



WORCESTER COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
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LEPC MINUTES 10/25/07

Attendees:	Fred Webster	Wor. Co. Emergency Services
	David Fitzgerald	Wor. Co. Emergency Services
	Teresa Owens	Wor. Co. Emergency Services
	Jeff McMahon	Wor. Co. Fire Marshal
	Brian Winter	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
	Skip Mahan	Md. Emergency Management
	Robert Price	Somerset L.E.P.C

Following individual introductions from the group, the minutes of the March 22 meeting were approved as written. There was no July meeting.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee: Commissioner Virgil Shockley –No Report

Plan Development: David Fitzgerald – No new facilities had been added since the March meeting so there was nothing to review.

Hazard Identification: Jeff McMahon-Nothing new to report

Public Education: Choppy Layton – No report

Medical Coordination: David Collins – No report

Mutual Aid: Ed Carmean – No report.

Bylaws: Sheriff Chuck Martin – There were no changes requested by the June deadline so there are no changes to the bylaws this year.

Recruitment: Buck Shockley – No report

New Business:

Teresa Owens announced that she has submitted a letter requesting the County Commissioners appoint a “State Elected Official” to fill the seat of the late Representative Bennett Bozman. This will come up on the November, 6th agenda.

Teresa then introduced Skip Mahan the Lower Shore Regional Administrator from Maryland Emergency Management. Skip talked about his roll as the Regional Administrator. He told the group if they had any question regarding MEMA programs to contact Teresa, Fred or David with those concerns, we knew how to get the message to him.

Chairman Webster went around the room asking for items of interest to the committee.

Jim Smith, Delmarva Power, Pepco Energy has recently announced the build-out of a new 500 KVw line from the Western Shore, across the Bay and ending in Sussex County. This is a long term project and Jim will report back to the committee as the project progresses.

Eddie Johnson announced that the University of Maryland lab on Nanticoke Road in Salisbury has stopped taking large dead animals. These include horses and cows. In the past animals that needed to be autopsied could be taken to the lab for autopsy and disposal. He questioned if Worcester County had a plan for large animal disposal. John Ross from the Department of Public Works will check into this. Ed Potez, Worcester Environmental Health, reported that all they were interested in would be the animal’s head to test for eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) or other like diseases. John will report back with his findings on the Landfill’s plan for disposal.

Robert Price from the Somerset LEPC brought up the possibility of a Commodity Flow study to be done along Rt.13 to see what actual types of hazardous materials were moving through Somerset and Worcester counties. Funding is an issue that he has begun exploring. He also related experiences that he was aware of where military ordinances were transported without placards and rocket fuel, bound for Wallops Island, was being transported on Sysco Foods trucks. Teresa Owens suggested making it a three county survey using the scales at the

Delmar-Salisbury line as the survey point and ask how far south or east/west the material was being transported. Price will be checking with MSP Commercial Weights Division about using this location once funding is secured.

Ed Tudor from Development, Review and Permitting noted that with the real estate market slumping that requests for permits had also dropped. He was not aware of any industrial facilities being planned for the near future.

Chairman Webster announced that as required by Federal law the Worcester County Hazmat Plan needed to be reviewed and updated. Jeff McMahon, Brian Winter and David Fitzgerald will begin working on this process.

Also, it had been talked about for some time that the committee needs to schedule another drill. The last one was a full-scale hazardous materials/terrorism exercise at the Worcester Career Technology Center. Teresa Owens, Fred Webster and Jim Smith will begin work on this project with the drill to be scheduled before Memorial Day 2008.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 AM