



Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2023

VIA TEAMS/TELECONFERENCE

Trice Burgess, Fairfax Co. FRD
Bowman Olds, PWC LEPC
Fernando Castaneda, DHS
John Higginbotham, VDEM
James Sager, Fairfax Water
Johna Gagnon, EQAC
Lisa O'Donnell
Lynn Green
Richard Michelback, FCPS
Eddie Murphy, PHMSA
John O'Neal, Fairfax City FD
Paul Jolley
Erik Peterson, INOVA
Bart Roth, SICPA
Amara Smith, Colonial Pipeline
Jason Taylor, Colonial Pipeline
John Walser, OFM
Greg Zebrowski, DEMS
Jason Thompson, Fairfax County PD

STAFF SUPPORT

Trice Burgess, Fairfax Co. FRD

FJLEPC MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chairman Richard Michelback called the June 8, 2023, meeting of the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee to order at 10:00 a.m. He welcomed everyone to the virtual meeting, and roll call was taken by Trice Burgess. (See above)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Michelback asked everyone to review the April 13, 2023, meeting minutes. Erik Peterson requested meeting dates in the April meeting minutes be corrected (x3) to approve the February 9, 2023, meeting minutes, (not April meeting minutes). Johna Gagnon motioned for meeting minutes as corrected, be approved. Erik Peterson 2nd. Motion carried and was approved.

REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Communications: Greg Zebrowski reported that DEMS continues with community outreach, including through social media platforms. Big push the last few days has been providing air quality alerts to the public due to smoke conditions affecting our region from forest fires in Canada.

Business Outreach: Working with various business councils to support them through outreach.

HMERP Exercise Subcommittee: Trice Burgess stated that the 2023 HMERP in draft form has been sent out for review. BC Vannoy provided the following information via email:

- 2023 FLEPC Drill – Full Scale
 - Will be held in December (due to limitations of Master Calendar). Exact date TBD. Scenario in development but looking to have a scenario that will engage Local, State and Federal partners as well as members of the FJLEPC.

CCC Liaison: Bart Roth attended the last CCC meeting at the government center. Fairfax County Public Schools put on a good presentation. Next CCC meetings will be on August 24th and November 2nd.

Ways and Means: Erik Peterson had nothing new to report.

Liaison with other LEPCs: Bowman Olds provided a quick overview of Prince William County's last LEPC meeting. Meeting covered hazmat incidents from December 2022 to March 2023. Incidents included a gas grenade incident that was assisted with by VA State Police; fuel leak from a generator including cleanup; natural gas leaks. Concerns of lithium-ion batteries. Prince William County Health Department did a presentation on radiological emergencies and how they are handled. Next Alexandria LEPC meeting will be on July 11th and Richard Michelback plans to attend this meeting.

HAZMAT RESPONSE TEAM (HMRT) UPDATE

RECENT INCIDENTS - Email from BC Vannoy

Chief Vannoy reported there were a few incidents of note.

- Recent Events:
 - Brush/Mulch Fire at 9917 Richmond Highway, Lorton – Had a very large brush/mulch fire that lasted approximately 36 hours. FRD units decided to use non-PFAS Green foam as a wetting agent. We did receive a notice from the NRC about fish and dark colored runoff.
 - Lithium-Ion Battery Fire at Inova Mt Vernon Hospital – Units encountered a portable endoscopy monitor that had a lithium battery fire due to when being mounted, had a screw drilled into the battery pack. The fire was put out with drychem extinguishers by Inova staff; FRD units assisted with the removal and overpacking of the battery pack and ensured that a clean-up company with the ability to dispose of the battery was contacted.
 - Overturned dump truck at 9901 Braddock Road – Dump truck overturned with leaking hydraulic fluid, DEF, and motor oil. FRD units assisted with containing the spill unit responsible party's clean up vendor arrived.

HMRT TRAINING

Trice Burgess stated there is ongoing training regarding lithium-ion batteries and how to handle incidents involving these fires. Arlington County FRD will be providing virtual training on Tesla Emergency Response to EV emergencies on Friday June 9th.

FJLEPC COORDINATOR UPDATE

Tier II Manager Update and HMERP

EPCRA Tier II Report

- Online Tier II Manager Program stats:
- 577 facilities in system
- 422 active facilities
- 155 inactive facilities
- 162 Critical Hazard Facilities
- 2022 Annual Tier II Reporting cycle in progress and due on March 1, 2023
 - 100% submitted. Working with EPA to get 1 facility to update revised information as quantities were under reported on first submission.
- First Due Response App has been updated with latest Tier II facilities.

FJLEPC Website

Will be renewing WordPress subscription next month.

2023 draft HMERP has been sent out to agencies for review. Request all comments back by June 28th.

Old Business: Richard, Bart, and Trice met for lunch with Paul Jolley and presented Paul with a plaque for his service as the FJLEPC Chairman for 2021 and 2022.

New Business: Trice showed a video (Rising from Rubble), about the recover of West Texas from a fertilizer mixing plant explosion on April 17, 2013.

Roundtable/Member Updates

- Eric Peterson with INOVA advised they conducted their 2nd quarter chemical training
- Johna Gagnon with EQAC stated they were working on issues concerning new data centers and their impact on security and the environment. This item is being brought before the Board of Supervisors.
- Greg Zebrowski with DEMS advised that draft reports for Hazmat mitigation and the County's Emergency Operations Plan was submitted to the Board Of Supervisors' Safety and Security Committee on May 16th. Both presentations went well.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Johna Gagnon called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Erik Peterson seconded the motion. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

***The next meeting of the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee
will be held on August 10, 2023***