

Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee
February 10, 2011

ATTENDEES:

Members – Present:

Douglas O’Neill, Chairman, Fairfax County Public Schools
Bowman M. Olds, Vice Chairman, SAIC
Robert Balog, U.S. Coast Guard
Marc Barbieri, Fairfax County Health Department
Battalion Chief Anthony Barrero, Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department
Dianne Blais, League of Women Voters
Battalion Chief Craig Buckley, Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department
Linda Buczek, Fairfax County Risk Management Division
Steve Church, Fairfax County Health Department
Jim Covell, Upper Occoquan Sewage Authority
2nd Lieutenant Brian Johnston, Office of the Sheriff
Paul Jolley, Colonial Pipeline
Bruce McFarlane, Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management
David McKernan, Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management
Patrick Nnaji, Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services
Ken Rudnicki, City of Fairfax Office of Emergency Management
Ian Sterne, American Red Cross
Mario Sumter, Fort Belvoir
Peter Todd, Virginia Department of Transportation

Members – Not Present:

Keith Cunningham, George Mason University
Thomas Fryer, Washington Gas Company
Sergeant Jeff Hunt, City of Fairfax Police Department
Chief Ron Mastin, Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department
Becky McKinney, Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management
Virginia Orr, US Government
Erik Peterson, INOVA Fairfax Hospital
Captain Larry Presgrave, Herndon Police Department
Dallas Shawkey, Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations
Lieutenant Mike Wall, Fairfax County Police Department
David Wassum, SICPA Securink
Marie Flanigan, EQAC

Staff Support:

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

FJLEPC MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Doug O’Neill called the February 10, 2011 meeting of the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee to order at 10:05 a.m. and welcomed everyone present. He then asked everyone present to introduce themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chair Doug O'Neill asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of December 9, 2010. Minor corrections on pages 2-3 were suggested by Linda Buczek prior to the meeting. The corrected minutes were distributed on the table.

Motion. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Jim Covell, 2nd Ken Rudnicki as amended. The motion was seconded and approved. **Motion carried.**

Public Communications: No report. No chair. Dianne Blais expressed interest in helping with this committee in an informal manner, such as looking at publications that are developed.

Business Outreach: No report. Asking for ideas on outreach and awareness efforts from FJLEPC members. Bowman Olds suggests linking up with Tysons Corner Security Committee.

Pete Todd asked for the discharge brochure. Paula will email to Pete Todd. Paula & Trice will update.

Ways and Means: No report. Bruce McFarlane would like to be liaison with this subcommittee too. Erik Peterson, chair, will work with Bruce.

HMERP Subcommittee: Prepared a letter of thanks to Quest Diagnostics for hosting our HMERP Exercise in October.

Pete Todd from VDOT would like to plan an exercise at Newington. Changes to the facility plan have had to be made due to the interchange changes in this area. VDOT has had to do some changes in the area to help with evacuation, but it needs to be exercised. They have been working with Station 422, the first due fire station. This exercise would take quite a bit of coordination but would be beneficial to do this exercise. We need to make sure we coordinate whatever we decide with OEM, VDOT & State, etc. We will also need to make sure to include Sgt. Licklider from State PD. BC Buckley will check FRD Master Calendar & shoot for October.

HAZMAT TEAM UPDATE:

Battalion Chief Craig Buckley reported the following recent hazmat incidents:

- Suicide Event - Chantilly, report of chemical odor in residence involving possible suicide. Police department found nothing involving chemicals, units placed in-service
- Suicide Event - Annandale, report of subject in car not breathing, car running with vapor cloud inside. First responder units determined that occupant was only sleeping, no hazardous materials involved
- Commercial Building Fire - Chantilly, request for haz mat unit to check rear storage area for chemical involvement, nothing found
- Mercury Event - West Springfield, mercury released in residential home from a thermostat.
- Mercury Event - Springfield, Greenspring Village Complex, maintenance workers broke a thermostat in apartment

