



Council Reporting ***Minutes of Council Committee Meeting***

Rappahannock EMS Council **DISASTER COMMITTEE MEETING** **January 8, 2004**

- Call to order:** Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Eddie Allen at Fredericksburg Fire Station 2.
- Members Present:** Eddie Allen, Joe Saita, Doug Boggs, Steve Ennis, Wendy Shephard, Dr. Phillips, Jimmy Watters.
- Staff:** Tina Skinner
- Excused:** Carol Shelton, Beverly Gage, Jim Hurlock, Glen Rudner
- Approval of Minutes:** November 13, 2003 minutes approved.
- Reports:** 2005 Boy Scout Jamboree Update
- Tina Skinner reported that REMS continues to meet with the BSJ Public Safety Group we have been consolidated into. There have been two meetings to date at Fort A.P. Hill. This should help improve communication between the groups. We need to start working toward what our needs will be for the Jamboree and start discussion with local agencies on what support they can provide and their needs.
- Rappahannock Region Task Force Update
- Joe Saitta reported that the Health Department is already working with local food vendors to educate them on their responsibilities for the 2005 Jamboree. Joe also advised that the Health Department is

looking at holding a 2 1/2 day Basic PIO class at Germana Community College in the near future.

Unfinished Business:

MCI Plan

The MCI Plan was passed by the REMS Board at their December 2003 meeting, with the MOU to be mailed in the near future. There was a great deal of discussion on Section 15 dealing with the hospital's responsibilities and also about other hospitals other than Mary Washington having decontamination capabilities.

Dr. Philips provided a video titled "Hats" that was provided by VDOT on Incident Management. This training video was very informative on how all agencies need to work together on all incidents not just the "Big Ones".

There was no report on the "Regional Drill" but there was discussion that we should have a tabletop drill to start off before we have a regional full-scale. There is a state drill in August called "Determined Promise" that should affect only the Tidewater area and a full-scale exercise with North Anna Nuclear Power Station in July. Wendy reported that King George is working on a drill in the July/August timeframe.

New Business:

Community Emergency Response Teams

There was an overview and discussion on a regional CERT Team. This will not work because each jurisdiction that has a CERT Team is required to setup a Council to oversee the budget and training requirements. King George has done this and Fredericksburg is in the process of getting this setup. A position paper on this was presented to the Council by Colt Hagmeier. REMS is interested in assisting with this process and will be discussed further at the next meeting.

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Northwest Region Hospital Group HRSA Money update

HRSA has no money for EMS funding. This money is for hospitals to get up to speed for Preparedness and related fields dealing with Terrorism.

Health Department – Rappahannock District:

The Health Department has put SOP's in effect for their staff when they respond to Emergency Operations Centers to help their staff become more effective during emergency operations.

Spotsylvania County

A Civil War Re-Enactment of the 140th Anniversary of the Battle of Spotsylvania will take place May 7-9, 2004 at Belvedere Plantation. At this time they are expecting 3000-5000 re-enactors and up to 20,000 spectators over this 3-day event. The county Special Events Committee is working closely with the applicant to ensure all public safety needs are adequately addressed.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. with the **next meeting to be held on Thursday February 12, 2004 at Fredericksburg Fire Station 2 at 7:00p.m.**