



Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2025

VIA TEAMS/TELECONFERENCE Attendees

Trice Burgess, Fairfax County Fire Marshal's Office (FRD)
Kristi Bartlett, Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department (FRD) & Vice-Chair
Michael Cronin, Quest Diagnostics
Erik Peterson, Inova Fairfax
Anthoney Lucus, Fairfax Water
Bowman Olds, Prince William County LEPC
Fernando Castaneda, DHS CISA
Harry Gruenspecht, UOSA
James Sager, Fairfax Water
Nathaniel Murray, Colonial Pipeline
Bart Routh, Chairman, SICPA Securink Corp.
Johna Gagnon, Fairfax County Environmental Quality Advisory Council (EQAC)
Fire Chief John O'Neal, Fairfax City Fire Department
David Kennedy, Fairfax County Police Department
Liza Sabine, Fairfax County Health Department
Matt Shultz, Loudoun LEPC and OEM
Laurel Shultzaberger, Fairfax County DPWES
Captain Robert Wells, Fairfax County FRD
Eddie Murphy, PHMSA

STAFF SUPPORT

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

FJLEPC MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chairman Bart Routh, called the June 12, 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 April 10, 2025, meeting minutes before motion to approve. Johna Gagnon made a motion to approve the minutes. Erik Peterson seconded the motion. Motion carried and was approved.

REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Communications:

No report

Business Outreach:

No report

HMERP Exercise Subcommittee:

Chief Kristi Bartlett advised they are working on a couple of plan exercises this year. There will be a plan exercise on August 19, 20, & 21, 2025, with Williams Pipeline. Three days, one for each shift on duty. The FJLEPC will attend the August 20th date. If you plan to attend, please let Trice Burgess know as Williams needs participants contact information by July 18th. The initial drill meeting location will be FS40 located at 4621 Legato RD, Fairfax. Trice will send out a reminder to the FJLEPC once a start time is determined. Will be working with Captain Wells and Erik Peterson on this year's exercise with INOVA Fairfax Hospital that will be held in the fall.

Ways and Means:

Erik Peterson had nothing to report.

Liaison with other LEPC's:

Bowman Olds with Prince William LEPC: PWLEPC met on June 11th. They had a very good presentation by Matt Atkins. Matt Atkins serves as the Prince William County Hazardous Material Coordinator, provided us with a very comprehensive and informative hazardous materials threat and risk assessment presentation. The presentation highlighted the multifaceted hazmat landscape, given our location within the National Capital Region. PWC has major highways, pipelines, railways, significant waterways, and aviation facilities with large volumes of hazardous materials. New technologies with electric vehicles and lithium-ion batteries are impacting the hazmat arena. Threats involving terrorism and CBRN events are also a concern being in the Washington DC region. The next PWLEPC meeting will be on September 10th.

Bart Routh was not aware if Alexandria LEPC had met again recently. He will try and make contact with them. Alexandria LEPC meetings are a challenge to attend as they are held in person around 5:00 pm.

Loudoun LEPC, Matt Shultz from Loudoun advised they have shifted their meeting schedule to the 4th Tuesday of the months of January, April, July, and October. Loudoun's next LEPC meeting will be July 22nd. The April meeting had some technical difficulties for the online participants. Matt stated that he hopes these technical issues have been addressed for the next meeting. Look for an invitation to be sent out in the next couple of weeks.

Matt continued, I had briefed out at our last meeting that Berkshire Hathaway Energy Eastern Gas Transmission had presented on their Leesburg Compressor Capital Improvement Project, where they are replacing a 5000-horsepower electric motor. They're replacing their existing gas compressor engines with the 5000 horsepower electric motor. So that's a big project that they were able to share some information on. Another topic is we I am working with the Loudon Fire Marshall's office to update the very outdated discharge information and notification procedures pamphlet/brochure that we have. I'm working with the fire Marshal's office on the content and our public affairs and communications departments on formatting and ensuring that it's within the county standard. We will look to have that done by September.

The Loudoun County Fire Department HAZMAT program has responded to an increasing number of propane incidents over the past year or so, prompting additional propane meter reading training for personnel as part of their training policy.

Hazconnect has been approved through our budget. It's been reviewed and approved by our Department of Information Technology. The parent company, IDSi has been added as a vendor in our system and we're going to continue to work with the vendor on the initial setup and provide administrative training to the users in the coming months after July 1st, the beginning of the new fiscal year.

