



Torrance County

Local Emergency Planning Committee

Chair: Dr. Philip Terry-Smith

Vice-Chair: David Dean

Secretary: Maria Martinez

Information Coordinator: Amy May

Emergency Manager: Samantha O'Dell

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

FOR

Tuesday, May 26, 2026 @ 9:00am
205 S. Ninth Street, Estancia, NM 87016

1. Chairman Dr Philip Terry-Smith called the meeting to order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Welcome and Introductions.
4. A quorum was established.
5. Amy May made a motion for approval of the agenda. David Dean second and the agenda was approved.
6. Amy May made a motion for approval for the March and April minutes. Dennis South of Southwest Propane second and the minutes were approved.
7. Presentation: "Know Your Why" by Dr. Philip Terry-Smith
 - *Dr. Phil went through his life from an early age, military experience, extensive education and life events that shaped him as a person and ultimately answered the question for Dr. Phil's "Know Your Why" for himself. In his presentation Dr. Phil is now asking us as individuals and LEPC members why we're here and what our "Know your Why" is.
 - There was some good feedback and was very thought-provoking.
8. Energy Tabletop Exercise Feedback: Samantha O'Dell, TC Emergency Manager
 - *1st Responders vs Utility Companies
 - Training for Incidents
 - *Revealed several needs to include more agencies need to be invited. For example, the DOT.
9. Hazmat Horizon Newsletter: Tessa Snyder, DHSEM
 - *There are grants for hazmat equipment for fire departments.

10. Recent Events: The Mountainair Incident

11. Agency Updates:

* Robert Eggimann of NM Department of Health spoke on medicines available to combat chemical exposures. Robert Eggimann coordinates getting needed medicines to our state in the event of an emergency and stated that there are strategically twelve locations around the state that have chemical medical packs that can reach any community in the state within an hour.

* Brian Rendl, Solar Farm in Moriarty developing energy products.

* Tessa Snyder, working on building a Tier 2 group with local partners to be able to report to local businesses that are not complying with safety protocol.

*Jaime, Red Cross, letting the LEPC know that they are there for us.

*National Night Out, August 11, 2026, at the Torrance County Fairgrounds. There will be games, free food and exhibitors.

12. Public Forum: N/A

13. Next meeting is June 23, 2026

14. Adjournment