



WORCESTER COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
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LEPC MINUTES 01/22/09

Attendees:	Fred Webster	Wor. Co. Emergency Services
	Teresa Owens	Wor. Co. Emergency Services
	Jeff McMahon	Wor. Co. Fire Marshal
	Danny Tilghman	City of Pocomoke
	Col. Doug Dods	Wor. Co. Sheriff's Office
	John Ross	Wor. Co. Public Works
	Virgil Shockley	County Commissioners
	David Redinger	Tyson Foods
	Lee Brumley	Pocomoke Police
	Wayne Young	Wor. Co. Animal Control
	Sue Rantz	Wor. Co. Animal Control
	Buzzy Bayles	Ocean City LEPC
	Jim Smith	Delmarva Power

The meeting started at 9:05 with a welcome from Chairman Fred Webster and introductions from those present.

At this point there was not a quorum present for approval of the October 23, 2008 meeting minutes

Old business:

Jeff McMahon reported that the Somerset County hazmat team had disbanded. Equipment has been divided between the City of Salisbury team and our team. Salisbury got to the equipment first so they got the best pick of available resources. There still is no formal agreement in place between Worcester and Somerset on responses into their county.

Fred Webster asked again for proposals from the group for training that might be of interest to all parties. Fred also asked that anyone with suggestions for speakers for the quarterly meetings please contact him.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee: Commission President Virgil Shockley –Commissioner Shockley suggested that we try to get someone from the Cooperative Extension Service to address the group regarding new regulations for ammonia tanks used on farms.

Plan Development: David Fitzgerald – No report.

Hazard Identification: Jeff McMahon-Nothing new to report on identification. Jeff and Danny Tilghman have been working on development of a team of Paramedics specially trained to deal with hazardous chemical exposures. Danny had been involved with a similar team when working for Sussex County EMS. A “Tox-Box” would be placed on one of the Hazmat vehicles. Paramedics volunteering with the team would receive special training as the medications involved would be different than those currently carried on Advanced Life Support ambulances. The biggest challenge to this point was getting the Regional Medical Director to agree to the program. This has been completed.

Public Education: Choppy Layton – No report

Medical Coordination: David Collins – No report

Mutual Aid: Ed Carmean – No report

Bylaws: Sheriff Chuck Martin – No report

Recruitment: Buck Shockley – No report

New Business:

Fred Webster announced that the committee had met one of the legal requirements of the MDE grant program in publishing a “Legal Notice” of the LEPC’s existence and meeting schedule. This ran in several local newspapers during the month of December.

The 2009 MDE grant paperwork has been received and is being reviewed. Fred noted that a part of the 2008 grant would have to be returned since it had been earmarked for the Our Town exercise which had been cancelled due to lack of preregistrations.

The Upper Shore counties of Queen Anne’s, Caroline and Talbot will be hosting a Hazmat exercise on Saturday, June 27th in Talbot County. Members of the Worcester County Team will be attending as observers

Fred spoke briefly about new regulations regarding poultry farmers. With very little guidance from the EPA new regulations went into effect requiring farmers with more than 125,000 chickens discharging 100 pounds of ammonia from poultry waste to register with the LEPC and State Emergency Response Committee (SERC). Sixteen farms had registered with us by the close of business on Tuesday. David Redinger will address this further during his presentation.

Presentation:

David Redinger of Tyson Foods, representing the Delmarva Poultry Industry, presented a PowerPoint on hazards chemicals located at feed mills, hatcheries, and chicken houses. David also talked about the new reporting regulations for poultry farmers.

Good of the Committee:

Fred Webster reminded everyone that the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 23, 2009. The meeting was adjourned at 10:02