



Meeting Minutes April 14, 2011

ATTENDEES:

Members – Present:

Diane Blais, League of Women Voters of Fairfax
Battalion Chief Craig Buckley, Fairfax County Fire & Rescue
Linda Buczek, Fairfax County Risk Management
Jim Covell, UOSA
Second Lieutenant Gary Evans, Office of the Sheriff
Marie Flanigan, EQAC Representative
Paul Jolley, Colonial Pipeline
Second Lieutenant Brian Johnston, Office of the Sheriff
Sergeant Terry Lickliger, VA State Police
Becky McKinney, Fairfax County OEM
Bruce McFarlane, Fairfax County OEM
Patrick Nnaji, DPW&ES
Bowman Olds, Vice Chair, SAIC
Doug O'Neill, Chair, FCPS
Erik Peterson, INOVA Fairfax Hospital
Capt. Larry Presgrave, Herndon PD
Ken Rudnicki, Fairfax City OEM
Ian Sterne, Red Cross
Pete Todd, VDOT
David Wassum, SICPA SecurInk

Guests Present:

Angie Kolar, Colonial Pipeline

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 April 14, 2011 meeting of the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee to order at 10:03 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 February 10, 2011. Minor corrections were suggested by Linda Buczek and Ken Rudnicki prior to the meeting. The corrected minutes were distributed on the table.

Motion. A motion was made to approve the February 10, 2011 minutes as amended by Ken Rudnicki, 2nd Jim Covell. **Motion carried.**

Public Communications: No report. No chair. Paula asked for suggestions for newsletter for the summer, including article about the Quest Diagnostics exercise last fall.

Business Outreach: Bowman Olds is a member of the Tysons Corner Security Committee, and he suggested that we do an outreach effort to this committee. This would provide a good avenue to contact various businesses in the Tysons Corner area.

Bruce MacFarlane offered to include articles regarding the FJLEPC in the Fairfax County OEM newsletters they distribute to the community. Two projects that OEM is working on could have positive impact in our outreach efforts. Fairfax County OEM is looking at developing business registry for services & resources that would be available during an EOC activation before end of summer, and OEM will forward that outreach to community. Fairfax County OEM is also working on a business plan development application which would be downloadable from their website and usable on Android phones, iPhones, etc. He believed that the FJLEPC could also partner with this effort.

Paula & Trice updated the FJLEPC Discharge Brochure. Bruce McFarlane suggested changing the order of the check list to match the order you would follow during a release, and this change to the draft brochure was approved by consensus of the members present. Pete Todd attended a critique in Richmond, and he showed them the FJLEPC discharge brochure. One of the fire departments down there asked for a copy of our discharge brochure, and Paula will make sure she emails the brochure to Pete Todd and the new, revised brochure will be added to the website.

Ways and Means: Erik Peterson gave a brief overview of a scheduled phone outage Fairfax Hospital had back in February. Paula and Erik will meet after the meeting today to update the ways & means letter.

HMERP Exercise Subcommittee: Doug O'Neill and Chief Buckley have been discussing scheduling issues in the County FRD Master Training Calendar for an exercise at Kinder-Morgan/Motiva at Newington. Chief Buckley thinks we can marry the exercise foam/flammable liquid training in the fall, but this training has already been scheduled during the work week. We wanted to try and hold the exercise on the weekend, but that may not be feasible since we initially thought about evacuation and shutting down a portion of I-95. We will be working with VDOT, Virginia State Police and Fairfax County OEM to figure out best possible time frame to run a scenario at Newington. Marrying this with existing training on the calendar is the easiest thing to do, it's very hard to get additional dates on the calendar at this point. Pete Todd said if it happens during 10:00 to 12:00 time zone may work to actually do an evacuation on a smaller scale (limited # of vehicles). Chief Buckley will provide 3 days that are already in the training calendar, then we can pick from there. He will also check with Kinder Morgan to use their training room that is on site at the Newington Tank Farm. The FJLEPC was also informed by Trice Burgess that Motiva at Newington is for sale right now.

Becky McKinney indicated that there is also a regional full scale exercise (Mike Guditus from County OEM is coordinating) in November that is a 3-day event and we may be able to piggy back on that. Doug will reach out to Mike Guditus to see if this is feasible. If folks are interested in helping with the planning, let Doug O'Neill know.

HAZMAT TEAM UPDATE:

Battalion Chief Craig Buckley reported the following recent hazmat incidents:

The biggest trend since the last meeting has involved 3rd party damage to natural gas lines:

- 6" gas line on Sunset Hills (Columbia Gas) in Reston
- Edsal Road/395 apartment complex 2" gas line struck by cable contractor
- There were also several 3/4" service lines that were hit

The HMRT also ran a carbon monoxide event in commercial high rise at the Kaiser Permanente in Springfield. They were doing some construction, and they were running equipment underneath the building and there was insufficient ventilation for the equipment to be run in this area.

The HMRT ran a leaking drum/flammable liquid in Springfield. This involved an abandoned drum that had been sitting on the property for a long time.

Units responded to Fair Oaks Hospital for a patient that had recently returned from Japan and thought she had radiation sickness. HMRT did some testing, but the patient didn't show any contamination.

Units responded to an explosives event with County PD in Pimmit Hills area where a realtor came into the firehouse that said she removed a box of dynamite from a house in Pimmit Hills. It was actually a box of standard flares that she found. Doug O'Neill said this happened right at the end of the school day and that house was in the walking boundaries of the elementary school that is located nearby. This required FCPS to hold the elementary school children and Longfellow bus riders coming in. People in the neighborhood were evacuated folks to Westgate Elementary School. Overall, Doug felt that this incident ran very well, and the emergency plans that are in place worked well.

