



**Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2015**

ATTENDEES:

Bob Balog, Citizen-At-Large
Craig Buckley, Virginia Department of Emergency Management
Johna Good Gagnon, Environmental Quality Advisory Council
Sergeant Terry W. Licklider, Virginia State Police
Battalion Chief Kerwin McNamara, Fairfax County Office of the Fire Marshal
1st Lieutenant Ryan Morgan, Fairfax County Police Department
Patrick Nnaji, Department of Public Works & Environmental Services
Bowman Olds, Citizen-At-Large, Prince William LEPC
Erik Peterson, Vice Chair, INOVA Fairfax Hospital
Battalion Chief Marty Ranck, Hazmat Response Team
Cathy Roth, DPW&ES – Storm Water Planning Division
Bart Routh, SICPA SecurInk
Ken Rudnicki, Chair, Fairfax City Office of Emergency Management
2nd Lieutenant Jay Thomasson, Office of the Sheriff
Donald White, Northern Virginia Mental Health Institute

Staff Support:

W. Trice Burgess, Fairfax County Office of the Fire Marshal
Barry Hall, Fairfax County Office of the Fire Marshal
Paula Woodrum, Fairfax County Office of the Fire Marshal

FILEPC MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Ken Rudnicki called the April 9, 2015 meeting of the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee to order at 10:01 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Paula informed the committee the minutes were amended to correct Donald White's middle initial and to correctly reflect Jim Covell's title as wing commander of the Virginia Civil Air Patrol in the February 12, 2015 meeting minutes and that the minutes on the table were amended to reflect these changes. Chair Ken Rudnicki asked for motion to approve the amended February 12, 2015 minutes. **Motion** to approve February 12, 2015 minutes as amended by Johna Gagnon, multiple seconds. **Motion carried.**

REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Communications:

Paula indicated that the website had been updated with posting of minutes and some links had been fixed. She also indicated that she would like to get the newsletter up and running again so that if anyone had articles they would like included in a newsletter to please forward them to her.

Business Outreach

Bruce McFarlane was unable to attend this meeting, so there was no report.

Ways and Means:

Erik Peterson indicated that he and Bruce McFarlane had not been able to touch base since the last meeting, but they plan on getting together again to formalize plans to dovetail the efforts of Ways and Means and the Business Outreach subcommittees.

HMERP Exercise Subcommittee:

The HMRT is looking at their training schedule to determine what month we want to do a full scale HMERP exercise. Right now they are looking at late summer or early fall, and hope to have a target hazard identified by our next meeting.

Bob Balog asked if we could include other emergency agencies such as law enforcement, not just HMRT aspect in our HMERP exercise and inquired if there is benefit to consider that. Chief Ranck indicated that the HMRT often cross-trains with these other agencies that aren't necessarily under the purview of this committee. The logistics of coordinating these types of multi-agency drills often make this untenable for the scope of our HMERP drill. There have been occasions when we have been able to make our HMERP drill an "inject" into a larger drill, such as the statewide tornado drill a few years back, where multiple agencies and disciplines were involved.

CCC Liaison Updates:

Erik Peterson attended the CCC meeting of March 26th. They had a World Police & Fire Games (WPF) presentation that had a different perspective than the one we had. They also discussed the upcoming plans for Burke Festival and Celebrate Fairfax.

Liaison with other LEPCs:

Erik Peterson, Donald White & Bowman Olds attended the Alexandria LEPC meeting. Bowman Olds provided a brief update from the Alexandria LEPC, and reported that they would like to have a WPF presentation.

Erik attended PWLEPC on March 16th. Their meeting included a presentation from Norfolk & Southern Railway and Operation Lifesaver. Erik passed around the handouts from the meeting to the committee. Norfolk Southern is willing to come out to present to us. Their next meeting will be held on June 15th.

HAZMAT RESPONSE TEAM (HMRT) UPDATE:

RECENT INCIDENTS

Battalion Chief Ranck nothing out of the ordinary to report, primarily construction and transportation incidents.

HMRT TRAINING

Battalion Chief Rank reported that the HMRT conducted Tier II Manager software system training with Paula & Trice at Station 40. The new software is much easier and more user friendly than the previous version.

The HMRT conducted several target hazard walkthroughs with INOVA health care systems, including Lorton Healthplex. They will walkthrough Mt. Vernon in the near future.

The HMRT participated with the 34th CST at Lorton and 33rd CST (Civil Support Team) by making entry into chem-bio labs that they set up. This was a good team exercise with them. It is anticipated that they will stand a unit up for the WPPFG. Their team is comprised of 22 personnel and is authorized out of Fort Pickett, but they are down 2 members right now.

Ft. Belvoir sponsored training on bombings and potential suicide bombings that our HMRT members were able to attend.

Spring Foam drill coming up the end of this month. The HMRT is working with Fairfax City at the Newington Tank Farm Terminal #2.

FJLEPC COORDINATOR UPDATE:

Tier II Manager Update & HMERP

Paula indicated that work on the 2014 HMERP continues. All facility Emergency Response Plans have to be re-entered since they did not migrate over with the new software update. The HMERP should be completed sometime in May. Once these baseline templates are completed, the 2015 update should be smoother.

OLD BUSINESS:

Erik Peterson provided a brief report to the committee regarding the Dulles Airport drill that will be held in May. Over 100 patients will be moulaged and transported to several facilities throughout the region. INOVA is participating in this drill. The drill is scheduled to be held on May 2nd and will begin at 0900 hours. There is another planning meeting in the very near future. Role players were recruited through Dulles Airport.

NEW BUSINESS:

Paula Woodrum indicated that the Fire Marshal's Office has been asked to by the Virginia Department of Fire Programs to host a Fire Inspector training session that runs from the last part of September through October 13th. The Deputy Fire Marshal has asked if the FJLEPC would consider moving its October meeting to the 3rd Thursday of the month instead of the 2nd Thursday, making the date October 15th. **Motion** To move the October meeting of the FJLEPC to October 15th made by Don White, Second Bob Balog. **Motion Carried.** The October meeting will be held on October 15th. Paula will have the website updated to reflect this change.

Ken reported that the recent statewide tornado drill had over 1 million participants. This was a little less than last year, but still very good participation. The Department of Emergency Management was very pleased at the level of participation throughout the Commonwealth.

Ken Runicki also informed the FJLEPC that there is scholarship money available for those working on their emergency management degree. This is a \$1,000 scholarship available from VEMA.org.

On June 3rd there will be International Association of Emergency Managers Region III Conference at the Masonic Temple in Alexandria. This will be a daylong event, and will have representatives from all states. There is \$10 charge to cover the box lunch.

Ken Rudnicki indicated that at a recent VEMA meeting they had a presentation about the train derailment in Lynchburg. He polled the committee to see if there was interest in this presentation. The committee indicated yes, so Ken will arrange to have the presentation here.

Erik Peterson put a handout on table regarding the recent escaped prisoner event at Fairfax Hospital on March 3rd. As of right now, this is the only information that can be made available until the investigation is completed.

There is a \$500 scholarship available from the Association of Contingency Planners for those working on an emergency management/homeland security type of degree. Please have them contact Bowman Olds for information.

The emergency manager for AMTRAK gave a presentation to the Association of Contingency Planners of what goes on with emergency incidents from their perspective. If there is interest in this presentation, please let Bo know, and he can make contact to have this presentation done for the FJLEPC.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

Moved to adjourn by Bo Olds, second by Bob Balog. **Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

The next meeting of the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee will be held on Thursday, June 11, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. This meeting will be held in the A Conference Room at the Fire Marshal Headquarters, 10700 Page Avenue, Fairfax, VA.