

**Frederick County  
LEPC Meeting Minutes  
May 12, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Frederick County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) was held at Frederick Community College, 7932 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick, Maryland. The meeting was called to order at 0830 hours.

The following were present at the meeting: Chairman Dennis Wenner, Denise Wyant, Chuck Hanfman, Kathy Forrest, Vince Fiammetta, Rob VanAtta, Gary Spegal, Kelly Russell, Gene Mellin, Garth Phoebus, Steve Cooper, Carol Haag, Steve Patswald, Barry Stanton, Richard Himes, Barbara Brookmyer, Chip Jewell, Phil Giuliano, Mike McNeal, Seamus Mooney, and Al Hudak.

**Old Business**

- Chairman Wenner asked if there were any corrections to the April 14, 2008, draft minutes. If not, he asked for a motion to accept the minutes. Chief Mellin motioned to accept the minutes. Rob VanAtta seconded. Minutes accepted.
- Chairman Wenner noted that we are moving forward with the LEPC's web page. Also, meeting locations for the remainder of the year have been determined and will be posted on the web site.
- Chairman Wenner reported that the Draft LEPC By-laws and Constitution has been forwarded to County legal for review.
- Carol gave a DeLEASI update: she had a telephone interview with a prospective volunteer. She and Kathy will be arranging a face-to-face interview.
- There was no update on the Public Information web site as Robin was assisting DPW.
- FMH completed their HazMat class.

**New Business**

- Improvement plans: Improvement plans for the past three years have been developed and consolidated. Garth will forward the report to Denise so that it can be shared with LEPC members.
- Post Office TTX – response agencies in the County have been contacted by the Postal Service in reference to an exercise to be held at their distribution facility. It is not clear what the County agency's roles will be due to jurisdictional questions.
- Kathy and Steve reported on positive results with the Frederick Marathon.
- The World TEAM bike ride was uneventful.
- The Frederick Fair Planning Process is starting. They have asked for an all hazards plan.

**Noteworthy**

- Kathy reported that the PIO Committee has decided to do a Hurricane Preparedness campaign. They will also be developing a resource library.
- Vince from Fort Detrick reported that May 17<sup>th</sup> is Armed Forces Day. All are invited.

- Rob reported that on July 11<sup>th</sup> the Fort will have a new installation commander. Additionally, they will be holding an exercise on September 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Carol reported that Volunteer Frederick and Volunteer Howard will be meeting for a roundtable discussion on May 20<sup>th</sup> at the Clarksville Fire Department.
- Gary, resident of Sabillasville and employee of Adelphi Labs, asked for more detailed information on meeting locations on the web site.
- Kelly from the ARC reported that they will be interviewing in the next couple of weeks to fill Judy's position.
- Steve reported that Dennis has been promoted to Lt. Because of that, there will be some reorganization in their office.
- Seamus reported on the facilitated discussion surrounding the Hurricane Exercise. He also reported on the training and exercise planning meeting.
- Chip reported that as of April 17<sup>th</sup> the BDA was installed and field-tested in Brunswick. He is also actively meeting with the State Interoperability Committee in regards to the 700 MHz RFP. He also noted that three major redundancy projects are in the works locally.
- Dr. Brookmyer reported that the Health Department has taken delivery of 2 HAM radios.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 A.M.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 9<sup>th</sup> at the Department of Fire and Rescue Services on Montevue Lane, Frederick.