

Meeting Minutes December 14, 2017

ATTENDEES:

Ema Ashley, George Mason University Bob Balog, Citizen-At-Large Michael Estes, Fort Belvoir Fire Department Charlie Fitzsimmons, Environmental Protection Agency Lynn Green, DPWES Stormwater Management Johna Gagnon, EQAC Barry Hall, Fairfax County Fire Marshal's Office Sandra Hoffman, Fort Belvoir Maryann Jennings, Fairfax County Police Dept. Paul Jolley, Colonial Pipeline Rick Leino, American Red Cross Terry Licklider, Virginia State Police Kerwin McNamara, Fairfax County Fire Marshal's Office Richard Michelback, Fairfax County Public Schools Erik Peterson, Chairman Martin Ranck, Vice Chairman Bart Routh, SICPA Ken Rudnicki, City of Fairfax Emily Street, DPWES Stormwater Planning Division Jayne Wolfe, Upper Occoquan Sewage Authority

Staff Support:

Trice Burgess, Fairfax County Fire Marshal's Office Karen Lowery, Fairfax County Fire Marshal's Office

FJLEPC MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Chairman Erik Peterson called the December 14, 2017, meeting of the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee to order at 10:00 a.m. He asked that everyone introduce themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairman Peterson asked for motion to approve the October 12, 2017, minutes. **Motion** to approve the December 7, 2016, minutes by Bob Balog, seconded by Lynn Green.

NEW BUSINESS

REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Communications:

No report.

Business Outreach:

No report.

Ways and Means:

No report.

HMERP Exercise Subcommittee:

Vice Chairman Ranck reported he is looking into critical hazard facilities to do a tabletop exercise (not full scale) sometime next year, and will try and include real life events in the exercise.

CCC Liaison Updates:

The Shelter in Place video was shown.

Liaison with other LEPCs:

Chairman Peterson attended City of Alexandria LEPC meeting on December 6, 2017. Their chairman's term expires in January 2018. No report on facilities. It was reported there were some small spills and one mercury spill. Discussion on inclement weather preparations. The Red Cross is planning a hurricane scenario in May 2018.

Shelter in Place Video:

Trice reported they are still getting the information out to public. Chairman Peterson reported the video is getting an increasing number of views on YouTube and other social media. He reported that Fairfax City printed 2,000 Shelter in Place information cards, and Fairfax Hospital printed 2,500. Cards will be given to Fairfax Office of Emergency Management.

HAZMAT RESPONSE TEAM (HMRT) UPDATE

RECENT INCIDENTS

Vice Chairman Ranck reported no major incidents - gas lines being dug near roadway, pipe split in half, and no trench box was in place at scene. OSHA was notified. A backhoe struck a gas line in McLean area, 10-ft. trench with no trench box in place.

HMRT TRAINING

Vice Chairman Ranck reported on hazmat drill, "HAZMAT IQ," held December 11-14, 2017, a chemistry related course to help in identifying chemical properties. The year-end competency drill was held in November. Vice Chairman Ranck introduced John Higginbotham with the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, formerly with Fairfax County.

Vice Chairman Ranck participated in IAFF pilot course to give feedback for citizens to attend in future, which qualified as the tabletop exercise for the year. It will be presented to DHS and possibly other LEPC's in the future.

FJLEPC COORDINATOR UPDATE

Tier II Manager Update & HMERP

Trice Burgess emailed Tier II users with rollover date. The LEPC website is being updated in conjunction with the new Fairfax County Government website.

Trice reported following on County facilities:

Total No. of Facilities – 561

Total No. of Active Facilities – 422

Total No. of Critical Hazard Facilities – 140

Total No. Failing to Report in 2016 – 8

EQAC

No report.

PRESENTATION BY: Charlie Fitzsimmons, US Environmental Protection Agency/Region 3

- How the EPA assists FEMA and the National Response Center

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

Chairman Peterson entertained a motion to adjourn. Bob Balog made motion to adjourn with multiple seconds. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

The next meeting of the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee will be held on Thursday, February 8, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. This meeting will be held in Conference Room 3121, at the Public Safety Headquarters, 12099 Government Center Parkway, Third Floor, Fairfax, VA 22035.