



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

Rappahannock EMS Council Disaster Committee Minutes February 2, 2010

Call to Order: Mark Garnett called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Members Present:

Mark Garnett, Chair – Caroline County
Doug Boggs – Spotsylvania
Ray Harvey – Quantico
Eric Lasky – Spotsylvania
Tom McCoy – Mary Washington Hospital
Eddie Peck – Police Representative
Bruce Sterling - VDEM

Others Present:

Tina Skinner, Executive Director
Frank Cheatham, OEMS
Eddie Allen, Fredericksburg
Jim Vitaletti, Rockhill Rescue
David Moody, King George

Members Absent/Excused:

Mark Bledsoe, Fredericksburg
Wayne Green – Culpeper County
Gerald Jaskulski – Stafford County
Steven Lynd – King George
Paula Shaver, Red Cross
Tracy Turman – Fauquier Hospital

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Bruce Sterling, seconded by Ray Harvey and carried to accept the minutes of December 1, 2009 as presented.

REMISC Executive Director Report: Tina Skinner

Thanked the committee for their input and annual review of the Regional MCI Plan.

Reported that committee member, Glen Rudner of VDEM has taken a new position and as such will no longer be serving on the Regional Disaster Committee.

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Reports:

Caroline County

Reported on activities related to the recent significant winter storms. A mass casualty drill is being scheduled in May 2010 with an invite to be extended to their adjoining jurisdictions.

City of Fredericksburg

No Report.

King George County

A mass casualty drill with the county's Sheriff's Office is being planned for the Spring/Summer of 2010. More information will be shared at a later date.

Spotsylvania County

Reported that a large Re-enactment Event will be held in the county in May 2010 which emergency services is preparing for. Will also have a 6K run, large scale event.

Hospitals:

Mary Washington Healthcare:

MediCorp has announced a name change to "Mary Washington Healthcare" and continues to serve three facilities in our region (Mary Washington Hospital, Stafford Hospital and the Freestanding Emergency Department).

The hospital will participate in the upcoming Stafford drill being planned.

There will be a 24 hour long exercise in the Fall of 2010 to test the hospital's Incident Command system and personnel.

The Chempack remains on site at Mary Washington Hospital for our region. Currently have completed a manual and guidelines set up for disbursement requests/needs. Will coordinate a MOU for handling the transport of the chempack to areas needed. VDH recommended working with the City of Fredericksburg to coordinate such transports.

Virginia Department of Emergency Management:

A regional exercise is being planned for the Fall of 2010 which will include a wildfire scenario. All 17 localities in our VDEM region will be involved in the exercise. More information to follow.

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Due to recent adverse weather, it was reported that the Virginia EOC was activated for the past three weekends.

Other Agencies/Organizations:

MCB Quantico

Reported that a HazMat Technician course is being conducted in Quantico to add to their team.

Law Enforcement

Active Shooter Training Stimulus Funds are available and being sought. Many of the upcoming drills in our region will be shooter based and law enforcement plans to participate.

2010 BSA Jamboree Process Action Team: Eric Lasky

The presentation to the Board of Directors in December went well. Planning continues for the 2010 event. Recently was announced that the Joint Taskforce will have command and control of the Jamboree egg and event, while A.P. Hill will cover the rest of the base. The third IPR will be held at A.P. Hill this week. The letter to our localities and Chiefs will be going out in the coming weeks seeking EMS support for the event. Scheduling software will be utilized for agency sign up. Met with our region's Air Medical Services recently on how they might be able to participate and support the event. Next regular meeting of the local BSJ Planning Committee is this afternoon.

Unfinished Business:

Committee Chairman reported that he plans to meet with the Council President in the near future to discuss the Committee's Charter and goals.

New Business:

MCI Plan Annual Review - The committee reviewed and discussed the current Regional MCI Plan with the following input:

- Appendix F: Update hospital resources for region
- Update regional MCI assets to include new Stafford MCI Trailer
- Consider adding contact numbers in plan for 911 Centers, hospitals, etc.

Tina Skinner reported she has not received any feedback from the Office of EMS to date on their annual review of our current plan. Frank Cheatham advised he would follow up with his office. Once received, she will share with the committee.

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Chairman requested any further input or revisions be submitted through the council office no later than February 22, 2010 so that the revised document may be presented to the Board of Directors at their March meeting for action. **(Action Item)**

NOAA Project Fund Balance – As previously discussed there is a balance in the NOAA Weather Transmitter Project Fund of \$4,296.50. The council has met all of the requirements for the grant funds provided by Mary Washington Foundation and this balance is from those funds provided by the City of Fredericksburg through VDEM and Dominion Power. The committee discussed ideas on how to utilize the remaining balance to include purchasing NOAA radios for our localities, a media campaign, and interface equipment for our Dispatch Centers. Discussion ensued regarding negotiation a bulk purchase price for radios and consider a cache to issue to local governments within a 30 mile radius of our new transmitter. Consider looking at population numbers to determine how many to purchase for each appropriate locality. Motion was made by Eric Lasky, seconded by Bruce Sterling and carried to recommend to the Board of Directors to utilize the fund balance to purchase NOAA radios for localities as discussed.
(Action Item)

Mark Garnett reported that a Post Mitigation Grant is available and could be applied for by the localities with an application deadline of June 30, 2010.

Board Action Items: Annual review and update to Regional MCI Plan / March 2010

Next Meeting: **March 16, 2010** (Tuesday) at 7:00 p.m. – Rappahannock EMS Council Training Center

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.