

Frederick County

LEPC Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2009

The regular meeting of the Frederick County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) was held at the Frederick County Chapter of the American Red Cross, Walkersville, at 0830 hours.

The following were present at the meeting: Chairman Dennis Wenner, Denise Wyant, Judy Peterson, Betty Mitchell, Stephanie Schepp, Kathy Forrest, Steve Cooper, Richard Himes, Todd Johnson, Barry Stanton, Jack Markey, Seamus Mooney, Barbara Brookmyer, Robin Santangelo, and Norris Gearhart.

Old Business

- Chairman Wenner asked for a review of the previous month's meeting minutes. Richard Himes made a motion to accept March's meeting minutes. Dr. Brookmyer seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- Seamus, Dennis, Chip, and Denise will sit on the LEPC Constitution and By-laws committee and review what changes need to be made to make sure the LEPC is in compliance with its By-laws.
- Robin reported that Dennis's piece for FCG TV will be on the County's website. She will e-mail out a link.
- No volunteer update.
- The LEPC webpage continues to be updated.

New Business

- 2009 LEPC Drill – Emergency Management will take over the planning for the drill. A kick-off meeting will need to be scheduled to begin the planning process. The date for the drill will be set around the fall festivals.
- Kathy – Safely Out – presented a printed briefing sheet on the program. Would like to see that component included in the 2009 Drill. It is education on evacuation.
 - There was a lot of discussion on Safely Out. Jack reported that he will bring it to the EMPAC for discussion as it is worth exploring.
 - Seamus reported that it fits with Plan 9, and it doesn't conflict with other programs.
 - Dennis was concerned about getting outside the scope of the LEPC.
 - Seamus made a motion that the LEPC support the use of Safely Out as a pilot with a letter to be drafted by Emergency Management and sent to Doug Orner and the EMPAC. Mr. Stanton seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Planned Events

- Frederick Marathon – Sunday, May 3rd

Roundtable

- Seamus – discussion with the Marathon committee with having one IAP. Did have a Strategic Planning Session, which went well.
- Jack – last Thursday had a power failure at the LEC. Resulted in primary and secondary generator failures. There were no problems with 911.
- Barry – change in Volunteer Fire and Rescue services. They now report to the County Manager's Office.
- Kathy – Hazard Mitigation Plan – final process of revising. Deadline for comments is April 24th.
- Judy – Red Cross focus on disaster response capability. Nationally, moving toward a concept called “One Red Cross.”
- Robin – PIO training at the EOC. Hurricane season starts June 1st.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 A.M.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 11th at the Frederick County Law Enforcement Center.