



Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2024

STAFF SUPPORT

Trice Burgess, Fairfax County Fire Marshal's Office (FRD)

VIA TEAMS/TELECONFERENCE

Trice Burgess, Fairfax County Fire Marshal's Office (FRD)
Kristi Bartlett, Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department (FRD)
Bowman Olds, Prince William County LEPC
Jayson Taylor, Colonial Pipeline
Joseph Colein, INOVA Fairfax Hospital
Liza Sabine, Fairfax County Health Department
Bart Routh, Vice Chairman, SICPAS
John Higginbotham, (VDEM)
Douglas O'Neill, George Mason University Health and Safety
John Haneklau, Quest Diagnostics
Johna Gagnon, Fairfax County Environmental Quality Advisory Council (EQAC)
Fire Chief John O'Neal, Fairfax City Fire Department
Amara Smith, Colonial Pipeline
Fernando Castaneda, DHS
David Walden, Fairfax Water Authority
Nathaniel Murray, Colonial Pipeline
Cary Petrovich, Fairfax County Police Department
Greg Zebrowski, (DEMS)
Michale Cronin, Quest Diagnostics
Andrew Irvine
Eddie Murphy (PHMSA)
Richard Michelback, Charman (FCPS)
Laurel Shultzaberger (DPWES)

FJLEPC MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chairman Richard Michelback, called the October 10, 2024, meeting of the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee to order at 10:00 a.m. Chairman Richard Michelback welcomed everyone to the virtual meeting. Roll call was taken by Trice Burgess. (See above)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Richard Michelback asked everyone if there were any suggestions or comments to the August 8, 2024, meeting minutes before motion to approve. Joseph Colien mentioned three minor edits to the minutes which were corrected by Trice Burgess. If no one has any other objections and/or suggestions for the August 8th minutes, the motion passes and the minutes are adopted. Johna Gagnon made a motion to approve the minutes. John O'Neal seconded the motion. Motion carried and was approved.

REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Communications:

No report.

Business Outreach:

No report

HMERP Exercise Subcommittee:

Trice Burgess advised Captain Robert Wells is working on the HMERP Tabletop Exercise. Hope to have a date set soon either in November or December. I'll get an email sent out once the date is set.

CCC Liaison:

Bart Routh advised this committee is currently not meeting and in the process of disbanding.

Ways and Means:

Trice Burgess, nothing to report. Erik Peterson was not present today for the meeting.

Liaison with other LEPC's:

Bowman Olds with Prince William LEPC advised their next meeting will be December 4, 2024. Bart Routh attended the Alexandria LEPC meeting on September 24th. They discussed their bylaws. Alexandria's next meeting will be March 15th. Bart advised he talked with Lucas from Covanta and they may be contacting our LEPC to try and join our meetings. Bart also attended the Loudoun LEPC meeting virtually. Loudoun will not be having a meeting in December. Their next meeting will be in March. Trice Burgess stated that Loudoun went over their HMERP.

SUBCOMMITTEES REPORTS:

HAZMAT RESPONSE TEAM (HMRT) UPDATE

RECENT INCIDENTS

Battalion Chief Kristi Bartlett reported that there was a fuel spill incident at MITRE Corp that has now been cleaned up. They had a fuel leak that got into a stream. There has been an increase in lithium battery calls.

HMRT TRAINING

John Higginbotham with VDEM reported that they are currently on Day 4 out 10 for the Fairfax County Hazmat technician class. Twenty-four firefighters from Fairfax County and two from Prince William County are going through the program.

FJLEPC COORDINATOR UPDATE

Tier II Manager Update and HMERP

Trice Burgess reported that currently in our HazConnect Management Records System for our Tier 2 facilities we have:

EPCRA Tier II Report

Online Tier II Manager Program Stats
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573	Total facilities in system
426	Active Facilities
147	Inactive Facilities
159	Critical Hazard Facilities (CHF)

- Sulfuric acid in lead-acid batteries used for computer battery backup power systems is EHS at the vast majority of our CHF.
- 100% reporting compliance this past year.

FJLEPC Website:

- Trice Burges updated the Tier 2 LEPC website with the June meeting minutes.
- Placed today's Lithium-Ion Battery presentation on our website so people can go back to reference this presentation later.
- The FJLEPC participated in the DIA National Preparedness Month Fair on September 18th. There was a good turnout for this event.
- As stated earlier, Captain Wells is working on the FJLEPC HMERP tabletop exercise. Right now it looks like we're going to simulate a hurricane event impacting one of our critical hazard facilities with a flooding situation that resulted in hazardous materials being released. Once I get a firm date from Battalion Chief Bartlett, we will let you know, and I'll get that information out by email.
- One final note. Vanessa Baker, who was formerly with the Fire Marshal's Office and part of the LEPC staff support, has been transferred back to the EMS section in the fire & rescue department. I'll be handling all staff support functions for the foreseeable future. I want to thank Vee for all of her help this past year with getting the minutes and agendas out. Again, thank Vee for all of her assistance.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Chairman Richard Michelback discussed the nomination process and duties of the FJLEPC Vice Chair position. The vice chair position this cycle will be from the public sector. Chairman Michelback went down the list of members from the public sector. The following two individuals were nominated and agreed to the nominations.

Nominations for Vice Chair:

- Battalion Chief Kristi Bartlett (Fairfax County FRD). Nominated by Johna Gagnon and seconded by John O'Neal
- Laurel Shultzaberger (DPWES). Nominated by Johna Gagnon, seconded by Joseph Colein
- The vote for the vice chair position will be held at the December meeting.
- Presentation on Lithium-ion battery incidents by Eddie Murphy with PHMSA. See the FJLEPC website for a copy of this PowerPoint presentation.
- Discussion of various incidents around the County were mentioned by members. Currently, the County's Household Hazardous Waste program will recycle lithium-ion batteries brought in by County residents. Businesses must find a hazardous waste contractor to handle disposal from commercial establishments.
- Chairman Michelback thanked Eddie Murphy for the informative presentation.

Roundtable / Member Updates

Trice Burgess called for roundtable/member updates.

- Bowman Olds thanked Eddie again for the presentation and will get with him about providing this presentation to the Prince William LEPC at a future date.
- Johna Gagnon thanked Eddie also. Johna stated that EQAC will add to all their in-person meetings a public comment time that people can sign up to speak at. You can go to the EQAC website and get information there and leave comments. This is in addition to the annual public meeting we have every January. Johna just wanted to share this if anyone is interested.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Chairman Michelback requested a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Bowman Olds and seconded by Johna Gagnon. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

***The next meeting of the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee
will be held on December 12, 2024.***