed, DHR
Sabrina Arnette, Thomas Hospital ED
Neil Beasley, Prodissee Pantry
Sharon Boyse, Vulcan Inc.
Lisa Bush, North Baldwin Infirmary
Diane Clewell, American Red Cross
Duskin Deichl, US Coast Guard
Natascha Dilley, BCEMA
Kavika Duff, BCEMA
David Heinig, VOAD
Tommy Herndon, Diversicare of Foley
Chris Hicks, Brett / Robinson
Ray Hogans, LASAR / AARS
Steve Huff, AEMA

Julie M. Joyner, Elberta PD
Shannon Krebs, Malbis ED
Christopher McCain, Summerdale VFD
Bruce Nelson, Orange Beach Fire Rescue
Anna-Marie O'Brien, BCEMA
Michelle Pennington, BCEMA
Robert Quates, BCEMA
Danon Smith, BCEMA
Amanda Thweatt, BCEMA
Kirk Toth, DHS / CISA
Tom Tyler, BCEMA
John K. Wade, LASAR
Jessica Waters, BCEMA

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The March 17, 2025, Full Body minutes were up for approval. Tom Tyler (BCEMA) made a motion to approve the minutes. Lisa Bush (North Baldwin Infirmary) seconded the motion. The present members were in favor, and the minutes were approved.

III. GUEST SPEAKER: Marcina Doze (BSN, RN, SANE-A, SANE-P, SANE Coordinator) on SANE: Malbis Emergency Department's Sexual Assault Program

Marcina shared some sexual assault statistics versus the statistics of those prosecuted as well as the impact stress has on the brain and how the brain tries to process traumatic memories. She described evidence kits, their advantage, and how SANE nurses are trained – both with regards to being with a sexual assault patient and being in a courtroom. She then elaborated on SANE's history within Malbis ED and goals for the program's future development.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (ADEM)
No report today.
- ALABAMA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (AEMA)
No report today.
- BALDWIN COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (BCEMA)
Amanda Thweatt, Operations Division Manager, went over some upcoming training opportunities:
 - (1) June 26 – Orion Training will be at the Central Annex starting at 1:00pm.
 - (2) August 18 – G-191: ICS / EOC Interface will be at the EOC in the Upstairs Training Room.
 - (3) August 27-28 – MGT-318: Public Information in an All-Hazards Incident will be at the EOC in the Upstairs Training Room.
- FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
No report today.
- FINANCE
Michelle Pennington (BCEMA) reported that LEPC has \$9,774.64 in its account.
- FIRST RESPONDERS/HAZMAT
Bruce Nelson (OBFR) reported that Orange Beach is on “full tilt.”

Christopher McCain (Summerdale VFD) reported that the department is in the middle of Safety Stand Down 2025 week. The topic for this year is mental health awareness. He also mentioned the following upcoming trainings:

- (1) 160 Module through Alabama Fire College
- (2) August 12 – Lighthouse Response to Sexual Assault for First Responders at 6:00 pm
- (3) September 10 – UAB EMS Challenge

Ray Hogans (LASAR / AARS) reported that they have training opportunities coming up.

- HEALTH AND MEDICAL
Sabrina Arnette (Infirmary Health – Thomas) reported that they are feeling the growth of the community.

Tommy Herndon (Diversicare of Foley) provided a Medical Response and Surge Exercise (MRSE) update and discussed the After Action report.

- INDUSTRY
The Alabama Governor’s Safety and Health Conference will be at the Perdido Beach Resort on August 27. Please see the University of Alabama website (<https://calendar.ua.edu/event/alabama-governors-safety-and-health-conference>) for more information.
- MILITARY
No report today.

- SCHOOL SYSTEMS
No report today.
- TOURISM
Chris Hicks (Brett / Robinson) reported that there is an ebb and flow for booking.
- TRANSPORTATION
No report today.
- UTILITIES
No report today.
- VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN DISASTER (VOAD)
David Heinig (VOAD) reminded everyone that the next quarterly VOAD meeting is July 24 at 10:00 am at the United Way of Baldwin County office in Foley.

Diane Clewell (American Red Cross) reported that to date, the organization has supported 80 fires impacting 210 residents and has provided \$61,000 in aid. In addition, the American Red Cross is training for sheltering operations and looking for volunteers.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- Update: Lithium-ion Battery Subcommittee Meeting
Jessica Waters (BCEMA) reported that the subcommittee is continuing to post monthly. Recent activities include meeting with Baldwin County Solid Waste Disposal Authority, preparing press releases to be sent out soon, drafting a five-year plan, and the training hosted by Fairhope Fire Department: Lithium-ion Battery Fires: Understanding the Tactical Sense of a Modern Fire.

Following Jessica's report-out, a discussion about lithium-ion threats and hazards – professionally and personally – was had.

- Update: 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 on June 23, he, Chief Darby (Foley Fire), and Patrick Coleman (USCG) will meet to see what the right size of the exercise will be for LEPC and USCG to each meet their goals. An estimated date for the exercise is 2026. Duskin Deichl (USCG) invited all interested groups to attend the Concept and Objectives Meeting that will happen after the meeting on June 23. She added that they are now looking for an industry player.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

No new announcements were made.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

After David Heinig (VOAD) blessed the food, Tom Tyler made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by multiple attendees and approved by all present. The meeting adjourned to lunch at 11:42 am.

Special thanks to Baldwin EMC for sponsoring today's lunch from Taco Mama!

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 / July 9, 2025 / 10:00 am / Hybrid

LEPC Full Body Meeting / September 15, 2025 / 10:30 am / Foley Civic Center

