

**Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee
December 10, 2009**

ATTENDEES:

Members – Present:

David Miska, Chairman, Lockheed Martin
Douglass O'Neill, Vice Chairman, Fairfax County Public Schools
Battalion Chief Anthony Barrero, Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department
Jim Covel, Upper Occoquan Sewage Authority
Keith Cunningham, George Mason University
2nd Lieutenant Brian Johnston, Office of the Sheriff
Julianne Pickard, Fort Belvoir DPTMS
Captain Larry Presgrave, Herndon Police Department
Ken Rudnicki, City of Fairfax Office of Emergency Management

Members – Not Present:

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
Becky McKinney, Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management
Regina Mowad, Raytheon
Patrick Nnaji, Fairfax County Dept. of Public Works & Environmental Services
Bowman M. Olds, SAIC
Erik Peterson, INOVA Fairfax Hospital
Dallas Shawkey, Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations
Peter Todd, Virginia Department of Transportation
Lieutenant Mike Wall, Fairfax County Police Dept
David Wassum, SICPA Securink
Sharon Wine, U.S. Geological Survey

Guests:

Margarita Gajduko – CIA
Vicki Moser, NCRIC-Fairfax County Police Department
Greg Redfern, NCRIC-Fairfax County Police Department
Captain II Dean Sherick, Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department
Mario Sumter, QDPMS – Fort Belvoir

Staff Support:

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

FJLEPC MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Dave Miska called the December 10, 2009 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 Dave Miska asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of October 8, 2009. It was recommended that the discussion on H1NI be removed from the minutes because it was erroneously attributed to Chief Buckley.

Motion. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ken Rudnicki as amended. The motion was seconded by Keith Cunningham. The minutes of the October 8, 2009 were approved.

Motion carried.

Public Communications: No report.

Business Outreach: No report.

Ways and Means: No Report.

HMERP Exercise: The exercise was held at the Noman Cole plant. Doug O'Neill assisted with the preparation and planning with Mr. Gupta and Mr. Willis to put the exercise together with HMRT. A slideshow was presented and the drill scenario was explained. The scenario involved a vehicle accident on the site involving a tanker truck and one of the facility vehicles with release of methanol.

The tanker company making a delivery to the facility made their scheduled delivery, then let us use their tanker and manifests, etc. as props for the drill. The facility vehicle was simulated to have been loaded with sodium hypochlorite to add to the scenario. There was an excellent public-private partnership with the company out of North Carolina. There were 50 responders on scene. The time at the facility was limited and construction was going on so patient scenarios were not done.

Detection, monitoring and establishing exclusion zones were the key tactical objectives for the HMRT and exercising the plan. Since this was a training exercise, foam was not applied but was simulated. Foam application often raises concerns of its own. The foam is also very expensive. If this had been an actual incident involving these chemicals, foam would have been applied. The HMRT Resources were displayed to FJLEPC members in the HMRT unit. New IT technologies, GIS, LEPC, info and Web info were demonstrated.

The Noman Cole employees/operators were very appreciative for the opportunity to train and participate with the HMRT. The HMRT has provided additional training to about 45 employees at the Noman Cole Facility.

Doug is drafting a letter for Dave's signature to Mr. Gupta and Mr. Willis thanking them for their help

HAZMAT TEAM UPDATE:

Per Battalion Chief Craig Buckley:

Notable incidents the Hazmat Team responded to:

- A 53' box trailer overturned on I-95 Northbound at Lorton and caught fire. Approximately 175 gallons of diesel fuel was spilled. The HMRT primary tactical objectives involved defensive spill control & product identification.
- The HMRT responded to two outside gas leaks in the Rt. 1 corridor of the County. One was in the Mount Vernon area on the GW Parkway in Fire Station 09's first due, and the second was in the Bellehaven area off Fort Hunt Road in Fire station 11's first due area. Both incidents involved 2" gas lines.
- The HMRT responded to a shopping center located at Westfields Boulevard and Poplar Tree Road. A food establishment had changed locations within the same shopping center. A delivery of CO₂ was mistakenly delivered to the old location in the shopping center. Approximately 3,400 pounds of liquid CO₂ was pumped into the vacant shop because the fill valves had not been capped off when the tanks were removed.
- The team responded to a release of heating oil inside a residence in the basement. A considerable amount of fuel was lost inside the structure. Operations and clean up were hampered due to an inordinate amount of storage that was found in the basement. The investigators in Fire & Hazmat Investigations are working with the homeowner and a contractor on the clean up.

FJLEPC COORDINATOR UPDATE:

Paula Woodrum and Battalion Chief Anthony Barrero will be attending an upcoming meeting between the ECC and EQAC to discuss the budget cuts and resource cuts and how it will affect our business. David Miska offered his assistance in bringing up key points. He also asked if there is anything the FJLEPC can do.

The website has been redesigned and updated. There was a demonstration of the redesigned live website showing the changes. The content was significantly changed, as well as the look and navigation features of the site. One notable addition to the site was a Google translation gadget that automatically translates the page into several different languages. Having materials translated into the core languages for the County has been a goal of the FJLEPC for some time, and this feature greatly enhances the FJLEPC's outreach capabilities to the ESL or non-English speaking residents. FJLEPC members were very impressed with the new site and its functionality. Dave Miska will write a thank you note to the webmaster. Battalion Chief Barrero from the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department will also write a note relating how great the website looks.

The FJLEPC Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan (HMERP) is still in the process of being updated. The site surveys have been completed which added 30 more facilities. It is also

being reformatted with a targeted completion date by the February meeting barring any unforeseen circumstances. Paula will place the plan on thumb drives to distribute to several members to help with the review process. It is very intense because the current document is not NIMS compliant.

The Tier II Manager Website went live in October. Links to the online Tier II reporting program were placed on the Fairfax County Fire Marshal's Web Page and on the new FJLEPC website.

OLD BUSINESS:

No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Paula Woodrum informed the FJLEPC that in its current plan retired Lt. Colonel Suzanne Devlin is designated as its Emergency Response Coordinator. This was done at that time because the Office of Emergency Management was a part of the Police Department. Since that time, OEM has become a separate agency within the County structure. She recommended that the FJLEPC consider appointing David McKernan, the new Director of the Office of Emergency Management, as its Emergency Response Coordinator for the HMERP. This designation would be in support of the annex for handling hazardous materials incidents as outlined in the Fairfax County Emergency Operations Plan (ESF10), and does not supersede that document.

Motion A motion was made by Jim Covell to appoint David McKernan as the Emergency Response Coordinator for the LEPC and seconded by Ken Rudnicki. **Motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

Motion A motion was made to adjourn by Ken Rudnicki and was seconded by Larry Presgrave. **Motion carried** and the FJLEPC adjourned at 11:05 am.

The next meeting of the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee will be held on Thursday, February 11, 2010, 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.