

NORTHBOROUGH LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)
MEETING MINUTES
June 24, 2019

Attendees:

Aspen Aerogels

Tom Graham, EHS

Beaumont Whitney Nursing

Home

Gerry LeBlanc, Facilities

Manager

Massachusetts Emergency

Management Agency

Bruce Augusti, Regional

Coordinator

Sanofi

Frank Lowell, EHS

Saint Gobain

Mike Serapiglia, HSE

Manager

Kwame Gilbert-Arthur, HSE

Engineer

Town of Northborough

John Coderre, Town

Administrator

Robert Frederico, Building

Inspector

Fred Litchfield, Town

Engineer

David Parenti, Fire Chief

Michael Borowiec,

Hazardous Materials

Assistant

Casey Mellin, Health

Director

William Lyver, Police Chief

Joseph Galvin, Police

Lieutenant

Town of Northborough

Board of Selectmen

Leslie Rutan

Julianne Hirsh

Trelleborg

Tim Sprunger, General

Manager

Joe Medeiros, EHS/Facility

Manager

Wegmans

Alisha Le, Asset Protection

Manager

Rick Bjork, Assistant Asset

Protection Manager

Community Representative

Bill Donovan

Meeting called to order at 10:05 AM by Chief David L. Parenti.

Old Business

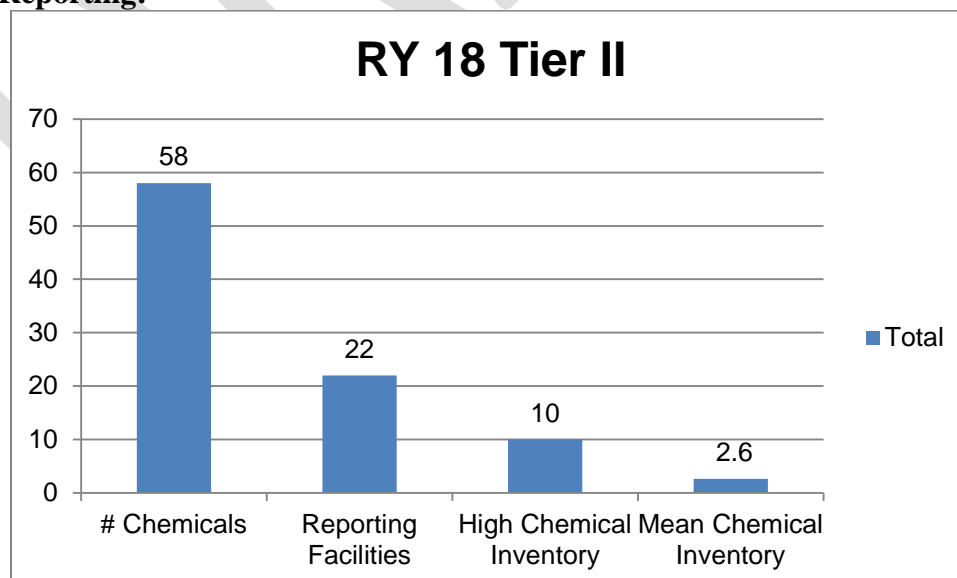
- Meeting minutes from the December 11, 2018 LEPC meeting were approved as written.

New Business

- **LEPC Partnerships:**
 - Discussion highlighted the importance of partnership and effective communication. Special recognition was given to LEPC members whose contributions in time and effort provide so much to the committee and ultimately enhances the preparedness and resiliency of the community.
- **LEPC Recertification:**
 - Recertification is due prior to October 2019. Prior to this date a comprehensive review, update, and submittal will be presented before the Board of Selectmen (BOS) will take place for their approval.
 - Recertification allows for continued Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning (HMEP) Grant eligibility.
 - Please submit any staffing, training, operational, chemical inventory or storage changes to the LEPC via email at MBorowiec@town.northborough.ma.us.
- **Grants Update:**
 - **Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG):**
 - 2018-2019: TON requested funding for the replacement of all-band radios to improve communications and interoperability. Award notification is said to be from July 2019-October 2019.
 - **Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning Grant (HMEP):**
 - LEPC capabilities will be enhanced through the most recent application that was submitted to receive another license for the software simulation program, *Fire Cloud 6*. This program allows for both pre-loaded emergencies as well as customized simulations that incorporate uploaded user photos/videos.

