



Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2013

ATTENDEES:

Members – Present:

Marc Barbieri, Fairfax County Health Department
Dianne Blais, League of Women Voters
Battalion Chief Craig Buckley, Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department
Jim Covell, Upper Occoquan Service Authority
Jesse Habourn, Fairfax County Health Department
Battalion Chief Kerwin McNamara, Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department
Richard Michelback, Fairfax County Public Schools
Patrick Nnaji, Fairfax County Department of Public Works & Environmental Services
Douglass T. O'Neill, Fairfax County Public Schools
Cathy Roth, Fairfax County Storm Water Planning
Bart Routh, SICPA
Ken Rudnicki, City of Fairfax Office of Emergency Management
Dallas Shawkey, Mt Vernon Council of Civic Associations
Mario Sumter, U.S. Army Garrison-Fort Belvoir
Captain Mike Wall, Police Department

Staff Support:

Trice Burgess, Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department
Paula Woodrum, Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department

FJLEPC MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Bowman Olds called the April 11, 2013 meeting of the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee to order at 10:07 a.m. He welcomed everyone present and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Vice Chair Bowman Olds asked for motion to approve February 14, 2013 minutes. **Motion** to approve February 14, 2013 minutes by Marc Barbieri, second by Doug O'Neill. **Motion carried.**

Public Communications: Paula informed the membership that the FJLEPC Website was updated with approved meeting minutes and link updates. She will be working with the webmaster over the course of the summer to do a large update to the website to incorporate changes to the Tier II reporting process that were adopted by the EPA.

Business Outreach:

Bruce McFarlane did a joint venture with police department, fire and public schools on March 21 involving crisis management outreach for private schools in the county. This outreach effort was driven by the active shooter situation at Sandy Hook ... we had 69 private schools attend and 126 total people attended the meeting. The subject matter for the outreach involved proper response and emergency planning. The meeting lasted 2 hours. The meeting was also videotaped by Channel 16 (the Fairfax County Government cable channel) and will be used to develop outreach materials.

Bruce also provided an update on the student tool for emergency planning. Fairfax County OEM has 25 confirmed elementary schools, 108 classes and over 2700 students participating to learn about personal emergency planning. Homework is to take information home and work with parents to develop their home emergency plans. There are 139 elementary schools in the system. Class sizes are 20-30+ per class room, targeted to 4th grade level. We are the first ones in Virginia to take this on. This emergency planning will occur in June after required testing has been completed.

Bo Olds mentioned that the Boy Scouts have a program where they have to interview emergency planners and do a project for a merit badge, and OEM may want to reach out to them. Bruce McFarlane mentioned that the Girl Scouts has a similar program and OEM has been working with them giving tours too.

Ways and Means:

There were no results from the last letter campaign. Erik Peterson and Paula will re-visit the target groups during 2013 and then report back.

HMERP Exercise Subcommittee:

April 23rd is LEPC day at the Tank Farm. Chief Buckley is waiting for final info from Chief Ciarrocha of City of Fairfax Fire & Rescue. Chief Buckley will be the FJLEPC point of contact for the drill. This is also a foam & flammable liquids drill for the HMRT. The plan is to start with some classroom time, then full scale drill at the Tank Farm with tactical operations starting at 10:00 a.m. The City of Fairfax training center is at the dead end of Colonial Avenue training center. FJLEPC member who would like to witness the drill should plan on being at the training center a little before 10:00 a.m.

CCC Liaison Updates:

No report.

