

Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee October 14, 2010

ATTENDEES:

Members – Present:

David Miska, Chairman, Lockheed Martin
Douglas O’Neill, Vice Chairman, Fairfax County Public Schools
Marc Barbieri, Fairfax County Health Department
Dianne Blais, League of Women Voters
Linda Buczek, Fairfax County Risk Management Division
Bruce McFarlane, Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management
Linda Flanagan, Environmental Quality Advisor Council
Becky McKinney, Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management
Virginia Orr, US Government
Dallas Shawkey, Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations
Peter Todd, Virginia Department of Transportation

Members – Not Present:

Battalion Chief Anthony Barrero, Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department
Robert Balog, U.S. Coast Guard
Steve Church, Fairfax County Health Department
Jim Covell, Upper Occoquan Sewage Authority
Thomas Fryer, Washington Gas Company
Sergeant Jeff Hunt, City of Fairfax Police Department
Paul Jolley, Colonial Pipeline
2nd Lieutenant Brian Johnston, Office of the Sheriff
Chief Ron Mastin, Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department
David McKernan, Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management
Patrick Nnaji, Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services
Bowman M. Olds, SAIC
Erik Peterson, INOVA Fairfax Hospital
Captain Larry Presgrave, Herndon Police Department
Ken Rudnicki, City of Fairfax Office of Emergency Management
Mario Sumter, Fort Belvoir
Ian Sterne, American Red Cross
Lieutenant Mike Wall, Fairfax County Police Department
David Wassum, SICPA Securink

Guests:

Matthew Adkins, Prince William Fire
Michelle Burk, FBI (as Fairfax County Citizen)
Aida Carsteus, US Government

Staff Support:

Trice Burgess, Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department
Battalion Chief Craig Buckley, Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department
Barry Hall, Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department
Paula Woodrum, Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department

FJLEPC MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Dave Miska called the October 14, 2010 meeting of the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee to order at 10:11 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 June 10, 2010. Minor correction regarding the date in the header pages. There was no meeting held on August 12, 2010.

Motion. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Becky McKinney as amended. The motion was seconded and approved. **Motion carried.**

Public Communications: No report.

Business Outreach: Additional information for Bruce McFarlane needed reference mission of the committee. Paula will send some information to Bruce.

Ways and Means: No report.

HAZMAT TEAM UPDATE:

Battalion Chief Craig Buckley reported the following recent hazmat incidents:

- Baltimore Tank Lines tanker truck with gasoline making left on Route 236 off Pickett Street and the tanker went onto its side. The tanker was coming from the Fairfax tank farm. There was breach in the tank and release from the dome covers. Full remediation has been made in the area regarding soil & water involvement. Full critique of the incident was done with the full hazmat team.
- FMO has provided a lot of information regarding pipeline safety to the BOS. Questions regarding San Bruno, CA pipeline explosion and possibilities for incident in FXCO. We are continuing to field information for other agencies, and we are preparing for other incidents.
- A privately owned vehicle (POV) rear-ended a tanker on 236, and small release was involved. Assisted with offload of product.
- Box Style tractor & trailer on I-495 between Gallows Road & Route 50, ran off road and ripped the saddle tanks. Significant release of diesel fuel was in the median of interstate but didn't make it to the waterway.
- Tractor/trailer ran over road debris & caused breach of saddle tank on I-66 prior to Nutley Street. All was contained & cleaned up.
- Road debris caused damage to a 53' box trailer's saddle tank on Rt. 28 at McLearen Road.
- HMRT responded to Fairfax Hospital to the ER for a contamination issue of a patient that came into the ER that was contaminated with pepper spray. HMRT assisted them with minor decontamination of the patient.
- The HMRT ran natural gas leak in Chantilly. A truck backed into the meter & piping to rear of a warehouse. Incident mitigated within an hour.
- Release of transformer oil (mineral oil) in Penn Daw area occurred when a box style truck lost control & compromised utility pole that had transformers. This involved the release of 30 gallons of mineral oil.

Most incidents that the HMRT responded to have involved transportation accidents.

