



## **Meeting Minutes**

**December 11, 2025**

### **VIA TEAMS/TELECONFERENCE Attendees**

Kristi Bartlett, Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department (FRD) & Vice-Chair  
Joseph Colein, Inova Fairfax Hospital  
John Haneklau, Quest Diagnostics  
Nathaniel Murray, Colonial Pipeline  
Bart Routh, Chairman, SICPA Securink Corp.  
Fire Chief John O'Neal, Fairfax City Fire Department  
Liza Sabine, Fairfax County Health Department  
Greg Zebrowski, Fairfax County DEMS  
Bowman Olds, Prince William County LEPC  
Harry Gruenspecht, UOSA  
Umar Qudosi, Fairfax County Public Schools  
John Higginbotham, VDEM  
Mohamed Kamara, GMU  
Adrian Nelson, Inova Fairfax Hospital  
Patrick Sheehan, FRD  
Bryan Walker, Fairfax Inova Hospital  
Eric, Wyatt, FRD Special Ops  
John Zelsnack, Loudoun County LEPC  
Anthony Lucas, Fairfax Water  
Fernando Castaneda, CISA  
Mark Janeczko, Fairfax County PD

### **STAFF SUPPORT**

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

### **FJLEPC MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Chairman Bart Routh, called the October 9, 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 October 9, 2025, meeting minutes before motion to approve. Bowman Olds made a motion to approve the minutes. Nate Murray seconded the motion. Motion carried and was approved.

### **REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Public Communications:**

Greg Zebrowski advised public communications is ongoing. DEMS is looking to expand their messages through social media and traditional media. They are working with their community engagement division.

**Business Outreach:**

Greg Zebrowski stated they are also using their community engagement division to work with the private sector and local Chamber of Commerce and civic organizations.

**HMERP Exercise Subcommittee:**

Trice Burgess stated we participated in the Inova Fairfax Hospital Decon Exercise that was held on November 20, 2025, at Fairfax Hospital. We had approximately seven FJLEPC members attend or participate in the exercise. Adrian Nelson will be providing a presentation today under New Business.

**Ways and Means:**

No Report

**Liaison with other LEPC's:**

Bowman Olds advised Prince William County LEPC will be holding a meeting in January. Bowman will send out the date in the near future Loudoun LEPC will be having a meeting on January 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. It will be a hybrid meeting so you can attend online. John Higginbotham stated Alexandria will be holding their next LEPC meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am at Fire Station 210.

**SUBCOMMITTEES REPORTS:**

**HAZMAT RESPONSE TEAM (HMRT) UPDATE**

**RECENT INCIDENTS**

Battalion Chief Kristi Bartlett advised the Hazmat team continues to run lithium-ion battery incidents. Most of them have involved small batteries. No major incidents to report in the last couple of months.

**HMRT TRAINING**

Chief Bartlett stated there has been a lot of training going on with the hazmat team. Currently training with the Fairfax Connector on extrication for electric buses. The team had training with Kinder Morgan last week on the subject of pipelines and petroleum tank farms. Lots of younger team members picking up good information. We are working with Kinder Morgan on doing a possible tabletop exercise next year. Attended a demonstration in DC yesterday on overpacking options for lithium-ion batteries that are coming to market.

**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	
587	Total facilities in system
424	Active Facilities
164	Inactive Facilities
160	Critical Hazard Facilities (CHF)

- For 2025 Reporting cycle (2024 Data):
  - 424 reports submitted and approved
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Due app is update for each approved report
  - 100% submittal rate
- Hazconnect implemented multi-factor authentication at the end of July. Emails were sent out to all Hazconnect users in July, September, and November as a reminder. Please log in to the system to verify your email address. If you run into any log in issues, please contact me and I will send you an email through Hazconnect that will have a code to get you logged into the system.

**FJLEPC Website:**

- Updated with August meeting minutes attached.
- Updated information on the upcoming 2026 Tier II reporting requirements
- Added links for new EPA Fall 2025 EPCRA fact sheet and guide
- Stats for October: 111 visitors and 227 views
- Stats for November: 155 visitors and 400 views
- Looking for suggestions to add to the webpage and presentations for future meetings.

**Old Business:**

2025 Plan Exercise was held on November 20th with 6 LEPC members attending. We partnered with Inova Fairfax Hospital for a decontamination exercise at their emergency room entrance.

**New Business:**

- Congratulations to Erik Peterson with Inova Fairfax Hospital on his upcoming retirement at the end of this month. Thanks for 20 years of support to the FJLEPC. Bryan Walker with Inova Fairfax Hospital advised there will be a retirement celebration for Erik on December 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. Please email him if you are interested in attending virtually. Bart Routh also commented on how much help Erik provided to the FJLEPC over the last 20 years. We all wish Erik the best in retirement.
- Adrian Nelson with Inova Fairfax Hospital provided a presentation on their recent decontamination exercise that was conducted on November 20, 2025, at both their main Fairfax Hospital and Reston ECC. The presentation discussed the goals of the exercise, participants, issues discovered, and learning points to adapt during future exercises. The presentation was well received by the LEPC membership.

**Roundtable / Member Updates**

Trice Burgess called for roundtable/member updates.

- Harry Gruenspecht with UOSA stated they have hired a new safety and security coordinator. Her name is Bree. She will be starting on January 5<sup>th</sup> and will most likely be the new representative for UOSA at the LEPC meetings.

- Eric Wyatt with FRD Special Operations Emergency Preparedness section advised they are doing some expansion in his section that includes some role changes and responsibilities. He will follow up with Trice on these changes.
- Greg Zebrowski (Fairfax County DEMS) gave his subcommittee updates as he arrived late in the meeting.
- John Zelsnack with Loudoun LEPC advised their next meeting will be January 27<sup>th</sup> with a virtual option. They are still working on Hazconnect and the review process. At the next meeting they will be walking through their hazardous materials response plan and finalizing/updating their membership roster.
- Trice Burgess requested that if anyone wanted to be removed from the FJLEPC email distribution list or have people you want added to it, please let him know by email. He will be sending out the invite for the 2026 meetings in the near future.

#### **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

Chairman Routh requested a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Bowman Olds and seconded by Bryan Walker. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:45.

***The next meeting of the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee  
will be held on December 11, 2025.***