



Meeting Minutes

August 13, 2026

VIA TEAMS/TELECONFERENCE Attendees

Bart Routh, FJLEPC Chairman, SICPA Securink Corp.
Mohamed Kamara, GMU
Patrick Sheehan, FRD Special Ops
Eric Wyatt, FRD Special Ops
Adam Armstrong, Fairfax County Police Department
Michael Cronin, Quest Diagnostics
James Sager, Fairfax Water
Larry Zaragoza, EQAC
Matt Shutltz, Loudoun County LEPC
Adrian Nelson, INOVA Fairfax Hospital
Kyle Dugas, Quest Diagnostics
David Kennedy, Fairfax County Police Department
Bree Aboulhosn, UOSA
Liza Sabine, Fairfax County Health Department
Edward Mason, VSP
Amara Smith, Colonial Pipeline
Nathaniel Murray, Colonial Pipeline
Eddie Murphy, PHMSA
Steven Fontento, VA DEQ
Fernando Castaneda, CISA

STAFF SUPPORT

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

FJLEPC MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chairman Bart Routh, called the August 13, 2026, 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 June 11, 2026, meeting minutes before motion to approve. James Sager motioned to approve. Seconded by Larry Zaragoza. Meeting minutes approved

REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Communications:

No report

Business Outreach:

No report

HMERP Exercise Subcommittee:

Exercise will be held in the fall. Details will follow later in the year.

Ways and Means:

No Report. Need new chairperson for committee.

Liaison with other LEPC's:

Matt Shultz with Loudoun LEPC advised they held their last meeting on April 28th from 10am – 12pm. The Chemical Safety Board gave a presentation on the anhydrous ammonia incident that occurred last year in Sterling. Have several new members on their LEPC. Loudoun still has an opening for their emergency preparedness specialist. Loudoun's next LEPC meeting date TBD. Matt also advised that PWC LEPC is using Hazconnect as their Tier II Reporting system. Trice Burgess attended Alexandria LEPC meeting on May 6th. Lithium-ion batteries and education/outreach were discussed at that meeting.

SUBCOMMITTEES REPORTS:

HAZMAT RESPONSE TEAM (HMRT) UPDATE

RECENT INCIDENTS

- Battalion Chief Kristi Bartlett provided the following information via email
- Incidents:

Hazmat events since the last meeting:

- Tesla accident with fire on Dulles Toll Road – vehicle was in an accident, and battery pack was damaged and caught on fire under an overpass. Vehicle was pulled out from the underpass. Stray battery cells were overpacked and sent with the vehicle to the tow yard.
- Other incidents include small lithium battery incidents; gas leaks

HMRT TRAINING

- 4 personnel will be attending the IAFC hazmat conference next week in Baltimore
- Personnel will be attending train safety training with Norfolk Southern Safety train at the end of the month in Alexandria
- Working with Williams Fire Training to conduct basic tank farm training and foam training for everyone in special ops in the fall

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
401	Active Facilities
184	Inactive Facilities
165	Critical Hazard Facilities (CHF)

- For 2026 Reporting cycle (2025 Data):
 - 430 reports submitted and approved
 - 1st Due app is update for each approved report
 - 100% submittal rate

FJLEPC website.

- Updated with February 2026 meeting minutes attached.
- Stats for April: 134 visitors and 330 views
- Stats for May: 91 visitors and 274 views
- Looking for suggestions to add to the webpage and presentations for future meetings
- Waiting for new EPA SERC-TERC updates since the Federal Government has reopened.

Old Business:

New Business:

- Trice Burgess wants to wish Fairfax City Fire Chief John O'Neal all the best in his upcoming retirement at the end of this month! Thanks for the past 10 years for your support and participation in the FJLEPC.
- 2026 HMERP draft documents have been sent out to multiple agency contacts for comment and review. Please email comments, changes, and/or corrections by June 28th. I am hoping to get the annual plan submitted to VERC/VA DEQ in July.
- Bart Routh reminded everyone that this year is the end of his cycle serving as the FJLEPC chair. BC Kristi Bartlett will take over as Chair in 2027. We are looking for a vice chair from the private sector for the election at the December meeting. Please let us know if you are interested in the position.

Roundtable / Member Updates

Trice Burgess called for roundtable/member updates.

- Matt Shultz with Loudoun LEPC advised they have an open position for an emergency preparedness position. John Zelznak was recently promoted internally, and his old position is now vacant. The position will handle Tier II reporting program and serve as Vicechair on the Loudoun LEPC. The job announcement should be posted soon. Matt also requested that the pipeline companies keep him in the loop for any upcoming pipeline safety training.
- Fernando Castaneda advised CISA is supporting the FIFA games now.

- Steven Fontenot with VA DEQ wanted to let everyone know that DEQ is here for assistance and will continue to attend these meetings to stay up to date on what is going on in this area.
- James Sager with Fairfax Water recently completed a CISA assessment. They are continuing to bolster security and hardening their facilities. James stated that Fairfax Water may be able to host the FJLEPC for a facility site visit/tour this fall.
- Eddie Murphy with PHMSA reported that the annual Hazmat Roundtable meeting was held in Sterling last week. The meeting was hosted by PHMSA, the IFC and the National Fire Academy. They had approximately 50 people attend the event. Items discussed included lithium-ion batteries, accidents involving small modular nuclear reactors in transportation, alternative energy sources such as hydrogen and anhydrous ammonia. The roundtable meeting report should be out in July 2026.
- Adrian Nelson with Inova Fairfax Hospital advised they were conducting planning for infectious disease/Ebola and may be reaching out to some County agencies for collaboration.
- Trice Burgess stated that local/state/federal law enforcement agencies met recently to discuss counter UAS enforcement response for America 250 events and the FIFA games across the country. All these activities will be considered no drone zone events and will be enforced accordingly. Look out for FAA TFRs at these events.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Chairman Routh requested a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by James Sager and seconded by Larry Zaragoza. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:31.

***The next meeting of the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee
will be held on August 13, 2026.***