



**Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2017**

ATTENDEES:

Lynn Green, DPWES Stormwater Planning Division
Mary Ann Jennings, Fairfax County Police Dept.
Martin Ranck, Vice Chairman, FJLEPC
Cathy Roth, DPWES Stormwater Planning Division
Bart Routh, SICPA
Ken Rudnicki, City of Fairfax OEM
Bowman Olds, Prince William County LEPC

Staff Support:

Trice Burgess, Fairfax County Fire Marshal's Office
Karen Lowery, Fairfax County Fire Marshal's Office

FJLEPC MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Vice Chairman Ranck called the October 12, 2017, meeting of the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee to order at 10:06 a.m. He asked that everyone introduce himself or herself.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Vice Chairman Ranck asked that everyone review minutes from August 10, 2017, meeting; however, approval will have to be tabled until the next meeting since there is no quorum.

NEW BUSINESS

REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Communications:

No report.

Business Outreach:

No report.

Ways and Means:

No report.

HMERP Exercise Subcommittee:

Bowman Olds inquired about the status of the tabletop exercise with the Merrifield Post Office. Vice Chairman Ranck reported they are looking at identifying a different venue for a future tabletop exercise since the USPS has not been receptive. No date has been set. There was discussion on the identifying a venue with biological system in Fairfax County.

CCC Liaison Updates:

Vice Chairman Ranck reported that the Ready, Set, Know event on September 28, 2017, was well attended and everyone enjoyed the displays. There was discussion on providing the information cards at future events in the community.

OEM – since the county is merging to a new domain, there may be a delay in updates to webpages. There was discussion on having a “show and tell” at future meetings on how EOC operates in an event. Chairman Ranck reported the Springfield Bridge Walk held in late August/early September was well attended. Cert Team is producing a newsletter which should be linked on the website. Bowman Olds stated he believed the Cert for Fairfax County was top-notch in the country. Chairman Ranck reported that OEM is now fully staffed; they participated in tabletop simulation, “Operation Thunderbolt,” in mid-September which went very well. Cathy Roth asked how OEM and FJLEPC work together, and Trice Burgess responded. Chairman Ranck stated that OEM oversees the CCC. Red Cross reported on their members currently assisting in Puerto Rico. CCC updated their current representatives.

October 14, 2017 – Providence District will host a Preparedness Weekend event and will also promote open house events at all Fairfax County fire stations occurring on same day.

October 19, 2017 – Shake Out Drill.

Ways and Means: No Report.

Liaison with other LEPCs:

Vice Chairman Ranck reported that Chairman Peterson attended the Prince William County LEPC meeting. Vice Chairman Ranck attended the City of Alexandria LEPC meeting. They showed the Fairfax County Shelter-in-Place video and it was well received. Alexandria LEPC would like to produce something similar. They stated that our Shelter-in-Place video provided good generic, broad based information. There will be a simulated hazmat drill occurring at an amusement park on October 25, 2017, involving the FBI and regional hospitals to see how hospitals self-present in decon procedures. Several local hospitals have reached out to Vice Chairman Ranck to participate in this drill. Bowman Olds asked if there was a point of contact. Vice Chairman Ranck stated that Chairman Peterson would be contact for Fairfax Hospital, however, he would have to check on other hospitals. PWC’s new emergency management coordinator will be speaking at their next meeting on how handled situational awareness in his previous jurisdiction.

Shelter in Place Video:

Trice Burgess reported the Shelter-in-Place video is now on YouTube. There are now cards available to pass out at community events. Vice Chairman Ranck stated that we should get cards to OEM to pass out at events in which they are participants.

HAZMAT RESPONSE TEAM (HMRT) UPDATE

RECENT INCIDENTS

Vice Chairman Ranck reported they responded to a few small spills and a Freon leak from an a/c unit. He reported that Loudoun County had a recent incident involving a gasoline tanker and a car.

Vice Chairman Ranck and Trice Burgess met with representatives from Washington Gas to see if there are ways to speed up communication as well as having more training opportunities.

HMRT TRAINING

There will be a hazmat drill involving highways and railways and mitigating leaks. The NCTC conference was held at the Dulles Hilton with a live dirty bomb exercise involving the hazmat team and EOD bomb squad. Very well attended. Vice Chairman Ranck will try to get pictures or video of exercise. The next NCTC conference will be in April 2018. Fairfax County hazmat team is scheduled to participate.

FJLEPC COORDINATOR UPDATE

Tier II Manager Update & HMERP

Trice Burgess reported as follows on the Tier II facilities:

561 – total facilities
422 – active facilities
140 – active critical facilities
10 – facilities not in compliance

97% compliance rate has been achieved.
100% of facilities are in the Tier II CAD dispatch system.

Cathy Roth asked if there was any information on the explosion of an industrial building in Texas that occurred during the recent hurricane. Trice reported that there was no way to get fuel to the emergency generators at the building, and chemicals heated up causing explosion. He also stated he did not believe any of the facilities in Fairfax County required electricity to maintain combustibles.

EQAC

No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ken Rudnicki reported the annual life safety fair at George Mason University will be on October 26.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

Vice Chairman Ranck entertained a motion to adjourn. Ken Rudnicki made a motion to adjourn. Cathy Roth seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

The next meeting of the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee will be held on Thursday, December 14 at 10:00 a.m. The location is TBD.