



**Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2016**

ATTENDEES:

Bob Balog, Citizen
DFC Anthony Barrero, Fire Marshal's Office
LT Dalton Becker, Fairfax County Police
Johna Gagnon, EQAC
Jesse Habourn, Health Department
Sharone Lathrope, League of Women Voters
Rick Leino, American Red Cross
SGT Terry Licklider, Virginia State Police
BFC Kerwin McNamara, Fire and Hazardous Materials Investigations
Richard Michelback, FCPS
Patrick Nnaji, Fairfax County DPW&ES
Bowman Olds, PWLEPC, Schneider Electric
Erik Peterson, Vice Chair, INOVA Fairfax Hospital
BFC Martin Ranck, Hazardous Materials Response Team
Cathy Roth, Storm Water Management
Donald Smart, Fort Belvoir Emergency Management
Khis Suravallop, Noman Cole Pollution Control Plant
Jayne Woolf, Upper Occoquan Service Authority
Anthony Zarrella, NGA

Guests:

Karin Bencala, ICPRB
Taylor Fletcher, Health Department
Jim Henderson, Citizen
Stephanie Nikola, Health Department

Staff Support:

Investigator W. Trice Burgess, Fairfax County Fire Marshal's Office
Inspector III Barry Hall, Fire and Hazardous Materials Investigations
EMS III Paula Woodrum, Fairfax County Fire Marshal's Office

FILEPC MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Vice Chair Erik Peterson called the February 11, 2016 meeting of the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee to order at 10:15 a.m. He asked that everyone introduce themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Vice Chair Erik Peterson asked for motion to approve the December 10, 2015 minutes. There were two amendments to the published draft minutes. **Motion** to approve the amended December 10, 2015 minutes by Bob Balog, second by multiple. **Motion carried.**

REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Communications:

Paula advised that the webmaster updated the website with past minutes and the meeting schedule for the February meeting. The 2016 Calendar was also posted on the web site. Several links were updated.

Business Outreach

There was no Business Outreach report.

Ways and Means:

Dovetailing efforts on hold until new Business Outreach person at Fairfax County OEM is hired.

HMERP Exercise Subcommittee:

The FJLEPC and the HMRT held the HMERP exercise on December 9th. The drill was held at Washington Gas on Ravensworth Road. The drill scenario simulated a leak at a valve that Washington Gas personnel could not control and required hazmat team intervention. BC Ranck will work with the personnel at Fire Station 440 to determine a date and scenario for the 2016 drill, most likely in late summer or in the fall.

CCC Liaison Updates:

Erik Peterson attended the CCC meeting held on January 28th. There was a presentation on Project Lifesaver by the Sheriff's Office. Project Lifesaver is a program where County residents with intellectual disabilities or dementia can register and receive locator monitors that can be activated should they ever wander off from their caretakers or home. The CCC is looking for input from several groups for their Annual Report and wanted a summary from the LEPC. Paula will work on that and get it to Dean. The CCC also published their 2016 meeting schedule. Their next meeting is scheduled for March 24th.

Liaison with other LEPCs:

Bo Olds, Chair of PWLEPC, provided an update on activities of the PWLEPC. Communication and outreach in getting information out is a primary focus right now.

Erik Peterson attended the Alexandria LEPC meeting. He reported out on their meeting at the December FJLEPC meeting. Their next meeting is March 9th.

Shelter in Place Video:

Johna Gagnon presented an update. Discussion regarding partnering with other agencies to come up with an "all hazards" shelter in place message to cover weather, chemical, etc. If several sheltering in place messages are developed, then it may be confusing to the public. The recent blizzard is a perfect example. Johna, Erik and Paula will get together and have further discussions on next steps.

HAZMAT RESPONSE TEAM (HMRT) UPDATE:

RECENT INCIDENTS

The HMRT assisted Fort Belvoir with an incident at NGA at the mail facility. Took samples and provided help at Belvoir's request.

In early January the HMRT ran a call involving an underground home heating fuel oil tank. The homeowners had just had it filled with 250 gallons of fuel oil. The tank had rusted through and the oil seeped into the ground. The house was on well water and that became a concern to protect the groundwater. Cleanup contract was activated and is now in FHMIS oversight program. VADEQ does

have a program to help homeowners with cleanup. We have had 3 of these incidents in the past couple of months. We probably have 10-15 of these incidents per year.

Johna Gagnon asked if we could develop an outreach message about maintenance and life span of these tanks. Paula will research if there are any publications available from VADEQ regarding home heating oil tanks.

HMRT TRAINING

The HMRT is currently working on the team's drill and training schedule for the year.

The HMRT recently acquired a mass spectrometer through an NCR grant. Twenty HMRT members were trained in the use of the mass spectrometer.

BC Ranck is working with TRANSCAER and Jennifer Paris (Virginia TRANSCAER coordinator) for rail training in the spring/summer.

Fairfax County FRD is coordinating and hosting a Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) sampling class in partnership with the Secret Service and Louisiana State University. This is a 3-day sampling class for biological WMD agents. The training will occur in March.

The Fairfax County FRD is also participating with personal protective equipment (PPE) study with Duke University and INOVA. The study involves PPE for medics and ER personnel.

FJLEPC COORDINATOR UPDATE: Tier II Manager Update & HMERP

Paula is still working on updating the HMERP. Her efforts have been stalled due to the County's budget cycle, lines of business, and the Colonial Pipeline cost recovery efforts. She hopes to have the plan completed by the next meeting.

Paula described recent development involving one of our Tier II facilities that stores propane installing unpermitted tanks that doubled their capacity. This facility failed to report the increased inventory and failed to obtain proper permits from the County prior to installing the tanks. This same facility failed to report their inventory at all two reporting cycles ago. The way the FJLEPC discovered they were there was the fact that they had a fire and our HMRT discovered they were not in the Tier II Manager System and reported them to the FMO for follow-up. Each year VADEQ asks all the LEPCs if they have facilities who have not reported or who were not compliant with their SARA Title III reporting requirements. VADEQ reports the facilities the LEPCs identify to the EPA Region III office. Often, these reports result in an inspection by the EPA and could subject the facility to fines for non-compliance. She asked that the FJLEPC consider a motion to report this facility as being non-compliant for the installation and use of unpermitted tanks and not reporting the change in inventory to the FJLEPC.

Motion by Johna to report Facility #501 (name redacted) to VDEQ as non-compliant facility and make sure that the Office of Public Affairs and the district supervisor is informed of the LEPC's action. Second by multiple. **Motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Johna Gagnon heard that the mounds of snow melting at RFK may pose an issue for Fairfax's drinking water and asked if any other committee members had heard about this concern. No one else indicated that they had heard that the melting snow would be a concern for Fairfax's water.

Jim Henderson offered his services to volunteer for the LEPC. Jim has a lot of years of experience working for PHMSA. Paula indicated that she's always looking for people to help with outreach.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

The next meeting of the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee will be held on Thursday, April 14, 2016 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.