



Meeting Minutes August 11, 2011

ATTENDEES:

Members – Present:

Diane Blais, League of Women Voters
BC Craig Buckley, Fairfax County Fire and Rescue
Steve Church, Health Department
Jim Covell, UOSA
Paul Jolley, Colonial Pipeline
Bruce McFarlane, Fairfax County OEM
David McKernan, Fairfax County OEM
Douglas O’Neill, Chair, FCPS
Bowman Olds, Vice Chair, SAIC
Erik Peterson, INOVA Fairfax Hospital
Captain Larry Presgrave, Herndon PD
Ken Rudnicki, Fairfax City OEM
Dallas W. Shawkey, MVCCA
Ian Sterne, Red Cross
Mario Sumter, Fort Belvoir
1st Lt. Mike Wall, Fairfax County PD

Guests Present:

Kara Fultz, Intern with Health Dept.
Heather Ambrose, Stormwater Management

Staff Support:

Paula Woodrum, Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department
Trice Burgess, Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department

FJLEPC MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Doug O’Neill called the August 11, 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:

Chairman O’Neill asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of June 8, 2011.

Motion. A motion was made to approve the June 8, 2011 minutes by Jim Covell, 2nd by Ken Rudnicki.

Motion carried.

Public Communications: The FJLEPC Website was recently updated with FAQs and revised brochures. Paula will have the webmaster include links to additional websites pertaining to emergency preparedness.

Business Outreach: Bruce McFarlane passed out statistics about visits to the website ReadyNOVA.com. Encourage reach out to the businesses and the families in the County. Paula will put these links up on the FJLEPC website. In the pilot STEP program at Pine Ridge & Virginia Run Elementary Schools, 175 students were trained on emergency readiness through the school system. OEM is still waiting for public schools to determine the best grade (4th or 6th) for this curriculum, and we hope that they will implement the STEP program system-wide.

Dave McKernan, OEM Director, indicated that they have been working on the County's Pre-Disaster Recovery Plan. The final draft of the PDRP is out for final review and comment and he encouraged FJLEPC members to take submit any comments they have. Pre-Disaster Recovery Planning is very reliant on businesses, NGOs, and others outside the County for the recovery plan. There will be a PDRP Summit at the Government Center in the Board Auditorium on September 16th (lunch included). This will involve discussing the plan & break out sessions. The Board of Supervisors just approved the County Emergency Operations Plan, which governs the actual emergency/natural disaster operations.

Ways and Means: Paula received Erik's electronic signature, so we'll be getting out the letters sometime in September/October. The letters will go out to chamber of commerce membership. The Fire & Rescue Department will cover the postage.

HMERP Exercise Subcommittee:

The HMERP Exercise is planned to be held at the Kinder-Morgan facility at the Newington Tank Farm and is planned to be a day-one inject into the November 29-December 1, 2011 County-wide emergency exercise. We are still very early in the planning stage and encourage that the planning committee reach out to those businesses to participate in the drill. There are a lot of logistics to be worked out.

Dallas Shawkey suggested contacting Lee-Mt. Vernon Chamber of Commerce to help with contacting the local businesses regarding the exercise. Doug O'Neill thanked OEM to even giving this scenario an opportunity to be included as part of the larger drill. Trice Burgess & Pete Todd have stepped up to help with the planning & logistics.

HAZMAT TEAM UPDATE:

RECENT INCIDENTS

Summer has been a busy time of year for natural gas leaks, ranging from ¾" to 2-4" lines. Most were due to lines being hit during construction. There were also a couple of propane events involving small tanks.

The HMRT also responded to a couple of transportation incidents. One was an incident where they were dispatched to petroleum tank truck fire on Rt. 28 at Frying Pan Road; however, it ended up being a dump truck. The HMRT responded to an incident on I-66 for release of fuel from saddle tanks of tractor/trailer.

The HMRT also assisted FXCO PD at a private residence with joint entry with their Special Operations Team.

HMRT TRAINING

The Counter-Terrorism Operations Support Group has 9 instructors in town training with our HMRT. Involves classroom and practical hands on training. The HMRT also had pipeline safety awareness training with Fire & Hazmat Investigations and Colonial Pipeline. Special thanks to Paul Jolley and the folks from Colonial Pipeline who helped deliver pipeline awareness training to the HMRT. We appreciate their assistance, and Paula will draft a letter for Doug O'Neill's signature thanking Colonial

Pipeline. Paula will check with Trice Burgess to get the names of everyone from Colonial that was involved and find out where to appropriately address the letter.

FJLEPC COORDINATOR UPDATE:

Membership

Fairfax County Stormwater Management has requested to become a member of the FJLEPC. The FRD and FJLEPC participated in a recent audit of the County's MS4 (Municipal Separate Stormwater System) permit by the EPA. It was realized how integral the work done by the FJLEPC is to accurately assessing industrial risk to the County's MS4 system.

Tier II Manager Update & HMERP

Review of the 2010 Tier II Reporting Cycle is still underway, and data entry is still being completed by staff for hard copies that were received. It's hoped that the data entry will be completed by the end of October and the plan update by the end of the year.

Citizen Corps Council Annual Report – Jim Covell explained what Citizen Corps Council is. This organization has been around since 2004/2005 we've been represented since the beginning. Bob Balog is the primary representative for the FJLEPC to the CCC and Jim Covell is the alternate. The FJLEPC provided information as a member organization to the CCC for inclusion in their annual report. Jim explained that the Council is primarily aimed toward preparedness in general; however, there are issues with the CCC in identifying its core mission. The Council is comprised primarily of political appointees from each of the magisterial districts, representatives of the core groups (Neighborhood Watch, CERT, Medical Reserve Corps, and Volunteers in Police Service), and representatives from "affiliated" organizations like the Red Cross, ARES, VOAD, Volunteer Fairfax and the FJLEPC. OEM appears to be the primary supporting County agency. Paula will send out a scan of what was submitted by the FJLEPC.

OLD BUSINESS:

LEPC Summit: Due to the upcoming planning required for the HMERP exercise and the involvement in the 3-day emergency exercise planned for the end of November, it was agreed to defer planning for the regional LEPC Summit to Spring 2012.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mario Sumter gave an overview presentation of exercise held at Ft. Belvoir on 7/15/11. The scenario involved an explosive device diversion, and an active shooter/hostage incident at Ft. Belvoir Elementary School. There were a lot of lessons learned as a result of the exercise. Doug O'Neill gave a brief perspective from the FCPS from their view of the exercise.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

Motion A motion was made to adjourn by Erik Peterson, 2nd by Ken Rudnicki.
Motion carried and the FJLEPC adjourned at 10:42 am.

The next meeting of the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee will be held on Thursday, October 13, 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.