



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

Rappahannock EMS Council Disaster Committee Minutes January 8, 2008

Call to order: Chairman Billy Shelton called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. at the Rappahannock EMS Council Regional Training & Simulation Center. Each attendee introduced themselves and related the jurisdiction that they represented.

Members Present: B. Shelton, R. Harvey, P. Shaver, D. Boggs, E. Peck, W. Green, T. Mc Coy, K. Hatter, E. Haas, E. Lasky, and T. Skinner

Members Absent/Excused: E. Fuzy, M. Bledsoe, G. Rudner, J. Saitta, W. Shepherd, and B. Sterling.

Guests: D. Fults, J. Watters, T. Williams

Approval of Minutes: The minutes were approved as mailed/distributed.

REMS Executive Director Report: Tina Skinner reported that she will be meeting with the Boy Scout Executives in the next few weeks to discuss the 2010 Jamboree, The REMS After Action Report, and medical control.

Jurisdictional Reports:

Counties:

Spotsylvania reported that the Board of Supervisors had adopted the COOP for Avian Flu. There will be a North Anna Drill in the near future. An evacuation drill with sheltering will be conducted in June with a full-scale drill in July. On January 15th, Spotsylvania County will host a GIS demonstration with new technology including Smart Board, tracking, and GPS capability.

Stafford reported that the Second Recruit Class has been deployed to the field and plans are in place for the third recruit class in the future. The County's tabletop exercise was very successful and details will be provided at the next meeting on lessons

learned. POTUS visited the county and created some challenges for the first responders with traffic and planning.

No reports from Caroline, Culpeper, Rappahannock, and Fauquier Counties.

City: No representative

Virginia Department of Health:

Kathy Hatter (VDH) of Culpeper reported on the County's successful drive through vaccination program that did not require pre-registration. 426 doses were dispensed. VDH is seeking assistance on establishing a database for special needs population. Anyone with information is requested to contact Kathy. Hatter@vdh.virginia.gov

Hospitals:

Tom Mc Coy of Mary Washington Hospital reported that a second landing zone is being designed for the MWH complex near the Cowan Blvd. entrance with access for squad/rescue vehicles. The NOAA transmitter grant is still pending with the MWH Foundation.

Mc Coy also reported that CDC/VDH will be re-cycling the Chempacs soon at the 2300 Fall Hill Avenue Site. He expressed concern that the CDC/VDH has never conducted the prescribed training for the dispensing for the jurisdictions or the segregation of the pushpacs by jurisdiction. Kathy Hatter will coordinate with Dr. Joe Saitta and seek a solution on the training issue.

Radiation monitors have been installed at the Mary Washington Hospital ED; Tina Skinner will send out an e-mail to inform the EMS providers. Parameters and protocols will be provided in the future by MWH.

Virginia Department of Emergency Management: No representative

American Red Cross:

Paula Shaver reported on a new after hours phone numbers to contact the ARC for assistance 866-326-6272 in the Fredericksburg Area. Please make sure that the dispatch centers have the new number.

Quantico Marine Corps Base:

Ray Harvey reported that the CSX tank car for training purposes is still outstanding. Drills are being conducted today on the base with diverse scenarios established by the Garrison Commander.

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University of Mary Washington: No representative

Disability Resources Center:

Debe Fults discussed the agency's emergency preparedness planning for helping over 300 consumers plan for disasters including locating special needs shelters.

Counter Terrorism Task Force (CTTF): No report

Pandemic Flu Working Group Subcommittees: No report

Unfinished Business:

Discussed the questions of whether EMS providers should dispense/administer vaccinations. Each jurisdiction was asked to poll their providers for input at the next meeting in February.

New Business:

Discussed the REMS COOP; input is needed by the next meeting in February to affirm that all areas are covered.

Eric Lasky reminded the attendees that September is National Emergency Preparedness Month and suggested that the REMS Council Disaster Committee seek to inform the public of the need for preparedness via PSA's , flyers, etc. This will be added to the agenda and suggestions are encouraged. Lasky also informed the attendees that NIMS is being revised by DHS. Shelton informed the attendees that the state is looking at a standardized format. Meetings are scheduled in the near future as are releases from DHS.

Chancellor Fire and Rescue was recently honored as the Outstanding EMS Agency of the Year and Eric Lasky was recognized as Outstanding EMS Provider through the Governor's 2007 EMS Awards Program.

Next Meeting: February 12, 2008