



**Meeting Minutes  
August 13, 2015**

**ATTENDEES:**

Deputy Chief M. Anthony Barrero, Fairfax County Fire Marshal's Office  
Dianne Blais, League of Women Voters  
Johna Gagnon, EQAC  
Paul Jolley, Colonial Pipeline  
Dave McKernan, Fairfax County OEM  
Battalion Chief Kerwin McNamara, Fairfax County Fire & Hazmat Investigative Services  
Richard Michelback, Fairfax County Public Schools  
Patrick Nnaji, Fairfax County Department of Public Works & Environmental Services  
Erik Peterson, Vice Chair, INOVA Fairfax Hospital  
Battalion Chief Marty Ranck, Fairfax County Hazardous Materials Response Team  
Cathy Roth, Fairfax County DPW&ES Storm Water  
Bart Routh, SICPA SecurInk  
Jayne Woolf, UOSA

**Guests:**

Mary Ann Jennings, Fairfax County Police Department  
Sarah Keally, Health Department (for Marc Barbriere)  
Ricky Brooks II, NVRIC

**Staff Support:**

Paula Woodrum, Fairfax County Office of the Fire Marshal

**FJLEPC MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

Vice Chair Erik Peterson called the August 13, 2015 meeting of the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee to order at 10:05 a.m. He asked that everyone introduce themselves.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Vice Chair Erik Peterson asked for motion to approve the June 11, 2015 minutes. **Motion** to approve June 11, 2015 minutes by Johna, second by Patrick Nnaji. **Motion carried.**

**REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Public Communications:**

Paula advised that the webmaster had a family emergency, so the last set of minutes has not yet been published to the website. He will get them published to the website within the next week or so.

Paula is looking at a website refresh in the late Fall 2015, so if you have ideas, please let her know. MS4 will be incorporated in some fashion to include their public education campaign efforts.

**Business Outreach**

Bruce McFarlane retired, so there is no report until Bruce's replacement has been chosen.

**Ways and Means:**

Erik Peterson met with Dave McKernan briefly and discussed dovetailing with business outreach efforts and possibly producing a shelter in place video. The request was made to Jim Person at Channel 16 and cc'd Paula.

Discussion ensued on updating the FJLEPC's Shelter In Place video. Paula informed the committee that the FJLEPC's video was produced in 2005 and is very dated looking. The information contained within is still valid, but doesn't include information regarding Fairfax Alerts, social media and other methods of communication that are in place now that weren't viable when the video was produced. The committee felt that it would be a good idea to pursue updating the video and perhaps taking more of an "all hazards" approach to sheltering in place and that a subcommittee should be formed. A suggestion was made that the FJLEPC may want to explore translating the video into the core languages. Dave McKernan agreed to remain the liaison; Johna Gagnon, Erik Peterson and Paula will work as a subcommittee and will come back with recommendations at next meeting for plan to move forward.

Motion to move forward on updating the Shelter in Place video with Paula serving as Subcommittee Coordinator and Dave McKernan serving as Liaison by Johna Gagnon, second by Patrick Nnaji. Motion carried.

**HMERP Exercise Subcommittee:**

"B" shift will be the shift participating with the HMERP drill this year. The drill will involve Washington Gas' Ravensworth propane cavern and rail facility in Springfield. The HMRT is currently working on the logistics of the drill and are shooting for the Fall 2015 (October/November) time frame. The HMERP drill will coincide with one of the already scheduled HMRT Hazmat drills. The Team has met with Washington Gas; however, the person who can solidify the date was on vacation, so they are still in planning phase. They are trying to coordinate a date that they will have a rail car at the Propane Cavern. Scenario is still in development phase, but will most likely involve a leaking rail car.

**CCC Liaison Updates:**

Erik attended the July 23<sup>rd</sup> CCC meeting. There was subgroup that met and made changes to Ready-Set Know festival due to feedback received. Erik left handouts on the table from the CCC. The dates for Ready-Set-Know are September 12-13, 2015.

**Liaison with other LEPCs:**

Erik Peterson attended the July 29<sup>th</sup> Special Call meeting for PWLEPC and they had one change to their HMERP and adopted it. They also elected officers. Bowman Olds was elected chair of their LEPC. The vice chair was from a public utility. Paul Jolley also attended. Alexandria LEPC will meet in September.

**HAZMAT RESPONSE TEAM (HMRT) UPDATE:**

**RECENT INCIDENTS**

Loudoun County had a tanker rollover on Old Ox Road and Rt. 28 involving a liquid tar tanker carrying about 6,000 gals of liquid tar. Loudoun County called for assistance from our HMRT. We drilled saddle tanks to remove the diesel fuel and offloaded and coordinated with the wrecker company to upright the tanker and offload it. It was 100 degree day, so we were able to provide extra manpower.

**HMRT TRAINING**

NOVA Region NVERS purchased a couple of IsoPODs, which is a negative pressure "cocoon" that we can put a patient in. Fairfax County has two on our hazmat unit. NVERS also purchased two BioQuell decontamination units for the region.

The Hazmat Team has been at an elementary school conducting training for the children on hazmat spills and spill cleanup demonstrations with the kids.

The HMRT participated in Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority's (MWA) foam drill at their tank farm at Dulles Airport.

The HMRT recently obtained iPads. This will enhance the team's research capabilities as well as making the Tier II Manager system more mobile. There is a scroll bar issue with the Tier II Manager system and the vendor is working on resolving the issue.

**FJLEPC COORDINATOR UPDATE:**

**Tier II Manager Update & HMERP**

HMERP update is in progress; however, budget season is coming up for the County so very little progress is anticipated in the September-October time frame.

Paula has been working with the Tier II Manager vendor to resolve software issues with the new version of the software as it arises. This includes some of the emergency response plan template issues and iPad scrolling issues.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Johna Gagnon asked about everyone's experience with the World Police & Fire Games now that they're over. She had heard that the numbers were reduced regarding for athletes participating, awareness about the games, logistics regarding attendance, etc. There was a lot of confusion from a volunteer and spectator perspective. Dave McKernan said to be wary about comparing numbers from past games because prior venues (e.g., New York, etc.) didn't capture statistics in the same manner that we did so it's like comparing apples to oranges. The Fairfax games captured individual athletes just once where other venues counted an individual athlete at each event they competed. This meant that one person may have been counted 3 or 4 times if they competed in multiple events at other games where they were only counted one time here at the Fairfax games. Paula shared experiences regarding the loss of the officer from Brazil who was killed in one of the bicycling events and the support that the FRD provided to the family of the Park Ranger from West Virginia who was injured in that same race. Overall, it was the consensus that the athletes had a great time and that was what mattered.

Paul Jolley reminded everyone that Colonial Pipeline usually does a big public service announcement campaign each year on August 11<sup>th</sup> (8/11) to remind people to call 8-1-1 (Miss Utility) before you dig.

Paula reminded everyone that the next meeting will be October 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. This is a change from the normal schedule due to a scheduling conflict with the conference room.

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:**

*The next meeting of the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee will be held on Thursday, October 15, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. This meeting will be held in the A Conference Room at the Fire Marshal Headquarters, 10700 Page Avenue, Fairfax, VA.*