

Meeting Minutes February 13, 2025

VIA TEAMS/TELECONFERENCE Attendees

Trice Burgess, Fairfax County Fire Marshal's Office (FRD) Kristi Bartlett, Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department (FRD)m Vice-Chair Bowman Olds, Prince William County LEPC Fernando Castaneda, CISA Courtney Lee, The Aerospace Corporation Doug O'Neil, GMU Mohamad Kamara, GMU Jayson Thompson, Fairfax Couuty PD Joseph Colein, INOVA Fairfax Hospital Bart Routh, Chairman, SICPA Securink Corp. Christopher Haupt, VADBHDS Woodburn Mental Health John Higginbotham, (VDEM) John Haneklau, Quest Diagnostics Johna Gagnon, Fairfax County Environmental Quality Advisory Council (EQAC) Fire Chief John O'Neal, Fairfax City Fire Department Nathaniel Murray, Colonial Pipeline Eddie Murphy, DOT-PHMSA Adrian Nelson, INOVA Fairfax Hospital David Kennedy, Fairfax County Police Department Umar Qudosi (FCPS) Liza Sabine, Fairfax County Health Department Laurel Shultzaberger, Fairfax County DPWES

STAFF SUPPORT

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

FJLEPC MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Greg Zebrowski, Fairfax County DEMS

Chairman Bart Routh, called the February 13, 2025, meeting of the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee to order at 10:00 a.m. Chairman Routh welcomed everyone to the virtual meeting. Roll call was taken by Trice Burgess. (See above)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Bart Routh asked everyone if there were any suggestions or comments to the December 12, 2024, meeting minutes before motion to approve. Johna Gagnon made a motion to approve the minutes. Bowman Olds seconded the motion. Motion carried and was approved.

REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Communications:

Greg Zebrowski advised that there are continuing efforts with our Community Engagement Division with posting messages and amplifying other departments and agencies' messages.

Business Outreach:

Greg Zebrowski stated that DEMS is also working via their Community Engagement section with the Chamber of Commerce with businesses in the area to try and bolster our relationships and bring them and move them towards the emergency management realm.

Johna Gagnon provided some information about Northern VA Soil & Water doing some collaborative work with Rotary in the Mount Vernon area. Starting to move west and the Business Outreach may want to contact them to see if they want to work together in the future. Greg stated that it was a great idea.

HMERP Exercise Subcommittee:

2024 HMERP Exercise was held on December 19, 2024, at The Aerospace Corporation at 14745 Lee RD, Chantilly, VA. This was a small-scale tabletop exercise working with The Aerospace Corporation Safety and Security staff along with their facilities response personnel. FRD Emergency Preparedness Section Captain Robert Wells assisted with setting up and coordinating this exercise. The drill scenario was a delivery truck at the facility loading dock that spilled a 55-gallon drum of antifreeze that entered the storm drain system. Onsite security and safety personnel physically responded to the loading dock to access the situation and contacted 911 to have the FRD respond due to hazardous materials spill and environmental impact. Leak mitigation was performed with onsite spill kit resources. The drill went smoothly, and internal protocols and procedures were followed with appropriate documentation and notifications.

Courtney Lee with The Aerospace Corporation added that this was the first time training with Fairfax County Fire & Rescue and there was a lot learned. They are looking at increasing spill supply equipment and response procedure updates.

CCC Liaison:

Bart Routh advised this committee is still not meeting and in the process of disbanding. Johna Gagnon advised EQAC was told that the County Board Of Supervisors was still working on the future of the CCC. No new updates yet from the Fairfax County BOS currently.

Ways and Means:

Josphe Colein advised Erik Peterson had nothing to report.

Liaison with other LEPC's:

Bowman Olds with Prince William LEPC advised next meeting will be on March 12, 2025. Bart advised Loudoun County LEPC next meeting will also be in March. Alexandria City LEPC met on December 12, 2024. They approved their new bylaws. They are trying to increase their attendance as there has been a low turnout for their meetings. Alexandria advised that their fire department had joint hazmat training with Arlington County recently.

SUBCOMMITTEES REPORTS:

HAZMAT RESPONSE TEAM (HMRT) UPDATE

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RECENT INCIDENTS

Battalion Chief Kristi Bartlett reported no major incidents **HMRT TRAINING**

The Hazmat Team officers are getting updated strategies and tactics training.

FJLEPC COORDINATOR UPDATE

Tier II Manager Update and HMERP

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

EPCRA Tier II Report

Online Tier II Manager Program Stats	
569	Total facilities in system
423	Active Facilities
146	Inactive Facilities
158	Critical Hazard Facilities (CHF)

- For 2025 Reporting cycle (2024 Data):
 - o 202 reports submitted and approved
 - 37 reports initiated
 - o 1st Due app is update for each approved report

FJLEPC Website:

- Updated with October meeting minutes attached.
- Did website updates and cleanups. Fixed several broken links.
- Stats for December: 116 visitors and 355 views
- Stats for January: 107 visitors and 414 views
- Looking for suggestions to add to the webpage and presentations for future meetings

Old Business: None

New Business: Doug O'Neil brought up Mohammed Kamara with GMU to become a member of the FJLEPC. Mohammed will need to attend two consecutive meeting and then can be voted on for membership.

Roundtable / Member Updates

Trice Burgess called for roundtable/member updates.

- Johna Gagnon requested we provide updates for this year's upcoming HMERP Exercise. Trice Burgess stated that we will be holding a full-scale exercise with INOVA Fairfax Hospital this fall. He will provide any updates as they become available.
- Umar Qudosi (FCPS) requested he be notified of any upcoming training this year that Fairfax County Public Schools may be able to participate in to better enable them to assist in emergency events.
- Trice Burgess requested members to recommend any changes to the FJLEPC website and also recommend or provide presentations for our meetings.

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ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Chairman Routh requested a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Bowman Olds and seconded by Johna Gagnon. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:25.

The next meeting of the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee will be held on April 10, 2025.