



**Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2013**

ATTENDEES:

Members – Present:

Paul Alquisa, Fort Belvoir
Bob Balog, Citizen At-Large
Marc Barbieri, Fairfax County Health Department
Dianne Blais, League of Women Voters
Brutus Cooper, VDOT
Jim Covell, UOSA
Lieutenant Gary Evans, Sheriff's Office
Jesse Habourn, Fairfax County Health Department
Whitney Kazragis, Fairfax OEM
Sergeant Terry Licklider, Virginia State Police
Bruce McFarlane, Fairfax County OEM
Richard Michelback, FCPS
Patrick Nnaji, DPW&ES
Bo Olds, Chair, Citizen At-Large
Erik Peterson, INOVA Fairfax Hospital
Cathy Roth, Stormwater Planning
Bart Routh, SICPA SecurInk
Ken Rudnicki, Vice Chair, City of Fairfax OEM
Captain Mike Wall, Fairfax County Police Department

Staff Support:

Paula Woodrum, Tier II Program Manager/LEPC Liaison

FJLEPC MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Bowman Olds called the December 12, 2013 meeting of the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee to order at 10:07 a.m. He welcomed everyone present and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chair Bowman Olds asked for motion to approve October 10, 2013 minutes. **Motion** to approve October 10, 2013 minutes by Marc Barbieri second by Captain Mike Wall. **Motion carried.**

Public Communications: Paula informed the membership that the FJLEPC Website was updated with approved meeting minutes and link updates.

Updated brochures have been posted to the website. Marc Barbieri indicated that we may want to consider putting additional links on the website and brochure regarding pet sheltering and developing metrics for measuring how many people are downloading from the website.

Business Outreach:

Bruce McFarlane introduced Whitney Kazragas, who is a new employee with Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management. Whitney will be taking over business outreach.

Dean Sherick was recently hired by County OEM to fill one of their vacancies. Dean is a retired Fire Captain formerly assigned to the RIC.

Ways and Means:

Erik and Paula will meet sometime in late 2013/early 2014 and report back. They will coordinate their efforts with Whitney from County OEM.

HMERP Exercise Subcommittee:

Bo Olds will meet with the new Battalion Chief of the Hazardous Materials Response Team in the near future to begin planning for the 2014 HMERP Exercise. We will be changing our scenario that we had planned because Shenandoah's Pride closed their processing operation on Port Royal Road back in the fall.

CCC Liaison Updates:

CCC meeting held during operation CHAOS so no one was able to attend.

Liaison with other LEPCs:

Chair Bo Olds attended Alexandria LEPC meeting. They hold their meetings at different sites, and their last meeting was at the Alexandria Renew Enterprises waste management site. The meeting included a tour of the plant. Alexandria Renew Enterprises reported concern regarding needles and rags going into the wastewater treatment plant, and endangerment to the workers. Jim Covell from UOSA reported this is fairly common occurrence for waste treatment facilities.

HAZMAT RESPONSE TEAM (HMRT) UPDATE:

RECENT INCIDENTS

Chief Marty Ranck was unable to attend the meeting, so there was no report out on HMRT activities or training.

FJLEPC COORDINATOR UPDATE:

Tier II Manager Update & HMERP

There has been a delay in getting the updated GIS layers transmitted to the vendor due to workload and priority projects of Fire & Rescue's GIS section. Paula hopes that the new GIS layers are done in early 2014 so that the HMERP can be completed by the February meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Active Shooter Scenarios:

Bo informed the group that Paul Alquisa (Ft. Belvoir) brought together representatives from Ft. Belvoir hospital to discuss different things that are ongoing and discussing the active shooter scenario drills. INOVA Fairfax Hospital had a similar active shooter drill last December (2012).

Bo discussed a meeting he attended at Quantico. A lot of the discussion involved sheltering in place during an active shooter scenario, and being especially aware of the increase in workplace violence incidents. Captain Wall informed the FJLEPC that three different organizations reached out to the Reston District Police Station officers regarding active shooters, and outreach to the PD for familiarizing with secure facilities (especially contractors).

Bruce McFarlane from Fairfax County OEM reminded the FJLEPC that he had crisis management seminar for private schools in the County and had 200 people participate. This seminar was held just after the Sandy Hook incident. Regional planners sat in and were impressed with FCPD presentation. They have set up a seminar in March 25th. Bruce will send the information to Paula for placement on website and email blast to the FJLEPC.

Several lessons learned from Navy Yard incident involved the fact that employees didn't know what was going on. During the course of this incident, someone pulled fire alarm and the employees went outside and went to designated spot as they were expected to during fire alarm activation. Activation of the fire alarm in this situation actually put them in more danger because once outside they couldn't get out because their facility is fenced, etc.

Homeland Security has prepared several programs and training courses regarding active shooter incidents. These resources can be accessed at <http://www.dhs.gov/active-shooter-preparedness>.

Operation CHAOS

Marc Barbieri gave an overview of Operation CHAOS that was held on November 14-15. The scenario involved detonation of a "dirty bomb" in Tysons' Corner area. The scenario tested our ability to respond regionally to this type of incident, tested our communications networks, involved sheltering in place, and tested our ability to handle large numbers of fatalities. The Medical Reserve Corps served as victims for the Fire and Rescue Department at the Lorton Training Site. Preliminary feedback indicated that the exercise well received and gaps identified. The post drill after action meeting is next week.

NEW BUSINESS:

At the beginning of the meeting Chair Bo Olds handed out a small exercise regarding personal preparedness. Bo asked that FJLEPC members shared their personal experiences regarding preparedness. Several members shared their personal experiences (not professional) with the FJLEPC.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

Moved to adjourn by Jim Covell with multiple seconds. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

The next meeting of the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee will be held on Thursday, February 12, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. This meeting will be held in the training room at the Fairfax County Fire Station #40, 4621 Legato Road, Fairfax, VA. There will be a tour of the station and an opportunity to see the equipment after the meeting.

If Fairfax County Government is on "Unscheduled Leave" or "Administrative Emergency Leave" due to inclement weather the FJLEPC meeting will be cancelled. Meetings are only held if the county is "OPEN ON TIME".