- Gas Leak - Vienna, 2" line to the rear of commercial strip shopping center under renovation
- WMD Investigation - Chantilly, FEMA mail facility received mail that contained some type of powder that had spilled out onto conveyor style belt system
- WMD Investigation - Merrifield, Commercial office building with reported powder from an envelope inside small cubicle space
- Oil Tank Release - Fairfax City, Dominion Power had storage tank release of approximately 250 gallons of fuel oil
- Diesel Fuel Release - Reston, Motor Vehicle Accident involving tractor trailer that ran into the toll booth plaza on the Dulles Toll Rd. Saddle tanks were damaged and released approximately 100 gallons of diesel fuel

HMRT Training

There is an effort underway to certify new hazmat technicians. The County hasn't had a hazmat technician school since 2007, so now it's a matter of finances. Hopefully, it will be held in April timeframe. Anticipate the school to be about 30 folks.

There has been training for local law enforcement and first responders for active shooter/workplace violence training.

Mario Sumter advised that on August 17th there will be an active shooter & CBRN training event at Ft. Belvoir. Members of the FJLEPC will be invited to attend.

FJLEPC COORDINATOR UPDATE:

Membership

FJLEPC Membership – Dave Miska informed us yesterday that he was promoted and will be relocating to Marietta, GA by the end of this month.

Paula and Laura will work in March on contacting various member agencies who have not sent a representative to the meetings in quite some time to reaffirm their desire to be members.

Tier II Manager Update

New reporting cycle is underway. So far, all is going well.

LEPC Outreach

Paula discussed the possibility of hosting a regional LEPC summit some time this year with Prince William County, and they are most definitely interested. She will reach out to other LEPCs to determine interest.

HMERP

The HMERP has been revised and is now in compliance. Paula distributed the base document via email to the members. She will mail CDs to FJLEPC members of the entire document, including Emergency Response Plans for the facilities in March, for approval by the FJLEPC at the April meeting. The baseline planning document will be there, along with folders containing emergency response plans for each of the Critical Hazard Facilities (CHF's), bulk petroleum sites, and other sites of interest (such as water treatment plants, etc.).

OLD BUSINESS:

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief Barrero thanked Paula & Trice for their efforts on getting the program back up to speed regarding the HMERP, web page, Tier II manager, etc. Bowman Olds wanted to acknowledge efforts regarding web pages.

OEM working on integrated dam collapse, with a terrorist nexus exercise. This will be a large area-wide drill including all the National capital jurisdictions. We need to do a better job reaching out to other jurisdictions on our EOC activations, etc.

There are also efforts on-going regarding Pre Disaster Recovery Planning (PDRP), trying to organize recovery before the event actually occurs. If you have a significant event in FXCO the recovery can be very ugly. There are a lot of interests involved and the purpose is to resolve issues before it occurs so you have a basic plan to follow. OEM is very pleased with how it's progressing. Website is: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/oem/pdrp. They are asking for help & reaching out for help to develop the plan.

The Health Department received recognition for its emergency preparedness program. There are only 198 health departments that have been recognized for this in the Country.

Pete Todd, VDOT, has been involved in planning for Evacuation of DC for about 5 years. The DC Plan only planned out to reach the Beltway. VDOT worked with Maryland and reaching out to improve the evacuation planning and coordination in the region beyond the Beltway. He wants to focus on weather related shut downs and planning for those and using those plans for training purposes. VDOT has been working on these very closely.

Patrick Nnaji outlined his experience during the snowstorm. Dave McKernan provided update on what efforts are going on regarding evacuations, and the importance of personal preparedness. The County needs to work on communicating to the public. Patrick asked if anyone would be interested in participating in Building Safety Week and speak about evacuation & sheltering in place and building designs. OEM/Bruce McFarlane will be happy to participate.

Red Cross had 6 incidents in FXCO last month, 6 house fires. Red Cross is also willing to come speak about emergency preparedness. They invite everyone to come and see their regional center for managing large scale incidents. May want to focus efforts on reaching out to small businesses for preparedness and preparing their employees and importance of having a plan.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

Motion A motion was made to adjourn by Jim Covell, 2nd by Patrick Nnaji & Ken Rudnicki.
Motion carried and the FJLEPC adjourned at 11:30 am.

The next meeting of the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee will be held on Thursday, April 14, 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.