



## Meeting Minutes October 11, 2012

### ATTENDEES:

#### **Members – Present:**

Heather Ambrose, Fairfax County Storm Water Planning  
Battalion Chief M. Anthony Barrero, Fairfax County Fire & Rescue  
Dianne Blais, Fairfax League of Women Voters  
Battalion Chief Craig Buckley, Fairfax County Fire & Rescue  
Linda Buczek, Fairfax County Risk Management  
Jim Covell, Upper Occoquan Service Authority  
Sgt. Terry Lickliger, Virginia State Police  
Bruce McFarlane, Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management  
Patrick Nnaji, Fairfax County DPW&ES  
Bowman Olds, Vice Chair, SAIC  
Douglass O'Neill, Chair, Fairfax County Public Schools  
Erik Peterson, INOVA Fairfax Hospital  
Bart Routh, SICPA  
Mario Sumter, Fort Belvoir

#### **Staff Support:**

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

#### **Guests:**

Odie Butler, US Army Corps of Engineers

### FJLEPC MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Doug O'Neill called the October 11, 2012 meeting of the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee to order at 10:05 a.m. He welcomed everyone present.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairman O'Neill asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of August 9, 2012. Paula informed the committee about a change to the emailed version; the corrected minutes were available at the meeting.

**Motion.** A motion was made to approve the August 9, 2012 minutes by Erik Peterson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patrick Nnaji. **Motion carried.**

**Public Communications:** Paula informed the membership that the FJLEPC Website was updated with meeting minutes and updating some broken links to other pages.

### **Business Outreach:**

ReadyNova business site contract expires in March, so the transition won't happen until next year. Bruce exchanged information with Loudoun County. They are implementing a pilot program where they will put the ReadyNova information on some of their buses and taxis. Linda suggested checking with the

companies that do vehicle “wraps” to see if they might be willing to donate one for ReadyNova.org and then see if we could get a county vehicle or bus “wrapped” for recognition.

**Ways and Means:** No response back on the letter that was sent out.

**HMERP Exercise Subcommittee:** This subcommittee is dormant for now because we had our drill in the spring as part of the Statewide Tornado Exercise. Chairman O’Neill and Vice Chair Olds were not able to get together to exchange info on the past exercises.

**CCC Updates:** No update, Vice Chair Olds was out of town for their last meeting.

### **HAZMAT RESPONSE TEAM (HMRT) UPDATE:**

#### **RECENT INCIDENTS**

Chief Buckley provided an update on recent incidents that the HMRT responded to:

- Lorton - Diesel fuel spill from tractor trailer accident
- Lorton - Gasoline cargo tank truck fire
- Annandale - Hoarding case involving over 100 cats
- Fairfax City - Gasoline spill from malfunctioning pump
- Centreville - Diesel fuel spill from overflow tank of a moving van
- Merrifield - 4" natural gas leak
- Lorton - 2" natural gas leak
- Burke - Train accident

#### **HMRT TRAINING**

Chief Buckley presented a slide show on training they recently had with DuPont. The training was held in a mobile classroom inside rail car that provides training to hazmat and first responder folks throughout the country. There were all types of training props that HMRT personnel can train with. They had a great safety briefing at Norfolk Southern in Alexandria, and about 150 HMRT members through in three days of training. This training program is an example of an excellent public/private partnership with Norfolk Southern. This prop was here three years ago, so this was a great opportunity to give new HMRT personnel training and to reinforce training with our experienced team members.

Chief Buckley also showed videos of the recent tanker fire that occurred on I-95 at Newington. The accident occurred on the northbound ramp coming out of the Newington tank farm onto I-95. This event was the first time our new foam unit was used. This fire was brought under control in about an hour. The driver was trapped and was a fire fatality.

Later this month, Colonial Pipeline is providing training for first responders. Washington Gas also just opened their “pipe town” training prop.

The National Capital Region Council of Governments Hazmat subcommittee sponsored a Hazmat Officer 2-day workshop. Folks from Washington and Dulles field offices had great training on improvised explosive devices. Various agencies presented the training.

Chief Barrero participated in a training event with Mitre Corp to inject social media into event notification / incident information reporting to address the potential for large scale events. The scenario involved GMU and a “dirty bomb” event. Bo stated that in an “after action” report on the earthquake in Mineral, that Twitter and social media played a very important role.

Just a reminder that next Thursday is the “great shakeout” in the Southeast at 10:18 on 10/18 with earthquake awareness and drills. Fairfax County worksites are expected to participate.

**FJLEPC COORDINATOR UPDATE:**

**Tier II Manager Update & HMERP**

Tier II Review is ongoing, as well as requisite updates to the HMERP.

Paula participated in “cooler side” teleconference chat regarding how we implemented Tier II Manager. Several localities in Virginia and many out-of-state localities called in with questions.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Chairman O’Neill noted that Paula forwarded an email regarding the HMRT support positions, which were submitted as part of the Fire & Rescue Department’s budget cut package required by the County Executive. He recommended that at the February meeting the FJLEPC should vote to again send a letter to the Board of Supervisors to lobby for the HMRT positions again, as was done in the FY 2013 Budget Process where the positions were reinstated by the Board.

Chairman O’Neill discussed the upcoming nominations and selection of a new Vice Chair when Bo Olds takes over the Chairmanship. The Vice Chair would come from the government sector, and Linda Buczek from Fairfax County Risk Management has expressed interest and willingness to serve as the Vice Chair. Chairman O’Neill indicated that the formal vote will be held at the December meeting.

FJLEPC members were reminded that Captain Painter from the HMRT will be retiring in December 2012 and Deputy Chief Baker from Fire Prevention retires next week. We wish them well in their future endeavors.

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:**

**Motion** A motion was made to adjourn by Jim Covell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chief Barrero.

**Motion carried** and the FJLEPC adjourned at 10:54am.

*The next meeting of the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee will be held on Thursday, December 13, 2012, 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.*