

Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee
October 8, 2009

ATTENDEES:

Members – Present:

David Miska, Chairman, Lockheed Martin
Douglass O'Neill, Vice Chairman, Fairfax County Public Schools
Jim Covell, Upper Occoquan Sewage Authority
Keith Cunningham, George Mason University
2nd Lieutenant Brian Johnston, Office of the Sheriff
Becky McKinney, Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management
Patrick Nnaji, Fairfax County Dept. of Public Works & Environmental Services
Erik Peterson, INOVA Fairfax Hospital
Lieutenant Mike Wall, Fairfax County Police Dept

Members – Not Present:

Battalion Chief Anthony Barrero, Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department
Robert Balog, U.S. Coast Guard
Steve Church, Fairfax County Health Department
Thomas Fryer, Washington Gas Company
Heather Gordon, American Red Cross
Johna Gagnon, Environmental Quality Advisory Council
Chief Ron Mastin, Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department
Regina Mowad, Raytheon
Bowman M. Olds, SAIC
Ken Rudnicki, City of Fairfax Office of Emergency Management
Captain Larry Presgrave, Herndon Police Department
Julianne Pickard, Fort Belvoir DPTMS
Dallas Shawkey, Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations
Peter Todd, Virginia Department of Transportation
David Wassum, SICPA Securink
Sharon Wine, U.S. Geological Survey

Guests:

None

Staff Support:

Battalion Chief Craig Buckley, Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department
CEO II W. Trice Burgess, Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department
Lieutenant Michael Landstreet, Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department
MA II Paula Woodrum, Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department

FJLEPC MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Dave Miska called the October 8, 2009 meeting of the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee to order at 10:12 a.m. and welcomed everyone present. He then asked everyone present to introduce themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chair Dave Miska asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of August 13, 2009. One minor typographical mistake was found on page 2. It was noted and corrected.

Motion. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Jim Covell. The motion was seconded by Patrick Nnaji. The minutes of the October 8, 2009 were approved. **Motion carried.**

Public Communications: Paula Woodrum mentioned that communication with the public is expected to improve with the implementation of the new Tier II Manager program. In addition, she stated that the FJLEPC website <http://www.lepcfairfax.org> is outdated in its design and is very limited in content. There are plans to add a number of improvements to the website to better reach out to the public. This includes adding a quarterly newsletter, FJLEPC meeting minutes and meeting agendas. David Miska reported that the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality has their responsibilities listed on their website and discussed the layout.

Business Outreach: No report.

Ways and Means: Erik Peterson stated that there was nothing to report.

HMERP Exercise: Battalion Chief Craig Buckley reported that Captain II Milton Painter, Douglas O'Neill and he visited the Norman M. Cole, Jr. Pollution Control Plant to coordinate the exercise planned for October 20, 2009. The FJLEPC, in cooperation with the Department's Hazardous Materials Response Team and the Norman M. Cole, Jr. Pollution Control Plant will conduct a planned hazmat exercise simulating a vehicle accident with a methanol tanker and plant vehicle with concentrated sodium hypochlorite. The point of contact at the plant is Mr. Gupta. The FJLEPC exercise will begin at 0900 and to run until approximately 1100. The final preparation meeting is set for October 13, 2009.

HAZMAT TEAM UPDATE:

Per Battalion Chief Craig Buckley:

Incidents the Hazmat Team responded to:

- Fire Station 17 in Centreville had incident with an eight inch gas line leak. Washington Gas repaired the damaged gas line. The installation of fiber optic lines was the cause of the leak.
- On West Ox Road at Fairfax County Parkway there was a two inch gas line leak. The leak was repaired by Washington Gas.
- At Fire Pan Park fire department units responded to a reported propane fire in the storage area. It was determined that the fire was not a hazmat fire and was extinguished.
- In the Mount Vernon area a transformer exploded on the pole. The released product was determined to be mineral oil. Dominion Power notified.

HazMat Training:

The Hazmat Team attended Tier II Manager training. The Tier II Manager program includes MSDS information, plume modeling and other helpful tools.

FJLEPC COORDINATOR UPDATE:

Lt. Michael Landstreet reported that with the recent elimination of the FJLEPC Coordinator position, support of the LEPC has shifted from one full time Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department employee to three employees within the Fire Prevention Division who now share these duties and responsibilities. Besides Lt. Michael Landstreet, Paula Woodrum and ECCII Trice Burgess have assumed the FJLEPC position workload.

Paula Woodrum stated that the FJLEPC Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan (HMERP) is in the process of being updated. The last adopted HMERP was in 2006. The recent HMERP update has proven to be a major project because the last major update took place in 2004. These required plan updates include making the HMERP NIMS compliant. In addition, thirty-five more facilities are presently being added to the list of Tier II facilities that are required to report. David Miska appreciated the candid discussion regarding the LEPC's past shortcomings and the improvements presently being made by the new LEPC staff.

Virginia Emergency Management is reluctant to have the Department of Environmental Quality receive the Tier II reports.

OLD BUSINESS:

Further discussion was conducted on the Tier II Manager program. In general, the program has been determined to be very user friendly and has many functions. One noteworthy function is that the program being able to send out a reminder to each facility to submit their Tier II report online. Fairfax County is spending \$13,000.00 a year to fund the program.

NEW BUSINESS:

The new CAD system is now up and running. Becky McKinney reported that PSTOC is also up and running. The Pine Ridge facility is now a back up.

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Battalion Chief Craig Buckley reported that H1N1 has become an issue. If there is a 20% loss of staffing, uniformed personnel from the Fire Prevention Division would then be assigned to the field. With this 20% loss of personnel the FJLEPC meeting could be delayed or cause the meeting to not have a quorum. ¶

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

Motion A motion was made to adjourn by David Miska and was seconded by Jim Covell.

Motion carried at 11:23 am.

The next meeting of the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee will be held on Thursday, December 10, 2009, at the Government Center, Conference Rm 4 - 5, 12000 Government Center Parkway.

