



**WORCESTER COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
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LEPC MINUTES 1/24/08

Attendees:	Fred Webster	Wor. Co. Emergency Services
	Jeff McMahon	Wor. Co. Fire Marshal
	Ed Tudor	Wor. Co. D.R.P
	Ed Potez	Wor. Co. Health Dept.
	Jim Smith	Delmarva Power
	Doug Dods	Wor. Co. Sheriff
	John Ross	Wor. Co. Public Works
	Eddie Johnson	U. of Md. Ag.
	David Redinger	Tyson Foods
	Virgil Shockley	Worcester County Commissioner
	John Brenner	Lower Shore Red Cross
	Roger Steger	Alternate to Jim Mathias State Delegate
	Steve Price	Worcester Board of Education
	Ed Berger	Atlantic General Hospital
	Brian Shane	Worcester County Times
	Russell Blake	Pocomoke City

Following individual introductions from the group the minutes of the October 25, 2007 meeting were approved on a motion by Ed Tudor seconded by Ed Potez.

**Committee Reports:**

Executive Committee: Commissioner Virgil Shockley –Fred Webster reported on behalf the committee that he has been working on lining up speakers for the quarterly meetings. Jim Smith from Delmarva Power will be doing a presentation at today's meeting and Skip Mahan will be at the April meeting speaking about the State Emergency Response Committee (SERC) which all local committees report to. Space is still open for a speaker at the October meeting.

Plan Development: David Fitzgerald – David was unable to attend however Fred reported that the 2007 Tier II forms had begun arriving.

Hazard Identification: Jeff McMahon-Nothing new to report

Public Education: Choppy Layton – No report

Medical Coordination: David Collins – No report

Mutual Aid: Ed Carmean – Fred Webster reported that as of January 8, 2008 the county dispatch center had begun using GIS technology to dispatch the next closest resources on mutual aid calls. In some cases Delaware, Virginia, Wicomico or Somerset resources may be closer than in-county units. Since this had only been in progress for approximately 2-weeks there was not a true feel for how it will work out.

Bylaws: Sheriff Chuck Martin – No report.

Recruitment: Buck Shockley – No report

### **Old Business:**

Jeff McMahon reported that the review of the Hazmat plan was still underway. No major changes are anticipated just a house cleaning of older outdated information. The revisions should be available by the April meeting.

Fred Webster reported that due to scheduling conflicts around the holidays that he, Jim Smith and Teresa Owens had not been able to meet to work on the exercise scenario but there should be progress by the April meeting. The drill will be a tabletop.

### **New Business:**

Fred Webster advised that the paperwork had been received for the 2008 MDE grant. This grant has been used in the past primarily to fund a fall seminar featuring Retired Baltimore Battalion Chief Buzz Melton. Attendance at the seminar has declined to the point that the grant funding may be redirected to fund a commodity flow study of the county or some other function that met the criteria of the grant. Jeff McMahon brought up that Wicomico County had already done a study in Salisbury at the MSP scales and would be willing to share the results.

Eddie Johnson gave the group information on “Agronomy Day” which will be held on February 28<sup>th</sup> at the Pocomoke Fire Department on 5<sup>th</sup> Street. The day-long seminar will feature session on Understanding Avian Influenza, an update on CAFO rules and an opportunity during the afternoon session for handlers of pesticides to recertify.

Roger Steger, on behalf of Delegate Jim Mathias, reported that the State has budget \$18 million for another section of Rt. 113 to be converted to dual lane. Another \$2 million has been earmarked to begin studying improvements to Md. 589 (Racetrack Rd).

Jim Smith gave the group a presentation on improvements and progress at Delmarva Power. The presentation included everything from the conversion to "Smart Meters" which will allow for remote readings to be taken to installation of a new high voltage power line under the Chesapeake Bay and across and up the Delmarva Peninsula. Jim also distributed multiple pamphlets from the company covering "Ways to Save Money and Energy", "Weathering the Storm" and "Electrical Safety for First Responders". The presentation ended with a question and answer session.

**Good of the Committee:**

Commissioner Shockley commented briefly on the amount of time and expenditures that had gone into preparedness in the County over the last several years. He suggested that at the October meeting that the LEPC receive a report on the state of overall preparedness of the county.

With nothing further Fred Webster announced that the next meeting would take place on Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 AM