

Frederick County LEPC Meeting Minutes March 9, 2009

The regular meeting of the Frederick County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) was held at the Frederick Municipal Office Annex, West Patrick Street, Frederick. The meeting was called to order at 0830 hours.

The following were present at the meeting: Chairman Dennis Wenner, Denise Wyant, Kathy Forrest, Richard Himes, Garth Phoebus, Chip Jewell, Dr. Brookmyer, Mike McNeal, Stephanie Schepp, Seamus Mooney, Al Hudak, Todd Johnson, Robin Santangelo, Norris Gearhart (Paul Davis Restoration), Judy Peterson, Carroll Jones, and Steve Cooper.

Old Business

- Chairman Wenner asked for a review of the previous month's meeting minutes. Todd Johnson made a motion to accept February's meeting minutes. Chip Jewell seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- Chip Jewell reported on the status of the Transition Committee. He noted that the LEPC is not in compliance with several items in the Constitution and By-laws. Denise noted that the LEPC needs to update the letter to the SERC.
- Updates to the LEPC website – Denise noted that the website now includes approved meeting minutes in .pdf format. Also, the upcoming meeting's date and location has been added.
- Chairman Wenner noted that the 2005-2007 Drill Improvement Plan is under review. He needs to meet with Chief Smith – Brunswick.

New Business

- 2009 Drill Thoughts –Myersville – it will be a tiered exercise, including a tabletop as well as a hands-on portion.
- The new LEPC display and brochures were showcased at the meeting.
- Norris Gearhart asked about including a public outreach component for the 2009 Drill. He would like to follow-up Plan 9 with Safely Out, which includes a packet of information that would be given to citizens. The packets cost \$10/ each. Norris explained that he would contact civic organizations to raise money to cover the cost of the packets.
 - Chairman Wenner recommended that Norris attend the LEPC Drill meetings. He also asked Kathy Forrest to prepare an informational brief on the proposal.
 - Seamus commented that Norris's idea was presented before Citizen Corps. They were looking for feedback/ input from the LEPC.
 - Dr. Brookmyer inquired if there was more than one type of placard included, i.e., for a pandemic influenza event.
 - Robin expressed that she felt it is a good idea. She suggested doing some research to ensure that there aren't conflicting programs out there.

- Chairman Wenner agreed that we need further research/ information.
- Todd Johnson suggested that Citizen Corps could take the lead on this project.
- Kathy and Norris were instructed to continue working on developing a brief. The website for additional information is www.citizenvoice.org.

Planned Events

- Frederick Marathon – Sunday, May 3rd
- Fourth of July
- Ultra Marathon from Gettysburg, PA, to Washington, D.C. – not sure if the route will take it through Frederick County
- There was also discussion of a calendar to house all large municipal events. It was suggested that this should be housed with Emergency Management?

Roundtable

- Chip – did implement the new E911 system.
- Judy – did receive money from WalMart. She is working with Seamus on locating the sheltering trailer. Also, March is Red Cross month.
- Stephanie – Volunteer Mobilization Drill – Brookhill United Methodist Church. It will be on March 17th from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.
- Al – inquired about how the trailers will be tied in – should there be a discussion at the next EMPAC meeting? Should this be included in the Transportation Annex? Chairman Wenner suggested that we may need to revisit some of the previous annexes and make some adjustments (as needed).
- Robin – March 18th – will be a Chamber event at the Red Cross. FCG TV 19 will be doing a piece on the LEPC.
- Seamus – March 19th – will be taking the base Emergency Plan in front of the Board of County Commissioners. April 8th – there will be a Strategic Planning Session.
- Kathy – the LEPC display will be housed at Emergency Management. She offered that they will set it up for anyone who would like to use it.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 A.M.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 13th at the Frederick County Chapter of the American Red Cross.