



Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2017

ATTENDEES:

Bob Balog, Citizen
Colin Brody, Fairfax County Health Dept.
Johna Gagnon, EQAC
Jesse Habourn, Fairfax County Health Dept.
Paul Jolley, Colonial Pipeline
Jeremy Karbowski, NGA EM
Richard Michelback, Fairfax County Public Schools
Paul Nugent, NGA EM
Erik Peterson, Chairman
Martin Ranck, Vice Chairman
Cathy Roth, DPWES Stormwater Planning Division
Bart Routh, SICPA
S. J. Whidden, NGA EM

Staff Support:

Trice Burgess, Fairfax County Fire Marshal's Office
Karen Lowery, Fairfax County Fire Marshal's Office

FILEPC MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Chairman Erik Peterson called the June 8, 2017, meeting of the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee to order at 10:01 a.m. He asked that everyone introduce himself or herself.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairman called for motion to approve minutes of April 13, 2017, meeting. Motion to approve minutes was made by Johna Gagnon and seconded by Bob Balog. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Communications:

No report.

Business Outreach:

No report.

Ways and Means:

No report.

HMERP Exercise Subcommittee:

Vice Chairman Ranck reported that they will be reaching out to critical hazard facilities to do a tabletop exercise.

CCC Liaison Updates: No report.

Liaison with other LEPCs:

Vice Chairman Ranck attended City of Alexandria's LEPC meeting on June 7, 2017. Discussion on National Safety Month and game to work on a national disaster.

Norfolk Southern improvements being made to ethanol facility are almost complete. They are putting in a terminal facility for offload for trucks and so tanks can pump off rack system. There are significant improvements on the number of railcars coming in/out.

Hazmat and Environmental – gas leaks, vehicle fires with flammable liquids
Virginia American Water is 741 days without a loss time incident.
OEM – working on 2017 Mitigation Plan
Alexandria Hospital – working on accreditation
FBI – exercise is scheduled for October 2017 and will be recruiting volunteers

Vice Chairman Ranck spoke on the Shelter-in-Place video.

Shelter in Place Video:

Chairman Peterson - Bob DeMarco completed the family shelter-in-place video on June 1.
Johna Gagnon – suggested discussing at the August meeting how we will disburse or disseminate the video. Does the funding cover disseminating the video? Chairman Peterson will inquire if we can post video on Newslink, YouTube, etc.

HAZMAT RESPONSE TEAM (HMRT) UPDATE

RECENT INCIDENTS

Vice Chairman Ranck reported on the following incidents:

- Minor gas leaks and fuel spills reported
- Citizen from Reston area – reported sheen around his sump pump, with smell of gasoline. F&R responded to scene. Citizen's yard is located 40 ft. from Colonial Pipeline. They responded and shut down lines, dug up lines, however, were not able to identify source of odor due to recent torrential rain. Bob Balog asked if source of the odor was ever identified. Trice Burgess responded that ethanol was identified as the source, protocol was followed with a proactive response. Very smooth operation.

HMRT TRAINING

Vice Chairman Ranck reported that routine training drills were held and response reviewed with staff. (Colonial Pipeline, Dominion Pipeline)

Cathy Roth asked if the City of Alexandria's LEPC reports on nonsignificant incidents? Do we need to report on them as well? The hazardous materials staff in City of Alexandria reports on a few nonsignificant incidents. Cathy stated that the Fairfax County Stormwater section responds to nonhazardous incidents. Should we be doing the same? Chairman Peterson responded that our setup is different from that of the City of Alexandria.

Discussion was also held on the Merrifield Post Office's Biological Detection System for mail. A tabletop exercise was held which included Fairfax County hazmat team reps and staff from the closet fire stations in proximity to the Merrifield Post Office. There was good intel for all involved.

FJLEPC COORDINATOR UPDATE

Tier II Manager Update & HMERP

Trice Burgess reported that all Tier II billing has been completed. There are currently 586 Tier II facilities in Fairfax County—427 active, 159 inactive, and 140 critical facilities. All vulnerable zones have been identified on Tier II. Also, the FJLEPC website has been updated with our meeting minutes.

EQAC

No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chairman Peterson reported he had received a thank you card from Paula Woodrum.

NEW BUSINESS:

Presentation by Dr. Lang is tabled. Chairman Peterson has been unable to make contact with him so his presentation will be scheduled for a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

Chairman Peterson entertained a motion to adjourn. Cathy Roth made a motion to adjourn and Paul Jolley seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

The next meeting of the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee will be held on Thursday, August 10, 2017, 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.