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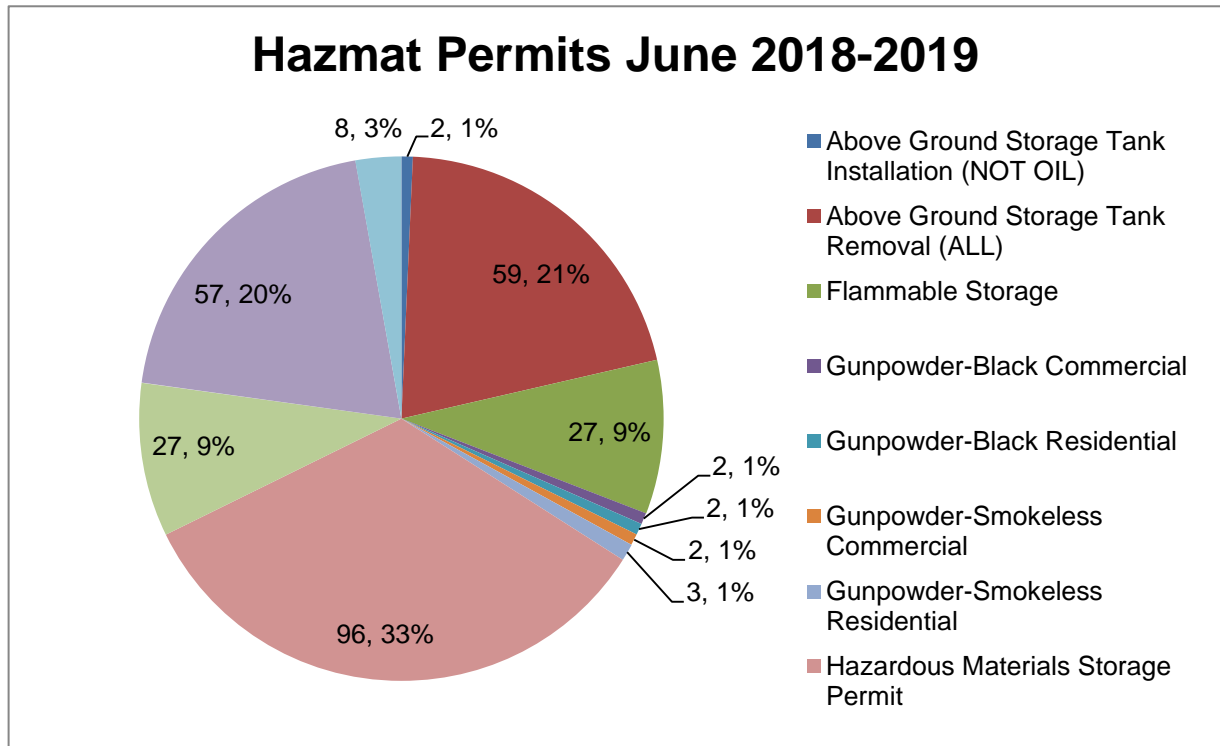
- If your facility/organization is interested in being a main participant in an emergency exercise, please contact the LEPC via department telephone at (508)393-1540 or email at MBorowiec@town.northborough.ma.us or DParenti@town.northborough.ma.us.
- **Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG):**
 - Award funding improved personal illumination equipment for emergency operations as well as particulate hoods for response to chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive (CBRNE) events related to terrorism. Also received were “Stop the Bleed” trauma kits.
 - Northborough Fire Department (NFD) is working with the school department on “Stop the Bleed”-like training that aims to provide staff with the knowledge, skills, and tools needed to provide potentially life-saving medical services in the event of an emergency.
- **Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)**
 - Northborough Hazard Mitigation Plan creates additional pre-disaster grant opportunities particularly in infrastructure improvements through the HMGP.
 - MEMA has indicated that the benefit-cost to mitigation projects is reported to be 4:1.
 - Eligible projects may include:
 - Storm-water upgrades
 - Drainage and culvert improvements
 - Property acquisition
 - Slope stabilization
 - Infrastructure protection
 - Seismic and wind retrofits, and
 - Structure elevations
 - More information on the HMGP can be found at: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/hazard-mitigation-grant-program-hmgrp>
- **TIER II Reporting:**



