



**Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2016**

ATTENDEES:

Rona Ackerman, League of Women Voters
Bub Balog, Citizen-At-Large
Deputy Chief M. Anthony Barrero, Fairfax County FMO
Craig Buckley, Virginia Department of Emergency Management
Johna Gagnon, EQAC
Lynn Green, DPW&ES Storm Water Planning
Michael Guditus, Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management
Cara Howard, Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management
Paul Jolley, Colonial Pipeline
Rick Leino, American Red Cross
Sergeant Terry Licklider, Virginia State Police
Mike Messier, Fairfax County Sheriff's Office
Richard Michelback, Fairfax County Public Schools
Erik Peterson, Vice Chair, INOVA Fairfax Hospital
Battalion Chief Martin Ranck, Special Operations Branch, Fairfax County FRD
Cathy Roth, DPW&ES Storm Water Planning
Bart Routh, SICPA
James Santmyers, Fairfax County Sheriff's Office
Gary Zebrowski, Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management

Staff Support:

Paula Woodrum, EMS III, Fairfax County Fire Marshal's Office
Karen Lowery, Administrative Assistant, Fairfax County Fire Marshal's Office

FJLEPC MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Vice Chair Erik Peterson called the December 8, 2016, meeting of the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee to order at 10:02 a.m. He asked that everyone introduce himself or herself. Paula Woodrum, EMS III, announced her retirement from Fairfax County effective December 30, 2016. Trice Burgess and Barry Hall will be assuming the FJLEPC duties until the EMS III position is filled.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Vice Chair Peterson asked for motion to approve the August 11, 2016 minutes. **Motion** to approve the August 11, 2016, minutes by Craig Buckley with multiple seconds. **Motion carried.** Johna Gagnon made a motion that minutes reflect the October 2016, meeting was cancelled. **So ordered.**

NEW BUSINESS

REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Communications:

Paula advised that the webmaster has past minutes and has published them on the website. The website has also been updated to reflect the FJLEP 2017 Meeting Schedule. Trice Burgess will be working with the webmaster vendor in the future.

Training video on Fairfax County Tier II reporting expected to be available when logged in to Tier II submitter portal in the January-March 2017 timeframe. A video for planners/responders expected to be available in spring 2017.

Business Outreach:

No report.

Ways and Means:

No report.

HMERP Exercise Subcommittee:

Chief Ranck reported on the HMERP drill held on October 4, 2016, at the Griffith Water Treatment Plant. The drill recreated an event that occurred back in 2008 where a vendor pumped acid into a tank of sodium hypochlorite causing a chain reaction off gassing of chlorine gas. Chief Ranck briefed everyone on steps taken during drill by all levels of hazmat teams on site, from start to finish. Drill was deemed a very impressive exercise and well received by all. Chief Ranck entertained questions from attendees.

CCC Liaison Updates:

Vice Chair Peterson attended the Citizen Corps Council's November 14th meeting. Meeting included presentation on Suicide Prevention 24-hour hotline. Paid and volunteer staff assess suicide risks of callers similar to assessments done by 911 operators. Staff are required to work one week per shift, per year plus 150 hours. Dan Sheriff is leaving committee effective December 2016. There was minimal discussion on upcoming Inaugural events.

Liaison with other LEPCs:

Vice Chair Peterson reported the Prince William LEPC held no meeting in October 2016. He reported at the December 7th of the City of Alexandria LEPC there was discussion on using new product being utilized in Switzerland and Asia which reduces nitrogen. There was a brief discussion/comments.

Shelter in Place Video:

Johna Gagnon reported that last video was done in 2005. Video needs to be updated on social media, and should be no longer than five minutes to keep public's attention. The video would be re-reviewed every four years. A brief overview of video recommendations was given to attendees. Paula gave key messages the subcommittee would like to see in video. Fairfax County Channel 16 has agreed to take on video production in March 2017, with understanding it must be finished by June 30, 2017. Paula wants to make sure everyone is good with changes to video going forward. Grelia Steele is OEM liaison. Video to be included on Fairfax County, Town of Herndon, Town of Vienna, and Fairfax City website links, and on YouTube. Video will also have closed captioning. In the future it will be translated into different languages. Paula will make sure Trice is up to date on video's status.

HAZMAT RESPONSE TEAM (HMRT) UPDATE

RECENT INCIDENTS

Chief Ranck reported that there was one incident at an elementary school involving decomposing batteries and students' exposure. There was a battery incident in Arlington County. The team also had discussion on Inaugural events.

HMRT TRAINING

Chief Ranck reported on the following items:

- Inside/outside gas leaks, some due to construction. Gas company usually can mitigate quickly.
- Grant has been approved for single-sensor CO₂ monitors for use on the frontlines with a trial period of two years. Chief Ranck stated that monitors would be very helpful on calls where CO₂ detectors in single-family homes did not alert residents when home heating system has malfunctioned.
- Radiation Grant – Fairfax County hosted a 4-day training for NOVA police and fire staff
- Bi-annual Foam Drill was held on October 17th on training for a leak at the Fairfax City Tank Farm
- Outside vendor (grant from Texas A&M) taught hazmat class regarding flammable liquids to six attendees

FJLEPC COORDINATOR UPDATE

Tier II Manager Update & HMERP

Paula reported that she and Trice are working on the HMERP plan. They have been working with Fairfax City OEM, and they are now up and running on the Tier II program.

EPA – rules will be changing on physical hazards effective 2018 cycle (2017 data); Tier II sheets will require more detailed info which will affect the facilities—this will be a significant change to the data required by EPA.

FJLEPC Vice Chairman Nominations

Vice Chair Peterson entertained nominations from the committee for the Vice Chairman's position since current Chairman Ken Rudnicki has finished his term. There were several nominations from the floor for Battalion Chief Ranck as Vice Chairman, seconded by Paul Jolley. The vote was unanimous in favor.

EQAC

Johna Gagnon contacted Noel Kaplan regarding the EQAC website presentation to the Board of Supervisors. Also, EQAC will hold a public hearing in January 2017. She wished everyone Happy Holidays!

Vice Chairman

Vice Chair Peterson asked attendees if they were familiar with the mobile gasoline delivery units that are in the area and the fact they are not permitted. He said fire marshal should be made aware. DC Barrero stated they are aware of the service they provide to customers. Sergeant Licklider stated the Virginia State Police have not seen these units on the roads to date.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

Vice Chair Peterson entertained a motion to adjourn. **Multiple motions** were made and seconded. **Motion carried.** The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

The next meeting of the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee will be held on Thursday, February 9, 2017, 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.