



Meeting Minutes October 12, 2011

ATTENDEES:

Members – Present:

Marc Barbieri, Fairfax County Health Department
Diane Blais, League of Women Voters
BC Craig Buckley, Fairfax County Fire and Rescue
Paul Jolley, Colonial Pipeline
Sgt. Terry Licklider, Virginia State Police
Bruce McFarlane, Fairfax County OEM
Douglas O’Neill, Chair, FCPS
Bowman Olds, Vice Chair, SAIC
Erik Peterson, INOVA Fairfax Hospital
Dallas W. Shawkey, MVCCA
Ian Sterne, Red Cross
1st Lt. Mike Wall, Fairfax County PD

Guests Present:

None

Staff Support:

Paula Woodrum, Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department
Laura Cosner, Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department

FJLEPC MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Doug O’Neill called the October 12, 2011 meeting of the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee to order at 10:25 a.m. when a quorum was established. He welcomed everyone present and then asked everyone present to introduce themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairman O’Neill asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of August 11, 2011. Paula informed everyone that the minutes on the table are the minutes with corrections under the Section Citizen Corps Council provided by Jim Covell.

Motion. A motion was made to approve the August 11, 2011 minutes by Erik Peterson, 2nd by Dallas Shawkey. **Motion carried.**

Public Communications: The FJLEPC Website was recently updated with links to additional websites pertaining to emergency preparedness.

Business Outreach: Bruce MacFarlane indicated that Ready NOVA received UASI funding to go to Phase II of their outreach effort. The family and business planner will be developed into mobile applications for iPhone/Smartphone/mobile platform. Will also be making updates to existing website to include 7 core language translations. This should happen before the end of this year for the language translations. Phone Applications will be free.

There were over 500 hits on the business hits for the application, but no way of knowing how many plans were actually completed. They will update the analytical tools so that they have a better understanding of the effectiveness of this outreach program.

The PDRP Conference sponsored by OEM was a success and they got a lot of really good feedback and gap analysis information.

Ways and Means: Due to staff workload, the letters have not yet gone out. Erik and Paula will work on this and meet to get the letters out.

HMERP Exercise Subcommittee: The 3 day County wide Drill Enduring Collaboration has been postponed to March 2012.

What we propose is to participate in HMRT training on November 2, 2011, at 1300 at FS40 incident simulations in afternoon. We will be doing a tabletop only exercise this year to meet our requirements for exercising the plan. This will incorporate Tier II Manager, small simulation outside the fire station, and Incident Command simulations. Paula suggested Alexandria Metal Finishers emergency plan be used and to simulate an acid spill. LEPC members are welcome to come and observe.

So ordered without objection by Chairman O'Neill.

Chairman O'Neill indicated that we are still planning to do the large exercise at Kinder Morgan in the Spring as part of the 3 day drill. The Enduring Collaboration drill will be held March 19-21 with our inject coming on March 21st.

HAZMAT TEAM UPDATE:

RECENT INCIDENTS

The HMRT continues to run small gas line leaks throughout the County due to 3rd party damage.

The team responded to a lot of transportation incidents, with one notable incident on I66/Rt. 123 and then one at Fair Lakes Shopping Center.

The HMRT responded to a couple of Freon events; one at Centreville Giant and one in an office building in Herndon.

Interesting powder investigation at a Street intersection in Reston that ended up being a powder used to mark road lines.

The HMRT ran 3 events with the Police Department. One of these incidents occurred in a DHS building in Merrifield and ended up being negative for hazmat.

The Team responded to an incident in West Springfield where a package being x-rayed at a DEA mail processing facility was emitting a foul odor, and this ended up being rotted meat.

We also had someone commit chemical suicide and this incident involved multiple agencies. This was the first chemical suicide in our area, however, the fusion centers have put out a lot of info about this type of incident. This was done in a garden apartment in Annandale.

There was also an incident at Edison High School involving dermal reactions involving six students. This was due to dollar store perfume.

HMRT TRAINING

The HMRT participated in training with Fairfax Hospital, and in-house decon at the ER.

The FRD is kicking off its 2011 Hazmat First Responder training refresher for all uniformed personnel in the FRD.

The HMRT held foam training as part of its monthly training, but they are having issues with the new foam unit itself.

Fairfax County Public Schools has been training with FRD's battalion management teams, and they have been going through all crisis emergency plans with BMTs, including shelter in place & evacuation plans.

There were no reported hazmat incidents during recent flooding due to Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee.

FJLEPC COORDINATOR UPDATE:

Tier II Manager Update & HMERP

Review of the 2010 Tier II Reporting Cycle is still underway, and data entry is still being completed by staff for hard copies that were received. It's hoped that the data entry will be completed by the end of October and the plan update by the end of the year.

Provided update about coming changes to Tier II ERP systems.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief Buckley indicated that new programs involving radiological modeling / law enforcement is being worked on and they are involved in that.

Marc Barbieri indicated that NVERS is coordinating Operation Chaos 2012 that will be a tabletop & formal exercise involving radiological scenario some time in 2012.

Bo Olds has asked on the day of the 5.8 earthquake when it hit, what did you do and did the folks around you do. Discussion:

- Erik Peterson explained what was implemented and steps taken by INOVA Fairfax Hospital.
- Doug O'Neill explained what steps FCPS took. FCPS only had one facility with significant damage. Luckily school was not in session yet, only teachers were in the schools.
- Bo Olds outlined experiences of members of the Tysons Security Committee.
- Paula outlined what the Fire Marshal's Office did in setting up damage assessment teams and pairing with inspectors from the building department to assess structural stability.
- Paul Jolley indicated that Colonial Pipelines Tank Farm is located 27 miles from Mineral which was the epicenter. Pipeline was shut down between Greensboro, NC and New York City. The pipeline was shut down and held pressure. Visual checks were conducted at all above ground equipment.
- Ian Sterne stated that the Red Cross did set up a shelter in PG County due to an apartment building that was deemed to be structurally unsound.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

Motion A motion was made to adjourn by Bruce MacFarlane, 2nd by Paul Jolley.

Motion carried and the FJLEPC adjourned at 11:17 am.

The next meeting of the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee will be held on Thursday, December 8, 2011, 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.