

**Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee
April 16, 2009**

ATTENDEES:

Members – Present:

David Miska, Chairman, Lockheed Martin
Douglass O'Neill, Vice Chairman, Fairfax County Public Schools
Steve Church, Fairfax County Health Department
Keith Cunningham, George Mason University
2nd Lieutenant Brian Johnston, Office of the Sheriff
Paul Jolley Jr., Colonial Pipeline
Judson Kenoyer, Baltimore-Washington Chapter of the Health-Physics Society
Erik Peterson, INOVA Fairfax Hospital
Julianne Pickard, Fort Belvoir DPTMS
Battalion Chief Richard Roatch, Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department
Ken Rudnicki, City of Fairfax Office of Emergency Management

Members – Not Present:

Battalion Chief Anthony Barrero, Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department
Robert Balog, U.S. Coast Guard
Master Police Officer Melissa Borja, Vienna Police Department
Jim Covell, Upper Occoquan Sewage Authority
Thomas Fryer, Washington Gas Company
Johna Gagnon, Environmental Quality Advisory Council
Heather Gordon, American Red Cross
Fran Kieffer, League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area
Chief Ron Mastin, Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department
Dr. Charles Mauer, Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board
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
Jim Person, Fairfax County Office of Public Affairs
Captain Larry Presgrave, Herndon Police Department
Lieutenant Mike Rizzo, Fairfax City Police Department
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:

Battalion Chief Craig Buckley, Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department
David W. Blanarik, National Geospatial Intelligence Agency

Frank Cashwell, U.S. Geological Survey – REP for Sharon Wine
Pete Chadley, Baltimore-Washington Chapter of the Health-Physics Society
Jim Edmiston, Lockheed Martin
Grover Vos, Lockheed Martin
Eric Zaremski, Lockheed Martin

Staff Support:

Carolyn Ford, Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department

FJLEPC MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Dave Miska called the April 16, 2009 meeting of the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee to order at 10:35 a.m. He requested that introductions be made around the room.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chair Dave Miska asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of February 12, 2009.

Motion. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ken Rudnicki. The motion was seconded by Erik Peterson that the minutes of the February 2009 meeting be approved. **Motion carried.**

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Communications: The NVCC Earth Day event is at the end of April. Decision was made to not staff a table at the event this year, since last year's attendance was very low.

Business Outreach: No report.

Ways and Means: No report

HMERP Plan Exercise: Chief Buckley informed the committee that the BP Air exercise that the FJLEPC was to participate in has been cancelled due to a management shift at the facility. At this point, BP Air will no longer be running the facility, a new vendor is being selected. The fuel facility is owned by MWAA, but the operator/vendor can change. The HazMat team can do a drill at any EHS site. Currently working on a drill with Dulles Airport of a live fire exercise, can possibly add the FJLEPC to that.

After discussion, the committee decided to switch the Plan Exercise over to the Corbalis Water Treatment facility, especially in light of their new water purification process.

Doug O'Neill will reach out to them and send the request via letter.

HAZMAT TEAM UPDATE:

Per Chief Craig Buckley:

Incidents responded to:

- Freon release: The 2nd floor in a mid-level office building had a freon leak from the AC system. Evacuated the building for 2 ½ hours until air quality could be brought back to normal.
- Tanker truck fire: On Rt 95, thankfully it did not involve product (in the tank), was a brake fire and was contained before it was able to reach the tank of the vehicle.
- White powder incidents: Had two white powder incidents, both at train facilities. One was on a commuter train, the other was at a VRE train facility. Both were a 'non-event', in that the white powder found was harmless.
- Tea Bag protests: Protestors are mailing out tea bags which then trigger 'suspicious package' alerts due to size, shape, loose tea, etc. The HazMat unit responded to three of these in the last two months.
- Propane leak: In Lorton, a 1,000 gal propane UST began to leak due to recent/nearby construction.
- Pool chemicals: In Reston, the HazMat team was called in to a fire at a pool house, due to the presence of the pool chemicals. Fortunately the event stayed a structure fire, and the chemicals were not involved.
- Sewer system explosions: In Centreville, there was a series of explosions in the sewer system, the HazMat team worked with local police to resolve the issue. Using detection equipment and monitoring, the team determined the cause to be young adults/minors who were putting gasoline in the sewers and then lighting it on fire. The police are pursuing charges.

HazMat Training:

- None planned due to county budget issues. Still planning for various local exercises later in the year.

FJLEPC COORDINATOR UPDATE:

The Public Notice required by law has been run in the April 9th Fairfax edition of the Washington Post. Copy attached.

The budget for the County will be finalized on April 27th, at that point we will know whether the Coordinator position has been funded or not.

After an attendance review, it was determined that there are five members who have not attended any meetings in the last two years. We will be sending a letter, requesting their attendance at the June meeting, or of the selection of a different representative from their agency.

Membership: Lieutenant Susan Lamar has retired from the Fairfax County Police Department. We still have representation of the agency by Lieutenant Mike Wall, so no need for a replacement at this time.

Information was discussed and distributed on:

- EPA interactive web tools launched, with links.
- 2009 Fairfax County Environmental Excellence Awards nominations open
- Dulles Metrorail update on work beginning in Tysons.
- Selected VDEM updates from their newsletter

OLD BUSINESS:

Update via written report from Trice Burgess on the chlorine gas replacement process at the Fairfax Water Authority. To summarize: "There are no longer any pure chlorine gas cylinders in use at any of the Fairfax Water Authority facilities in Fairfax County as of the fall of 2008." However, there are still hazards associated with these plants as they are now using ozone gas and there remains the possibility of an accidental creation of chlorine gas by the mixing of the wrong component chemicals together, as both are still on site. Staff will continue to monitor the facility.

A replacement member is still needed from DPSC.

NEW BUSINESS:

New member Steve Church of the Fairfax County Health Department – Environmental Health was nominated for membership, to replace Wes McDermott, who has left the agency.

Motion A motion was made by Doug O'Neill and seconded by Keith Cunningham.

Motion carried.

New member Paul Jolley of Colonial Pipeline was nominated for membership.

Motion A motion was made by Doug O'Neill and seconded by Ken Rudnicki.

Motion carried.

Under the budget cuts topic, Fairfax City might lose 3 FF/Medic positions due to cuts; they have already lost their Life Safety staff person.

Judson updated the committee on the conference: Health Physics Society Midyear Topical Meeting on "*Recent Advances in Planning and Response to Radiation Emergencies.*" He attended from Jan 31 – Feb 3, 2009; and will be updating their chapter's training materials to reflect the new information he received. Judson also informed the committee that he will need to step down from the FJLEPC because he will be transferring to the Augusta, GA office of his company (Dade Moeller & Associates.) He will try to get another representative from the BWHPS to join the FJLEPC and brought one candidate with him as his guest today.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

Motion A motion was made to adjourn by Erik Peterson and seconded by Ken Rudnicki.

Motion carried at 11:30 p.m.

Members of the Fairfax Joint LEPC took a tour of the Lockheed Martin Lab/Tech Center.

The next meeting of the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee will be held on Thursday, June 11, 2009, at Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Dept, Fire Station 40.