

Meeting Minutes June 9, 2016

ATTENDEES:

Craig Buckley, Virginia Department of Emergency Management Johna Gagnon, Environmental Quality Advisory Committee Lynn Green, Fairfax County DPW&ES
Mary Ann Jennings, Fairfax County Police
Adam Kelly, Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management 2nd Lieutenant Michael Messier, Office of the Sheriff Bowman Olds, Prince William LEPC
Jennifer Paris, Fairfax County DPW&ES
Erik Peterson, INOVA Fairfax Hospital
Battalion Chief Marty Ranck, Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Cathy Roth, Fairfax County Storm Water
Bart Routh, SICPA SecurInk
Donald White, Northern Virginia Mental Health
Jayne Woolf, Upper Occoquan Service Authority

Guests:

Jeremy Karbowski, NGA Anthony Zarrella, NGA

Staff Support:

Investigator W. Trice Burgess, Fairfax County Fire Marshal's Office EMS III Paula Woodrum, Fairfax County Fire Marshal's Office

FJLEPC MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Vice Chair Erik Peterson called the June 9, 2016 meeting of the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee to order at 10:03 a.m. He asked that everyone introduce themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Vice Chair Erik Peterson asked for motion to approve the April 14, 2016 minutes. There was one amendment to the published draft minutes, and the amended minutes were available at the time of the meeting. **Motion** to approve the April 14, 2016 minutes by Bowman Olds, second by Johna Gagnon. **Motion carried.**

REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Communications:

Paula advised that she sent the webmaster past minutes and the meeting schedule for the April meeting to update the website.

Paula is scheduled to present information about EPCRA and the FJLEPC at the McLean Senior Safety Summit on June 15th at the McLean Community Center.

Business Outreach

There was no Business Outreach report. Mike Guditus from OEM will be our representative.

Ways and Means:

No report. Johna suggested reaching out to some of the businesses that were affected by the Colonial Pipeline incident.

HMERP Exercise Subcommittee:

Merrifield Post Office is not returning phone calls, so they are off the table right now for the HMERP exercise as originally planned. Griffith Water Treatment Plant is now the HMERP drill in October. GWTP is interested in revisiting Incident that occurred in 2008. This will be for all three FRD shifts in October. The HMRT and GWTP are still in the scenario-planning phase, so more details will be forwarded to the FJLEPC as they become available.

CCC Liaison Updates:

Erik Peterson attended May 26th CCC meeting, however, they did not have a quorum. Some upcoming events mentioned were National Night Out on August 2nd and Ready-Set-Know on September 10-11.

Liaison with other LEPCs:

Bo Olds attended City of Alexandria LEPC meeting on 3/9. Corrosive inhibitors were discussed. Their Health Department gave a presentation on the Zika virus and provided very interesting information.

The next meeting of the PWLEPC meeting is June 20th.

Shelter in Place Video:

Johna, Paula and Erik met after the last FJLEPC meeting and came up with ideas of points to capture in the video. Developed very rough first draft & ideas of what is included but making focus more "all hazards". Paula has not yet had time to reach out to channel 16 and OEM. We will meet again after today's meeting.

HAZMAT RESPONSE TEAM (HMRT) UPDATE: RECENT INCIDENTS

The HMRT responded to the Great Falls area for a 20" natural gas line leaking. The leak was originally reported to the gas company and then someone later stopped by the fire station and reported it. Crews got very high LEL (lower explosive levels) coming out of the ground. The leak was identified to a 20" transmission line that had been sleeved a year or so prior, but the clamp had failed. The line was located off Walker Road, and Walker Road was shut down for 5 ½ hours. What took so long was the fact that the gas company had to get a trench box to get under the pipeline that was located 7' underground.

Another incident involved a pickup truck caught fire while driving. The truck had 5-gallon cans of gasoline and pool chemicals in the back. The driver heard a "pop" and then saw a fire. Chlorine and acid in the back of the truck combined and off-gassed. Product got onto the ground. A contractor handled the cleanup.

HMRT TRAINING

The HMRT conducted a walk through at Corbalis WTP in Reston. They have changed some of their processes to more environmentally friendly chemicals and have removed their chlorine from the facility.

NCR CBRN International Conference was in Arlington. The HMRT gave a presentation that was well received. Arlington County Fire & Rescue's Hazmat Team also participated. Fifteen of our people attended and some of our folks were presenters. The HMRT has been invited back next year.

Attended Colonial Pipeline API forum in Denver, CO. BFC Ranck and Trice Burgess represented the Fairfax County FRD. The original intent was to discuss the recent Centreville pipeline incident to discuss our relationships, but the NTSB has not released their report yet so they could not discuss the incident in depth. Colonial will probably invite us back next year for the in depth discussion.

Next week is hazmat conference in Baltimore. Four of our people will be attending and Chief Ranck is presenting regarding the Colonial pipeline incident.

The Hazmat Tech certification class went well. Twenty-four new technicians from Loudoun, Prince William, MWAA and Fairfax are now certified.

FJLEPC COORDINATOR UPDATE:

Tier II Manager Update & HMERP

Paula transmitted the HMERP to VDEQ at the end of May. She is working on data entry of the hard copy submissions from the 2016 cycle (2015) data. FRD accreditation is including our Tier II "community risk" analysis for the entire county, and Paula is on the FRD work group.

OLD BUSINESS:

Paula has contacted the Washington Times regarding running the annual availability of Tier II advertisement in the legal section, which is required by EPCRA. She is waiting for the quote. The ad will run two times in May, but she has to confirm the dates with the Washington Times. She will send out an email to the committee when the advertisement is firmed up and approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lynn Green's second meeting and eligible as member of FJLEPC, Lynn is an EMS for public works for stormwater. Motion to approve Lynn as member made by Bowman Olds, second by Johna Gagnon. Motion Carried.

Jennifer Paris, Transcaer Statewide Coordinator, reported that 46 responders trained in Hopewell. RFA provided the training for free. The Safety train from Norfolk Southern will be at the Alexandria Van Dorn Street station on August 31 and September 1-2. Transcaer can coordinate and mobilize various types of hazmat and response training to any organization in the state for free. Contact Jennifer if you are interested.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

The meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

The next meeting of the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee will be held on Thursday, August 11, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. This meeting will be held in the A Conference Room at the Fire Marshal Headquarters, 10700 Page Avenue, Fairfax, VA.