- **Responses/Overview**

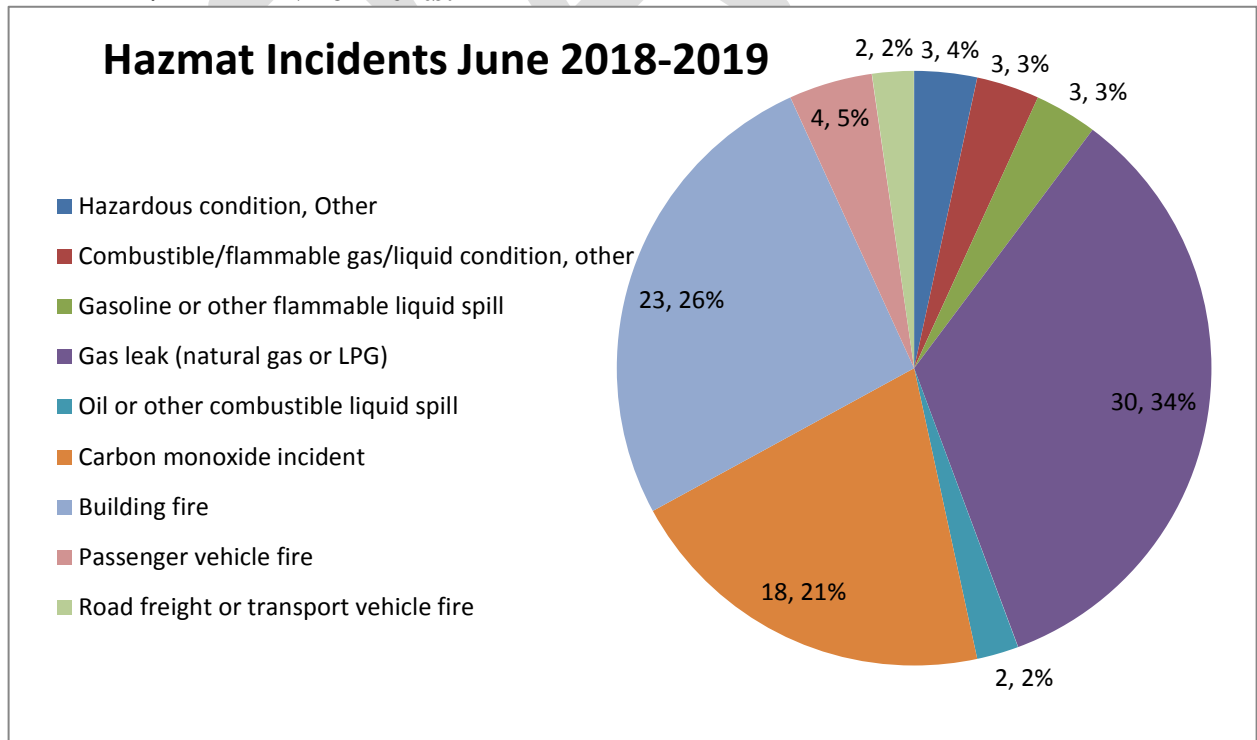
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- HAZMAT Permits:**



- Nearly 300 HAZMAT permits were issued in FY19 to date. Permitting allows NFD to document hazardous materials processes, chemical inventories and storage locations as well as information about the property and building.

- HAZMAT/IDLH Environments:**



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- To date, NFD has responded to nearly 90 instances of HAZMAT/IDLH environments in FY19. This number includes 23 building fires NFD responded to both within town borders as well as to mutual aid communities.
- One incident to note was the report of a clandestine lab. Local, state, and federal agencies are assigned to the investigation of the case that is not currently considered an active threat to public safety.
- **Training/Exercise**
 - **Shelter Training:** In collaboration with MEMA and the American Red Cross, shelter operations training may be offered in Northborough. This training is intended to increase emergency planning in several communities and will align with regional sheltering initiatives. If interested in attending this training, please contact the LEPC via email at MBorowiec@town.northborough.ma.us.
 - **Fire Cloud 6 Simulation Software:** Fire Cloud 6 is a professional software tool that allows you to create simulations for fire, hazmat, and other emergency simulations. This program allows for both pre-loaded emergencies as well as customized simulations that incorporate uploaded user photos/videos.
 - This program will be used in future LEPC trainings and exercises as well as for any training that increases the ability of the TON to prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies.
 - If your facility/organization would like to participate in a table top exercise using this simulation software, please contact the LEPC via email at MBorowiec@town.northborough.ma.us.

Meeting adjourned at 11:04AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Borowiec
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