



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

**Rappahannock EMS Council
Disaster Committee Minutes
February 1, 2011**

Call to Order: Mark Garnett called the meeting to order at 13:30 hours at the Rappahannock EMS Council Training Center.

Members Present:

Mark Garnett, Chairman, Caroline County
Ray Harvey, Quantico
Tom McCoy, Mary Washington Healthcare
Paula Shaver, American Red Cross
Emily Smith, Rappahannock Health District
Bruce Sterling, VDEM
Kathy Hatter, Rappahannock- Rapidan Health District

Others Present:

Charlie Shaver
Matt Degas, MWH Life Safety Coord.

Members Excused:

Dr. Raymond Bell, REMS Board Member
Mark Bledsoe, Fredericksburg Police
Doug Boggs, Spotsylvania County
Wayne Green, Culpeper County
Eric Lasky, Spotsylvania County
Steven Lynd, King George County
Lt. Eddie Peck, Sheriff Department Representative
Joe Taylor, VDEM
Tracy Turman, Fauquier Health

Approval of Minutes: Approval of the minutes of December 7, 2010 was deferred until minutes could be distributed to the committee members.

Special Guest: Mr. Charlie Shaver, with Communications Specialist, provided an overview of the upcoming FCC Narrowbanding mandate. Handouts and a technical demonstration were provided to the committee.

Reports:

Counties Present to Report:

Caroline County

Reported that the County had received a 2010 EMPG grant for IT upgrades in the emergency operations center. We are currently evaluating our radio communication system for possible upgrades. The Department is working with one of our gated communities to enhance their emergency plans.

Other Agencies/Organizations:

MCB Quantico

Reported that the Department is planning a spring disaster MCI drill.

Mary Washington Hospital

Tom McCoy introduced Mr. Matt Degas, new EP and Life Safety Coordinator for Mary Washington Hospital and Stafford Hospital. The Hospital is planning new uniformed hazardous materials training for staff lead by Mr. Jimmy Waters. This training will be standardized throughout the Northern Virginia Hospital Alliance. Lastly, the hospital will be renovating space for a regional hospital command center to serve as a back-up site for the NVHA facilities.

Virginia Department of Emergency Management

Bruce Sterling updated the committee on his new promotion within VDEM. VDEM hopes to have his old position filled in March. He will continue to work within the region during this transition. This year's VEMA conference will be held March 30-April 1 in Hilton Richmond – Short Pump. Registration is now open (www.vemaweb.org). The RPAC-I regions may be changing for Caroline, King George, and Stafford Counties. This change is tentative at this time.

Area Health Districts – Health Department

Reported on recent bioterrorism training (anthrax). They also reported on their ongoing progress with the regional school vaccinations and vaccination registries. The district office is also updating emergency contact lists.

Red Cross

No Report

Regional Council:

There was no formal report from the REMS Council. The committee was informed about the resignation of the Council Executive Director.

Unfinished Business:

The Council Board approved the Committee's updated Regional Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Plan at their last meeting.

The OMD Committee approved a regional WMD / Chempack protocol.

New Business:

The committee will speak with MCB Quantico about formally exercising a portion of the regional mass casualty plan during their upcoming drill. Exercising the REMS plan is a requirement condition of the Council's current funding contract.

Next Meeting: **April 5, 2011** (Tuesday) at 13:30 hours. – Rappahannock EMS Council Training Center

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 14:20 hours.