HAZMAT RESPONSE TEAM (HMRT) UPDATE:
RECENT INCIDENTS

Chief Buckley advised the FJLEPC that the HMRT is running a lot of gas leaks due to 3rd party damage due to construction. He briefly described the following incidents of interest:

Centreville, Fairfax, Lorton/Gunston - Outside Gas Leaks, 2" lines

Lorton - Fuel Leak from tank, HM440 offloaded product

Centreville - Apartment Fire, propane grill indoors had cylinder failure

Fairfax - Hydraulic fuel release from Triple A trash truck

Herndon - Fuel leak from generator, 6300 gallon release

Arlington - Fuel leak from generator into parking garage

HMRT TRAINING

The HMRT will be attending a lot of regional-based training in the next couple of months:

- National Capital Region (NCR) exercise is planned where they will discuss all the training in the region
 - Interest in doing large scale decontamination drill here
 - Will be able to report back at the June meeting
- April 22-24 is foam & flammable liquids training at the Fairfax City Tank Farm
- Hazmat training @ COG board room
- CSX IS going to provide information on transportation hazards and rail response
- Thanks to Jim Covell providing info regarding the large propane tanks at UOSA
- Attended CTOS training over in Maryland for regional training.
- Paul Jolley & Colonial Pipeline gave great training over at Station 3 specifically geared to emergency response folks. The training included latest updates on the pipeline, marking systems and online mapping info.

FJLEPC COORDINATOR UPDATE:

Tier II Manager Update & HMERP

Paula provided the FJLEPC with an update on Tier II Submissions. We are now over 500 total facilities in the system. Fairfax County Fire & Rescue paid to upgrade our licensing to accommodate up to 750 facilities. She mentioned that Fairfax County will begin billing for Tier II reviews for County facilities in the 2013 cycle (January-March 2014). She will be working with the webmaster over the summer to update the website and to send email blasts and hardcopy letters to the facilities so that they are aware of the new charges. Online submissions will be required with the 2013 reporting cycle.

OLD BUSINESS:

HMERP Update

Paula emailed the updated HMERP for review by LEPC members in March. She then asked the committee to approve the HMERP so she can transmit it to the VERC and the EPA.

Motion to approve the 2012 (2011 reporting data) HMERP by Ken Rudnicki second by Jim Covell

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Membership list

Paula placed a membership roster on the back table. Please update your information on the list so she can send our membership list to the VERC at the same time she transmits the HMERP.

Advertisement

Paula is arranging for the required legal ad to be placed by the LEPC advertising that Tier II data is available for public review. The advertisement will be in May and she will send copies of the ads and the print times out to the committee as soon as she gets the proof back from the newspaper.

SAIC recently attended meeting of association for contingency planners. SAIC shared what they do from private perspective to handle various scenarios. In this exercise, they also shared what Ft. Belvoir did with their active shooter exercise at their school. Bowman Olds shared the good work being done particularly in Fairfax County and the work of this LEPC, and the great public private partnership with the LEPC.

Patrick Nnaji reminded everyone that Building Safety Month kickoff brunch is May 2nd from 10-12pm. Two special guest speakers include FEMA and a presentation on site work development by KCH structural engineers. Hours are approved for continuing education credits for those who need CEUs for their certifications. Contact Patrick Nnaji directly to RSVP.

Jesse Habourn from the Health Department has attended 2 FJLEPC meetings (he is replacing Steve Church who retired). **Motion** by Marc Barbieri to nominate Jesse Habourn as a member of the FJLEPC, 2nd Patrick Nnaji . **Motion carried.**

Dave McKernan asked that Bruce McFarlane let the LEPC know about 2-day exercise in October that is called Operation Chaos. Dates for the exercise are not firmed up yet. OEM will provide more information as it's firmed up.

The following general announcements were made during the meeting:

Doug O'Neill announced that he is stepping down from the FJLEPC after 12 years. Richard Mikelback will take over as the Fairfax County Public Schools representative.

Cathy Roth is replacing Heather Ambrose from Storm Water Planning.

Mike Wall was recently promoted to Captain and is now commander of Reston District Station. Congratulations Captain Wall!

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

Chair Bowman Olds adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

The next meeting of the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee will be held on Thursday, June 13, at 10:00 a.m. This meeting will be held in Conference Room A at the Fairfax County Fire Prevention Division Headquarters, 10700 Page Avenue, Fairfax, Virginia.