

**Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee
February 12, 2009**

ATTENDEES:

Members – Present:

David Miska, Chairman, Lockheed Martin
Douglass O'Neill, Vice Chairman, Fairfax County Public Schools
Battalion Chief Anthony Barrero, Fairfax County Fire & Rescue 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
Patrick Nnaji, Fairfax County Dept. of Public Works & 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
Dallas Shawkey, Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations

Members – Not Present:

Robert Balog, U.S. Coast Guard
Master Police Officer Melissa Borja, Vienna Police Department
Keith Cunningham, George Mason University
Thomas Fryer, Washington Gas Company
Judson Kenoyer, Baltimore Washington Chapter of the Health-Physics Society
Fran Kieffer, League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area
Lieutenant Susan Lamar, Fairfax County Police Department
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
Jim Person, Fairfax County Office of Public Affairs
Julianne Pickard, Fort Belvoir DPTMS
Lieutenant Mike Rizzo, Fairfax City Police Department
Battalion Chief Richard Roatch, Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department
Alan Steinberg, Center for Advanced Defense Studies
Peter Todd, Virginia Department of Transportation
Lieutenant Mike Wall, Fairfax County Police Dept
David Wassum, SICPA Securink
Sharon Wine, U.S. Geographical Survey

Guests:

Battalion Chief Craig Buckley, Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department
Paul Jolley Jr., Colonial Pipeline

Staff Support:

Carolyn Ford, Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department

FJLEPC MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Dave Miska called the February 12, 2009 meeting of the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee to order at 10:10 a.m. He requested that introductions be made around the room.

Dave then thanked past Chair Captain Larry Presgrave of the Herndon Police for his exceptional service to the committee over the last couple of years. He also congratulated our new Vice Chair Doug O'Neill, who was elected at our December meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chair Dave Miska asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of December 11, 2008.

Motion. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Johna Gagnon. The motion was seconded by Brian Johnston that the minutes of the December 2008 meeting be approved.

Motion carried.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Communications: No report

Business Outreach: No report.

Ways and Means: Discussion about the fund-raising letter, approval to amend the signature page to reflect new Chair and Vice Chair, decision to send to all Tier II filers. Erik will create a list of local Chambers of Commerce and their addresses, Johna mentioned that the FCC website would have some links to follow up on.

HMERP Plan Exercise: Chief Buckley informed the committee that Fairfax Fire & Rescue Department has been invited to participate in the April BP Air Exercise. Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) is actually running the drill.

The LEPC is welcome, but date is still not set. Chief Buckley will be the group's guide, he has already attended a tabletop exercise in preparation for this one. The exact scenario for the drill will not be released in advance, to keep the responses as 'real' as possible.

Bowman would like a copy of the facility's RMP/SPCC to see spill remediation for neighboring areas.

Doug will send a letter requesting that the FJLEPC be able to participate in the drill.

HAZMAT TEAM UPDATE:

Per Chief Craig Buckley:

Incidents responded to:

- Incident at the tank farm at Colonial/Pickett. A truck taking on a load had it's valve freeze open, the spill was about 200 gallons of gasoline. The facility was well-prepared to handle the spill.
- Washington Gas had a 12-hour event. They had a difficult time locating the leak. It was right near their facility, in a commercial district.
- Still running mercury remediation calls. One at a home in Burke (thermometer), the other at Congressional School in Fairfax. That one was significant in terms of effort, they needed to check over 250 students for contamination. The school handled it very well.
- Had a significant radiation call. Ionizing radiation from a soil density gage that was crushed by being run over by a large piece of heavy equipment at the construction site it was being used at. It is a very common tool used in this area, this was a unique situation. They engaged VDEM's Radiological division to get the source back into a lead-lined container. They used remote tools to handle it and contain it in a lead pig.

HazMat Training:

- None reported. Still planning for various exercises later in the year.

FJLEPC COORDINATOR UPDATE:

Reminder that the April meeting's date has changed to the 16th, and a location is still needed for that meeting.

We're in the middle of receiving Tier II data, has been a slower start this year. The deadline for filing is March 1st.

Several members have retired or left their agencies or thus have left the FJLEPC:

Wes McDermott, Fairfax County Health Dept

Denise Torelli, Fairfax County Department of Public Safety Communications

Joe Valler, Citizen

Replacement members are now needed from the Health Department, DPSC, and, if they choose, the CIA.

A draft of the letter to refresh membership from those who have not attended for at least a year has been completed and will be sent once the Executive Subcommittee approves it.

Information was discussed and distributed on:

- LLIS – selection of new reports available and recommendation for FJLEPC members to join if they would like access to the reports.
- Free HazMat training games from HazMat Solutions, Inc.
- Selected VDEM updates from their newsletter
- New SPCC rule amendments released Jan 2009
- Brochures on Emergency Planning for people with disabilities.

OLD BUSINESS:

Doug O'Neill provided the group with follow up to the December discussion on the sharing of information about field exercises and training/drills. The COG website has a central location to view upcoming Homeland Security-related events, with the ability to filter by type and location.

Tabled until next meeting: the continuing efforts of the Fairfax County Water Authority to remove chlorine from their process. At last report, they were on track to have completely replaced it at all facilities by September 2008.

NEW BUSINESS:

New member Battalion Chief M. Anthony Barrero Jr. was nominated for membership, to replace Deputy Chief Derek Baker who has stepped down in his favor.

Motion A motion was made by Jim Covell and seconded by Erik Peterson.

Motion carried.

The committee had a discussion on mercury and of what information was available on different county web sites.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

Motion A motion was made to adjourn by Heather Graham and seconded by Erik Peterson.

Motion carried at 11:10 p.m.

Members of the Fairfax Joint LEPC had a presentation on the UOSA facility, processes, chemicals and operations and then took an aerial 'tour' of the facility.

The next meeting of the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee will be held on Thursday, April 16, 2009, at the offices of Lockheed Martin in Reston.