The HMRT ran a call at UOSA for chemical sludge. We received call from VDEQ through the NRC, and units from Fire Station 17 responded to investigate. It was reported as 2,000 gallon release of chemical sludge out of the back of a pickup truck. The incident actually involved a vac truck and the chemical involved was lime.

HMRT Training

Started 30 person Haz Mat Technician school last week. They are in week two now. Those folks will be eligible to sit for HM Technician promotional exam in June. Completion of the course would give the Fire and Rescue Department 235 folks trained to the hazmat tech level in its organization.

The HMRT conducted joint training with MWAA at Dulles Airport. This simulated an event in the morning involving hazmat in a FedEx hangar with a release from chemical container. Also had training regarding the new train system out there.

The HMRT is scheduled to go to BWI Airport to train for foam/flammable liquid training. The FRD's fleet has a new foam unit at Station 426 on Edsal Road. The previous foam unit was purchased with grant money from VDOT when the interchange construction started about 12 years ago.

Battalion Chief Buckley and Battalion Chief Barrero's shop are going to help Patrick Nnaji on May 2nd at Building Safety Week training. They will be doing short presentations on hazmat operations and enforcement in the County.

FJLEPC COORDINATOR UPDATE:

Membership

Ericka Livingston will be joining us from George Mason University. She replaced Keith Cunningham. She could not attend today's meeting.

Sergeant Terry Lickliger is now with us and replaces Sergeant Dave Feather.

Second Lieutenant Johnston informed the FJLEPC that he has been transferred to another position in the Sheriff's Office, and this would be his last meeting. Second Lieutenant Johnston has been a member of the FJLEPC since 2005. He is being replaced by Second Lieutenant Garry Evans. The membership thanked Second Lieutenant Johnston for his service to the FJLEPC and welcomed Second Lieutenant Evans.

Tier II Manager Update

Paula informed the FJLEPC that 2010 reporting cycle just closed, and the review of records is underway. So far, all is going well. There are over 460 facilities in the Tier II Manager System. The FRD just approved an upgrade to Tier II Manager where we can receive Tier 2 Submit files and import them, or facilities can EXPORT Tier II Manager into Tier 2 submit and not have to redo their data entry. The FJLEPC members who represent facilities were very pleased with this news. Paula also informed the FJLEPC that the required yearly advertisements were made in the Journal papers, one on 4/6 and one on 4/13. This meets our legal obligations for advertising availability of Tier II Information.

LEPC Outreach

Would like to hold LEPC summit in September. She will be reaching out to the other LEPCs in the northern region to see if there is interest. So far, Prince William County has expressed interest in participating.

Paula recently hosted the new LEPC Liaison from Stafford County OEM/LEPC. Floyd "Boots" Ellmore is their new part-time NIMS Coordinator and LEPC Liaison. Paula will be working with them to help them get back on track and grow their LEPC into an active committee. She also worked with them on how to prepare their LEPC's Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan.

Paula Woodrum, Bowman Olds, Paul Jolley, Pete Todd & Sergeant Terry Lickliger are members of PWLEPC. Matt Adkins from PWLEPC is coordinating an effort for their LEPC to model best practices in the area.

HMERP

The HMERP has been revised and is now in compliance. Paula distributed the base document via email to the members and mailed the full HMERP on CD to members. There were a couple of glitches with the GIS system that are being worked on as we speak. She will transmit any amended ERPs to the VERC when the mapping issue is resolved. Fire GIS is working with IDSI.

OLD BUSINESS:

The HMERP needs to be approved by the membership. CDs were distributed to the FJLEPC membership via U.S. mail. She asked that the membership approve the HMERP so we can meet another of the Committee's legal obligation where SARA Title III/EPCRA is concerned. She re-iterated that the document is now NIMS compliant (County and City OEM offices were part of the review process), and that there are Emergency Response Plans present for all Critical Hazard Facilities, bulk petroleum facilities, and for several facilities that are considered "critical infrastructure".

Motion: To approve the 2010 Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan (2009 Reporting Data) that was distributed via CD to the FJLEPC Committee as written. Moved Ken Rudnicki. Second Becky McKinney. Motion passed.

Paula will make sure that this document is transmitted to the VERC, EPA Region III, and to the city/town managers and elected officials of the member jurisdictions.

NEW BUSINESS:

Patrick Nnaji, sent out invitation to FJLEPC members to attend the Building Safety Month kickoff event on May 2nd. This is a lunch event and everyone is invited. FJLEPC Members Bruce McFarlane, Chief Buckley and Chief Barrero will give presentations on safety/preparedness issues. Pete Todd will also be one of the speakers for this event. VDOT has a lot of great info from the snowstorm on 1/26. The event runs from 12:30-3:30 and will be at the Falls Church Community Center on Little Falls Road in Falls Church. It's also approved for CEU for State of Virginia. The weekend of that same week, May 7-8 there will be outreach efforts at Home Depots in the County at their stores at Seven Corners, Reston, Fairfax Circle and South Pickett in Alexandria. Paula will give brochures to Patrick for distribution. Please let Patrick know if you plan to attend the May 2nd event.

Ian Sterne reminded everyone that now through the end of May is a tax holiday for emergency preparedness materials. You can get tax holiday on emergency preparedness items such as, generators, flashlights, etc. More information about the tax holiday is on VDEM's site.

There is a June 3 Logistics EOC exercise, this one is internal (County only).

Just a reminder there will be an active shooter/CBRN exercise at Ft. Belvoir in August. Contact Mario Sumter for more information regarding this exercise.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

Motion A motion was made to adjourn by Jim Covell, 2nd by Brian Johnston.
Motion carried and the FJLEPC adjourned at 11:18 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.