



**Meeting Minutes  
December 10, 2015**

**ATTENDEES:**

Bob Balog, Citizen-at-Large  
Anthony Barella, NGA  
Lieutenant Dalton Becker, Fairfax County Police Department  
Paul Jolley, Colonial Pipeline  
Mark Kennedy, U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Belvoir  
Rick Leino, American Red Cross  
Sergeant Terry Licklider, Virginia State Police  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Dwayne Machosky, Fairfax County Police Department  
Lieutenant Mike Messier, Office of the Sheriff  
Richard Michelback, Fairfax County School Board  
Patrick Nnaji, Fairfax County DPW&ES  
Jennifer Paris, Fairfax County DPW&ES  
Erik Peterson, Vice Chair, INOVA Fairfax Hospital  
Battalion Chief Marty Ranck, Fairfax County HMRT  
Cathy Roth, Fairfax County DPW&ES-SWPD  
Bart Routh, SICPA SecurInk  
Ken Rudnicki, Chair, Fairfax City Office of Emergency Management  
Khis Suravallop, Noman Cole Pollution Control Plant  
Jayne Woolf, Upper Occoquan Service Authority

**Staff Support:**

Investigator W. Trice Burgess, Fairfax County Fire Marshal's Office  
EMS III Paula Woodrum, Fairfax County Fire Marshal's Office

**FJLEPC MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

Chair Ken Rudnicki called the December 10, 2015 meeting of the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee to order at 10:05 a.m. He asked that everyone introduce themselves.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Chair Ken Rudnicki asked for motion to approve the October 15, 2015 minutes. **Motion** to approve October 15, 2015 minutes by Bob Balog, second by Paul Jolley. **Motion carried.**

**REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Public Communications:**

Paula advised that the webmaster updated the website with past minutes and the meeting schedule for the December meeting.

**Business Outreach**

There was no Business Outreach report.

**Ways and Means:**

Dovetailing efforts on hold until new Business Outreach person at Fairfax County OEM is hired.

**HMERP Exercise Subcommittee:**

The FJLEPC and the HMRT held the HMERP exercise on December 9th. The drill was held at Washington Gas on Ravensworth Road. The drill scenario simulated a leak at a valve that Washington Gas personnel could not control and required hazmat team intervention. Washington Gas constructed a prop for us using nitrogen to simulate a propane leak that we then hooked up a smoke machine to that simulated a vapor cloud. Chief Ranck demonstrated several new technologies being used by the HMRT, such as COBRA, during the course of the drill and explained the operations of the HMRT as the drill progressed. Washington Gas personnel were also with the LEPC members to answer any questions about the facility and the construction and operations of the facility. The members present who attended the drill thought that the exercise was well run.

**CCC Liaison Updates:**

Erik Peterson attended the CCC meeting held on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Dean Sherick from Fairfax County OEM presented on Project Lifesaver. Project Lifesaver is a program where County residents with intellectual disabilities or dementia can register and receive locator monitors that can be activated should they ever wander off from their caretakers or home. The CCC is looking for input from several groups for their Annual Report and wanted a summary from the LEPC. Paula will work on that and get it to Dean. The CCC also published their 2016 meeting schedule.

**Liaison with other LEPCs:**

Erik Peterson attended the Prince William LEPC meeting in September. They went over a summary of all hazmat incidents that they ran between January-September (52 incidents) and discussed their recent CERT Training. Next meeting Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

Erik Peterson also attended the Alexandria LEPC. RSI is aligned with Norfolk Southern and they are doing meetings with HOAs on terminal improvements. Washington Gas reported ongoing replacements to services. The Fire Department reported on hydraulic fluid spill of 100 gals of trash truck that kept going for blocks. They also discussed illegal dumping of fuel filters and cooking oil (vendor disposal). Next meeting is March 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Shelter in Place Video:**

Paula, Erik and Johna have corresponded by email to exchange ideas on updating the video that was produced in 2005. They especially highlighted the need to incorporate social media and a more "all hazards" need for sheltering in place.

Paula also let the committee know that the FMO is producing a Fire Digest video and is incorporating the LEPC. She is trying to get the footage to be able to dovetail the shelter in place video to incorporate the HMRT drill, etc.

**Presentation:**

Jennifer Paris presented regarding TRANSCAER. TRANSCAER provides free transportation-related training and resources to emergency responders. Jennifer is the primary coordinator for Virginia. If anyone is interested in helping set up the local TRANSCAER team, please contact Jennifer at [jennifer.paris@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:jennifer.paris@fairfaxcounty.gov).

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

**RECENT INCIDENTS**

***BFC Ranck provided an update regarding the Colonial Pipeline Incident:***

The pipeline incident started in September. The response side is over and right now, Colonial is in the remediation/restoration phase that is being monitored by Virginia DEQ and the FMO. The pipe was replaced in the middle of November, and that process took about 18 hours from start to finish. They will still have monitoring wells in place for quite some time.

Trice Burgess commented on Colonial's recovery & site remediation efforts. They are in the process of site restoration now. They have asked for extension date for submission of site characterization report and DEQ granted the extension. Total recovery is a little over 3,000 galls for the entire incident. Nothing significant in the monitoring wells. Virginia DEQ is the lead right now on the cleanup requirements. There is a project teleconference every 2-3 weeks. The Fire Marshal's Office has been really pleased with how the whole project has gone. Colonial has been very responsive and thanked all the partners involved.

Paul Jolley from Colonial Pipeline thanked every agency in Virginia and Fairfax that helped with this. He has been telling corporate office for years that Fairfax is best at this type of incident response and coordination. Corporate now understands why he says that. They are now spreading the word about Fairfax County. They are now in a monitoring phase, working with Virginia DEQ, Fairfax County and the Federal Government. Paul reiterated his thanks to everyone for their help. Everyone that came out from corporate was amazed at our working relationship. Many times the relationships are very adversarial, and that was not the situation here.

Ken asked if Colonial shares lessons learned with other pipelines. Paul said that they do share and will be preparing report for PHMSA.

***Other incidents:***

Two weeks ago a homeowner smelled natural gas outside residence. They actually had underground propane tank and they had liquid propane tank bubbling up through ground. We had significant rains prior to this incident and the propane was bubbling up and then vaporizing once it reached the ground. The leak was coming from sidewall of tank that was installed in 1986. They had just had the 325 gallon propane tank filled. After contacting numerous companies, no other propane company would offload the product. It was the responsibility of the homeowners. The HMRT ended up flaring the remaining product, and it took from 9pm through to 3pm the next day. It took 14-15 hours to burn off 250 gallons of liquid propane. The homeowner now has to replace tank, etc.

**HMRT TRAINING**

Chief Ranck also provided a synopsis of training that was attended by the HMRT. The HMRT also sent a few people to Bakken Crude course in Pueblo, CO (free course).

**FJLEPC COORDINATOR UPDATE:**

**Tier II Manager Update & HMERP**

Paula, Trice, Chief Ranck and the Tier II Manager vendor (IDSi) have been working together to resolve some issues with navigation of the website using the HMRT's new iPads.

Paula is still working on updating the HMERP. Her efforts have been stalled due to the County's budget cycle, lines of business, and the Colonial Pipeline cost recovery efforts. She hopes to have the plan completed by the February meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mark Kennedy reported that CERT Classes on Fort Belvoir will upcoming early on in 2016. This will be their first CERT course.

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

*The next meeting of the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee will be held on Thursday, February 11, 2016 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.*