The chair asked if there had been any challenges with lack of resources/interoperability. Chief Buckley has identified some IT gaps for resources of the HMRT. Trice has been working with IT Information and trying to help plan for other methods to share information with the HMRT. Trice and Paula have been doing more training with the HMRT, and more training with plume modeling is planned for this winter. Things are underway with replacing the server on the HMSU. Other efforts involve updating GIS layers & modeling capabilities on the HMSU server.

Senior Operations Staff had master calendar meeting for 2011 and the HMRT training schedule is tentative right now, but should be published very soon. HMRT has been doing long-distance training due to budget cuts, and funding has been identified for some distance learning. The challenge is backfilling the positions with OT for those who attend the training due to budget considerations.

HMERP EXERCISE:

Doug O'Neill provided update on the HMERP exercise that was held at Quest Diagnostics in Chantilly. As part of the HMERP exercise, we demonstrated new Tier II Manager software and how it's used on the rigs. Bryan Mason from Quest opened the facility to the HMRT and the LEPC. Quest was very accommodating. Dave Miska kindly prepared a PowerPoint presentation of the drill for the FJLEPC members. Battalion Chief Buckley and Paula ran through the presentation and explained the scenarios and actions taken during the exercise.

There were lessons learned regarding communications & radios. Quest is funding a couple of extra radios to be kept at security desk for use by emergency personnel when operating in the basement.

Marie Flanigan asked if radio communications issues were common. Dave Miska gave additional information regarding radio issues throughout the County, and that there was a workaround by switching to a tactical channel rather than a channel that had to go through a repeater. This is very common practice, especially when operating in high rises and certain parts of the County.

FJLEPC COORDINATOR UPDATE:

Work on the final version of the 2010 HMERP continues. Paula found an error in the template for the Facility Emergency Response plans and an issue with the vulnerability zone maps that the Tier II Manager system generates as part of a facility ERP. The vendor is working on these changes. They have been moved from the development server to the testing server and should be fully tested and moved to the production server in the very near future. As soon as that is complete, Paula can then start producing the PDF files of each facility ERP and finalize the plan. Paula distributed thumb drives to the Chair, Vice Chair and members from OEM of the static part of the plan for their input and to see if they find any errors in the plan. Paula asked that OEM check the plan to make sure that it is NIMS compliant.

OLD BUSINESS:

Pete Todd mentioned that he had previously worked with the Fire Marshals Office regarding former project involving Newington Tank Farm scenarios and evacuations, etc. This project would need to be updated now due to the changes to the Springfield interchange. Pete would like to work with the fire department and with state PD to finalize and formalize that plan. It's in draft form right now.

NEW BUSINESS:

Membership

Motions:

Motion was made to add Linda Buczek as a member. Motion made by Becky McKinney and seconded.

Motion passed.

Motion was made to add Bruce MacFarlane as a member. Motion was made Becky McKinney and seconded. **Motion Passed.**

PG&E Pipeline Incident

Trice Burgess indicated that he had just worked on a white paper for the Fire Chief regarding the PG&E pipeline incident in California. Dave Miska asked that Trice please give us update in December about that incident and the potential for such an incident here in Fairfax County due to the amount of pipeline that runs through the County.

Vice Chair Nominations

Dave Miska's last meeting as chair will be the December meeting. At the December meeting, the FJLEPC needs to nominate and appoint a Vice Chair. The person would be Vice Chair for two years and then would take over as Chair for next two years after that.

Interstate Maps--FYI

Pete Todd advised that he is currently working on incident management maps dealing with interstates only. Maps have been computerized now and extend down I-95 to mile 101.3 and I-66 out to I-81. These plans came in handy during the inauguration. VDOT downloaded the maps to state PD, and they may be of value to FRD for their resources for handling interstate incidents & evacuations.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

Motion A motion was made to adjourn by Marc Barbieri.

Motion carried and the FJLEPC adjourned at 11:36 am.

The next meeting of the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee will be held on Thursday, December 9, 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.