

**Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee
June 11, 2009**

ATTENDEES:

Members – Present:

David Miska, Chairman, Lockheed Martin
Douglass O'Neill, Vice Chairman, Fairfax County Public Schools
Steve Church, Fairfax County Health Department
Jim Covell, Upper Occoquan Sewage Authority
Johna Gagnon, Environmental Quality Advisory Council
Heather Gordon, American Red Cross
2nd Lieutenant Brian Johnston, Office of the Sheriff
Becky McKinney, Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management
Erik Peterson, INOVA Fairfax Hospital
Julianne Pickard, Fort Belvoir DPTMS
Captain Larry Presgrave, Herndon Police Department
Battalion Chief Richard Roatch, Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department
Lieutenant Mike Wall, Fairfax County Police Dept
David Wassum, SICPA Securink

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
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
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
Lieutenant Mike Rizzo, Fairfax City Police Department
Dallas Shawkey, Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations
Peter Todd, Virginia Department of Transportation
Sharon Wine, U.S. Geological Survey
Keith Cunningham, George Mason University
Paul Jolley Jr., Colonial Pipeline
Judson Kenoyer, Baltimore-Washington Chapter of the Health-Physics Society
Ken Rudnicki, City of Fairfax Office of Emergency Management

Guests:

Jeff Hunt, City of Fairfax
Captain James Perkins, Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department
Greg Redfern, NCRIC-Fairfax County Police Department
Captain II Dean Sherick, Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department

Staff Support:

CEO II W. Trice Burgess, Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department
Carolyn Ford, Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department
Lt. Michael W. Landstreet, Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department

FJLEPC MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Dave Miska called the June 11, 2009 meeting of the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee to order at 10:05 a.m. He introduced Carolyn Ford who reported that this would be her last meeting as the FJLEPC Coordinator because her position was eliminated due to the county budget cuts. She stated that she will be taking a new position in Human Resources and that Lt. Michael Landstreet, Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department, will be assuming her duties as the FJLEPC Coordinator. Chair Dave Miska thanked Carolyn Ford for her service.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chair Dave Miska asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of June 11, 2009.

Motion. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Jim Covell. The motion was seconded by Johna Gagnon that the minutes of the February 2009 meeting be approved. **Motion carried.**

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Communications: Carolyn Ford reported that the FJLEPC did not represent or attend the Celebrate Fairfax due to the budget cuts. At this time it is unknown if the FJLEPC will represent or attend Fall for Fairfax.

Business Outreach: Carolyn Ford reported on the possibility of the FJLEPC acquiring the IDSI Tier II Manager program. Facilities would enter their data directly into the system. However each business would need to be trained on Tier II Manager. The contract is being submitted today.

Ways and Means: No report

HMERP Plan Exercise: The next planned exercise will be with Captain Milton Painter. The Fairfax County Water Authority will be the location of the exercise.

HAZMAT TEAM UPDATE:

Per Captain James Perkins, Fire Station 40:

Incidents Hazmat Team responded to:

- Paint in the creek: This incident occurred at a creek in Annandale. The incident was turned over to Hazmat Investigators.
- Suspicious odor: This incident occurred in Vienna. The odor initially was thought to be pesticides. The issue was found to be fumes coming from a refrigerator in the garage. A few people did become sick.
- Hydraulic fluid leak: This leak came from a crane with approximately fifty gallons being released onto the road. Units from Fire Station 21 responded. There was another hydraulic fluid leak involving a AAA trash truck that required a hazmat response.
- White powder incident: This incident occurred in McLean. The substance was determined not to be hazardous.
- Shock sensitive chemical: This incident occurred in Merrifield. The Police Explosive Ordnance Disposal Unit was called to handle this situation.
- Gasoline in the bathtub: This incident occurred in Seven Corners. Gasoline being poured into tub. Person wiped down Coleman stove and flushed the towel down toilet.
- Propane leak: In Lorton there was a propane leak involving a 500 gallon underground storage tank.
- Suspicious substance in mailbox: The substance found in the mailbox was determined to be vinegar and baking soda.
- Fish kill: There was a fish kill at 11250 Monument Drive. The cause of this incident is unknown. Four weeks later there was another fish kill at the Government Center.
- Explosion: In Centreville there was an explosion that caused alarm. However it was determined that the cause was fireworks being lit off.

HazMat Training:

- The Hazmat Team gas chronometer is being taken off HM440 because of the cost of maintenance which is \$1,500.00. A radiation portal is being added to HM440 that will detect gamma radiation.

FJLEPC COORDINATOR UPDATE:

Carolyn Ford had nothing else to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

The media should be attending the meetings. WTOP and the Observer were offered positions with the FJLEPC but have not been responsive.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Miska mentioned that it is important to look at bulk storage which is a big concern. Bulk storage is a hazmat issues as well. All information related to bulk storage should be shared.

OSHA is now concerned about combustible dust. Information should be shared concerning establishments that contain combustible dust.

Trice Burgess stated that the HMIS Reorganization does not involve any reduction in service or mission objectives for the section but that investigators will be cross trained in duties and responsibilities. The section was renamed to the Fire and Hazardous Materials Investigative Services (FHMIS) Section. Resources were reallocated to better distribute workload and address concerns for officer safety and staffing. Two positions were moved from the Hazardous Materials Enforcement and Hazardous Materials Technical Support Branches and consolidated with positions in the Fire Investigations Branch. This created the Fire and Hazardous Materials Investigations Branch and allowed the Fire Prevention Division to establish four law enforcement squads consisting of one Captain I and two Lieutenants per squad. Shift investigators now handle any type of incident that occurs whether it deals with a fire investigation or a hazardous materials incident. This redistribution of staffing provides 24-7 hazardous materials investigator coverage rather than by an "on-call" basis.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

Motion A motion was made to adjourn and was seconded.

Motion carried at 11:13 am.

Members of the Fairfax Joint LEPC took a tour of Fire Station 40.

The next meeting of the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee will be held on Thursday, August 13, 2009, at the Government Center, Conference Rm 4-5, 12000 Government Center Parkway.