



Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2014

ATTENDEES:

Members – Present:

Robert Balog, Citizen

Marc Barbieri, Fairfax County Health Department

Dianne Blais, League of Women Voters

Craig Buckley, Virginia Department of Emergency Management

Jesse Habourn, Fairfax County Health Department

Paul Jolley, Colonial Pipeline

Bruce McFarlane, Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management

David McKernan, Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management

BC Kerwin McNamara, Fire and Hazardous Materials Investigative Services

Richard Michelback, Fairfax County Public Schools

Bowman Olds, Chair

Jennifer Paris, Department of Public Works and Environmental Services

Erik Peterson, INOVA Fairfax Hospital

BC Marty Ranck, Hazardous Materials Response Team

Cathy Roth, Storm Water Planning, Fairfax County DPW&ES

Bart Routh, SICPA SecurInk

Rick Scoppa, HEPACO

Guests:

Mike Vietor, Williams Pipeline

Donald White, NOVA Mental Health Institute

Staff Support:

Trice Burgess, Fairfax County Office of the Fire Marshal

Paula Woodrum, Tier II Program Manager/LEPC Liaison

FJLEPC MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Bowman Olds called the August 14, 2014 meeting of the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee to order at 10:04 a.m. He welcomed everyone present and asked everyone to introduce themselves, and to tell us about anything significant since last meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chair Bowman Olds asked for motion to approve June, 2014 minutes. **Motion** to approve June 23, 2014 minutes by Erik Peterson, second by Bob Balog. **Motion carried.**

Public Communications:

Business Outreach:

Bruce McFarlane met with Ways and Means and possible different tactics for business outreach. OEM's Focus right now is on the new Fairfax Alerts system, and there will be a big push in January to get businesses involved. September is National Preparedness Month and OEM is booked up with outreach events and a lot of those events involve businesses. We are looking at developing a brochure to help get out information on the web site and encourage LEPC involvement. Bo Olds also indicated that he is a member of several organizations and will provide information to Bruce from OEM to get more involvement.

Chairman Olds participated in recent hurricane preparedness event in PWC and mentioned our LEPC and our efforts. He also participated in an evacuation and shelter event in Prince George's County.

There is a State Managed Shelter Exercise coming up on Monday & Tuesday, August 18-19. This is a large full scale exercise to test medical needs of shelter that will be set up at GMU. Lead agencies involved are VA Department of Social Services, VA Department of Health (Fairfax County Health Department), VDEM (logistics), GMU (Facility), VA State Police & campus police (law enforcement).

OEM had very similar exercise simulating evacuation of Belle View/Huntington area of Fairfax County, and opened a shelter with 80 "actors". The simulation was very good, and included a unified command, setting up a shelter, and EOC activation. The after action analysis always identifies improvements, and OEM is now working on updating plans and operationalizing changes noted in the after action analysis.

Ways and Means:

Erik Peterson indicated that he met with Paula and Bruce McFarlane to develop new outreach strategy mentioned in Bruce's business outreach report.

HMERP Exercise Subcommittee:

The HMERP Exercise this year is a table top drill scheduled for September 23rd at Fire Station 40. We are piggy-backing as part of monthly hazmat team drills, and the drill will fall on an "A" Shift work day. The scenario involves the USGS Facility in Reston that has a small lab inside. They have different extremely hazardous substances (EHS) chemicals present, but this drill will specifically involve hydrofluoric acid. There will be a simulate spill where someone used wrong materials for clean-up and the result was an off-gas of silicon tetrafluoride gas. There will be exposed patients that will require decontamination, there will be a test of the incident command structure, technical personnel will be in the bay doing hands-on chemical research and plume modeling, team will make entry, set up full decontamination scenario, etc. The Hazmat Response Team will be doing a walk-through of the facility today, taking pictures. The team will meet at 0830 hours for a briefing, and the actual drill will start around 0900 hours and go for a couple of hours. All FJLEPC members are welcome to come and observe at Fire Station 40, 4621 Legato Road.

CCC Liaison Updates:

Dave McKernan attended the last CCC meeting, and they had a quorum. They elected new officers and Jim Sobiecki is the new chair. They will be present at the Ready-Set-Know at Burke Fall Festival and will have interactive component of their display.