Lastly, many of you know Andrew Irvine. He served as the Loudoun County LEPC vice chair, and he was also our emergency preparedness specialist who supported the Tier 2 program in Loudoun County. He has recently taken an appointment with WMATA, so he's a Metro employee now. He's been there for a few weeks now, so I will be your point of contact for anything related with Tier 2 and I'm still the LEPC chair. I'm still your contact for that. Our emergency preparedness specialist position is the announcement and is posted until June 18th, so if you know anyone who'd be interested in working as an emergency Preparedness Specialist in Loudon County, please spread the word. That's all the update I have for Loudon County.

Thank you for your time.

SUBCOMMITTEES REPORTS:

HAZMAT RESPONSE TEAM (HMRT) UPDATE

RECENT INCIDENTS

As usual, the hazmat incidents have been staying steady, just like Loudoun County. We always run a few propane incidents, usually just leaking tanks from a grill and then a couple of tanks from the ground we had a generator that was leaking at a personal residence and that was in easy one, where we just turned off the tank, and then we also ran an incident at the Norman Cole water treatment facility where one of their employees accidentally took the man cover off of man-way cover off a tank that was full. The contents of the tank did leak out about 1000 gallons of ferric chloride which ran down to the storm drain. They were able to contain most of it at the facility. A little bit did get into the stream that comes off facility but did not reach any major tributaries.

Chief Bartlett also attended a tabletop with Kinder Morgan at their Terminal Road Facility in Newington. They're revising their response plan, and we will also revise our emergency response plan as well. In the future, probably next year, we can work on doing a tabletop with them with the FJLEPC.

And some other things of note, is we are just keeping an eye on the Ohio release where they had nitric oxide release out of a facility and how it affected all the residents and doing emergency evacuations.

HMRT TRAINING

Nothing new to report.

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	
585	Total facilities in system
424	Active Facilities
161	Inactive Facilities
161	Critical Hazard Facilities (CHF)

- For 2025 Reporting cycle (2024 Data):
 - 423 reports submitted and approved
 - 1 report initiated
 - 1 outstanding report that still needs to be completed.
 - 1st Due app is update for each approved report
 - 19 new facilities added
 - 26 facilities went inactive
 - 99% submittal rate

FJLEPC Website:

- Updated with February meeting minutes attached.
- Stats for April: 89 visitors and 238 views
- Stats for May: 81 visitors and 256 views
- Looking for suggestions to add to the webpage and presentations for future meetings
- Hazmat Discharge brochure updated in March 2025

Bart Routh also asked for suggestions for guest speakers and presentations for future meetings.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Chief Kristi Bartlett had a meeting with some of the local hazmat response leaders in the NOVA area. Dulles Airport will be taking possession of some energy storage facilities. They're installing a solar panel farm at the airport. These will be delivered from Pennsylvania to the airport in the October or November time frame of this year. They will be shipped in sea containers that will be trucked in. We don't know the path they're taking yet. Hopefully they don't get in any accidents on their way to the airport, but obviously these will pass through Fairfax County, Loudoun County, in the October, November time frame.

Michael Cronin with Quest Diagnostics stated they recently had a shelter in place drill and it went very well. They will be upgrading the speaker system at the facility in the future.

Harry Gruenspecht with UOSA, reported on a facility walk through with Fairfax County FRD on June 3, 2025. FS17 and FS40 participated with approximately 30 personnel. Harry advised he is happy to provide future walk throughs in anyone is interested in seeing the plant process and chemical storage.

Roundtable / Member Updates

Trice Burgess called for roundtable/member updates.

- James Sager with Fairfax Water provided contact information for Mr. Lucas and requested he be added to the email distribution list for the local LEPCs.

- Bart Routh with SICPA Securink Corp., stated they are decommissioning the old varnish plant and he will notify FRD and DEMS when they are emptying their TDI tank for proper chemical disposal. Bart invited the FRD to come out if interested.
- Johna Gagnon requested Bart to provide a presentation on the decommissioning process if possible.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Chairman Routh requested a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Bowman Olds and seconded by James Sager. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:38.

***The next meeting of the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee
will be held on August 14, 2025.***