

Frederick County LEPC Meeting Minutes May 11, 2009

The regular meeting of the Frederick County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) was held at the Frederick County Law Enforcement Center, 110 Airport Drive East, Frederick, at 0830 hours. Jack Markey called the meeting to order.

The following were present at the meeting: Denise Wyant, Chip Jewell, Doug Orner, Steve Leatherman, Stephanie Schepp, Mike McNeal, Richard Himes, Garth Phoebus, Kathy Forrest, Steve Cooper, Seamus Mooney, Robin Santangelo, Barry Stanton, Al Hudak, Barbara Brookmyer, Todd Johnson, and Jack Markey.

Barry Stanton advised that the LEPC will have to select a new Chair as Dennis Wenner has resigned his position with DFRS. He suggested that we have a discussion in regards to this at the next meeting and that the LEPC membership be advised of this. Dennis Dudley, who was not present, will be the acting Chair.

Old Business

- Jack asked for a review of the previous month's meeting minutes. Richard Himes made a motion to accept April's meeting minutes. Chip seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- Chip reported that the Transition Team did meet. They are approximately two-thirds of the way through the LEPC's Constitution. He expects them to finish the document in one more meeting. After that, they will provide recommendations to the LEPC.
- Denise reported that the updated LEPC brochure is currently accessible on the LEPC's website. Robin updated the site during the meeting to remove Dennis Wenner's contact information and to add Dennis Dudley's.
- No volunteer update.
- Emergency Management will send a letter to the State to notify them of the change in LEPC leadership.

New Business

- 2009 LEPC Drill – Emergency Management will take over the planning for the drill. Seamus will take the lead for DEP. A kick-off meeting has not been scheduled.
 - DFRS did have two HazMat responses. The LEPC may want to look at submitting one of those as a drill.
 - There was a discussion of conducting a functional exercise or just looking at the After Action Reports. It was suggested that maybe this time could be more of a tabletop exercise if DFRS doesn't feel the need to have a drill. Please submit any comments on that to Seamus.
- Kathy – reported that DEP will have a presence at several events. She also reminded those present that Hurricane season begins June 1st.

- Seamus reported that for the County COOP plans, all draft plans except for one are completed. He said that there is a review for the directors planned.
 - He related that there has been discussion about having an exercise related to the flu sometime in the fall.

Planned Events

- Frederick Marathon – went smoothly, just a lot of rain.
- July 4th – Upcoming
- June 27th – tentative Fort Detrick/ City of Frederick event at Baker Park. It is scheduled to run 6 – 9 P.M.

Roundtable

- Robin – attended a HazMat exercise at Fort Detrick. She was an observer, and she reported that it was a good experience. She also reported that FCG will not have a booth at the Fair due to budget limitations. She also inquired that perhaps the LEPC could meet every other month instead of monthly.
- Seamus – reported that the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan has been submitted to the State.
- Rick – continues to send out training announcements. He did note that there aren't as many training offerings. He mentioned that the NCR has a good number of training offerings; the County might be able to piggyback off of some of those.
- Todd – noted that anyone ordering from the National Red Cross must have a p-card or credit card. He also reported that they held a taskforce readiness meeting/ event at the Public Safety Training Academy in reference to water rescue.
- Dr. Brookmyer – spoke about the Health Department's actions with respect to the H1N1 virus. They had a Command Post at the Health Department; they were concentrating on communications and surveillance. She reported that they have partnered with 211 for taking phone calls in regards to the H1N1.
- Chip – noted that they implemented the pandemic EMD guidelines. He also reported that they received their first video 911 call from the Maryland School for the Deaf. He said that they are looking at a pilot program for receiving text message 911 calls from MSD students. He reported that the Town of Emmitsburg and others are still having concern over certain areas of the Town's emergency warning siren. They are working with the vendor to resolve those issues.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 A.M. with a motion made by Todd Johnson and seconded by Al Hudak.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 8th at the Frederick County Health Department.