Liaison with other LEPCs:

Bo Olds attended last PWCLEPC meeting.

He also attended Alexandria LEPC meeting. They have been dealing with citizen complaints about weekend charity washes. There is a program to discontinue this type of activity.

Cathy Roth, DPW&ES, explained about car wash water going to storm drains. She has come across gas stations that have a dispensing unit for cleaning solutions to wash vehicles. Unfortunately, this involved an illicit connection to the storm water system (commercial car washes have different operational regulations). She is in the process of contacting the vendor and gas stations reference this type of operation needing approval. This is part of the County's MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) Permit.

HAZMAT RESPONSE TEAM (HMRT) UPDATE:

RECENT INCIDENTS

- The HMRT has been running a lot of outside gas leaks due to underground lines being punctured during construction.
- They ran a couple WMD investigations for white powder, nothing found. One incident was at Senator's office in Tysons.
- They responded to Huntington Avenue where there was a tenant/landlord dispute. The landlord called because there were about 75 small cups filled with clear liquid with silvery look to it. The landlord showed up to evict the tenant and the tenant had spread the cups all over the floor. Investigated unknown reading basically water with sparkles. FCPD was involved.
- HMRT units also responded to a small release at Fairfax Tank farm, release of 50-100 gallons of residual product sitting in the pipe. All product was contained within the berm. Blanketed with foam, Fairfax City FM and Tank Farm responded quickly. Clean up contractor called in.

HMRT TRAINING

- The FBI Washington Field Office hosted a conference in July and several HMRT members were able to attend the conference.
- Worked with Fairfax County PD regarding chemical suicides. Fire Department Safety Officers and Special Operations staff provided training to all Police substations and all 3 shifts to give refresher on chemical suicide awareness.
- HMRT personnel attended a Bio Security engagement workshop at GWU. There are BioLabs in the area, and sensitivity to anything being released.
- Washington Hospital Center came here in June for grant equipment for radiological meters. Came over to look at our equipment. They originally reached out to DCFD but did not receive any contact from them.
- African Leaders Summit with FBI and Secret Service. Were very involved with the planning of this visit.

FJLEPC COORDINATOR UPDATE:

Tier II Manager Update & HMERP

The Tier II Manager Software agreement, upgrade, and support contract renewal is still at County Purchasing. The County Attorney's Office is now involved in these contract negotiations, specifically regarding the end user licensing agreements included as part of the software contract. Unfortunately, these negotiations have been going on since March, and our existing contract expires at the end of this month. Hopefully, this issue will be resolved soon and we can avoid going back to "paper" if the contract can't be negotiated successfully between the vendor and the County. Paula will keep everyone posted on this issue.

There has been a lot of information sharing regarding Bakken Crude Oil, storage of ammonium nitrate and updates on Executive Order #13650. Paula is passing this information along to the FJLEPC members, and she was checking to make sure she wasn't inundating the members with emails they weren't interested in. The general consensus was that the emails were welcome.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Olds announced that Donald White has attended two meetings of the FJLEPC and is now eligible for membership. **Motion** made by Eric Peterson, 2nd by Marc Barbieri to accept Donald White as a member of the FJLEPC. **Motion Carried.**

There is a large-scale hazmat incident going on in Norfolk right now. Craig Buckley gave an overview of incident that occurred yesterday in Norfolk. Six bands around a 900,000 gallon storage tank at Kinder Morgan facility snapped due to overfilling releasing Sodium Hydroxide. Cleanup is in progress, and HEPACO is on site to help with clean up and off load/transfer of product. VDEQ, EPA, Coast Guard involved. Information provided is from VDEM press release.

Be advised that no odor LPG is being transported by rail, and jurisdictions should be cognizant of this. This is a concern of other LEPCs in the country.

Following the meeting, there was a tour of Fire Station 40 for those LEPC members who were interested.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

Moved to adjourn by Erik Peterson, second by Bob Balog. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

The next meeting of the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee will be held on Thursday, October 16, 2014 (note date change!) 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.