

Frederick County LEPC Meeting Minutes February 9, 2009

The regular meeting of the Frederick County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) was held at the Frederick County Health Department, Montevue Ln, Frederick. The meeting was called to order at 0830 hours.

The following were present at the meeting: Chairman Dennis Wenner, Denise Wyant, Kathy Forrest, Judy Peterson, Al Hudak, Richard Himes, Stephanie Schepp, Seamus Mooney, Barry Stanton, Jack Markey, Todd Johnson, and Chip Jewell.

Old Business

- Chairman Wenner noted that he did not have the previous month's meeting minutes. He asked for a motion to wave the review of those minutes until the next meeting.
- The Transition Committee has not yet met. A meeting has been scheduled and an update will be provided at the March meeting.
- Updates to the LEPC website – this will be included with the Transition Committee's recommendations. Denise is scheduled to receive training in Civic Plus so she can assist with maintaining and updating the site.
- 2008 LEPC Drill AAR – Chairman Wenner has a draft of the AAR. It will be reviewed by the drill planning committee. The draft of the internal document has been completed.

New Business

- 2009 Drill Thoughts – the Myersville Fire Chief has been approached. He will speak with the town about hosting the drill. A kick-off meeting will be held in the near future.
 - o Judy requested that a sheltering component be included in the drill as the Red Cross has supplies in that area.
- The LEPC brochure has been completed. The tabletop will be on display at the next monthly meeting.
- A vendor has approached for "Safely Out," which is a follow-up to Plan 9. It is about how citizens should safely evacuate. Would like to roll it out with the 2009 drill.
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Roundtable

- Chip – in process of installing the new E911 system.
- Todd – CAA will work with Kathy's office on Plan 9. Citizen Corps will be meeting and discussing Safely Out.
- Jack – January 20th, there was a change to the EPCRA. Not sure if there is applicability to farms in our County.
 - o Discussion of Channel 99 – many things to many people
- Al – Donnie will be DPW's contact for the 2009 drill. Will be happy to participate.

- Judy – received a grant from Wal-Mart for disaster readiness; they received \$15K and will be purchasing items and attending training. She noted that the Red Cross spent more in fires in FY 2008 primarily because people are cancelling their insurance.
- Robin – There is a new Emergency Alert button the County's website.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 A.M.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 9th at the Frederick Municipal Office Annex.