



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

**Rappahannock EMS Council
Disaster Committee Minutes
August 17, 2010**

Call to Order: Mark Garnett called the meeting to order at 13:30 hours.

Members Present:

Mark Garnett, Caroline County
Mark Bledsoe, City of Fredericksburg
Ray Harvey, Quantico
Steve Lynd, King George County
Paula Shaver, Red Cross
Emily Smith, Rappahannock Health District
Tina Skinner, REMS

Others Present:

David Moody, King George

Members Excused:

Doug Boggs, Spotsylvania
Wayne Green, Culpeper
Eric Lasky, Spotsylvania
Bruce Sterling, VDEM

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of June 1, 2010 meeting were approved as presented.

Reports:

Counties Present to Report:

Caroline County

Reported on activities related to the support of the 2010 Jamboree and the North Anna Power Station (VOPEX) drill. The County Emergency Management is readying / updating its emergency plans for the upcoming State Fair of Virginia in late September. .

City of Fredericksburg

Reported on the Hazardous Material Team's participation in the recent Jamboree and VOPEX exercise. The City has begun use of its new emergency text notification system Fredericksburg Alert (www.fredericksburgalert.com). They also reported that they have begun promotion of a new public GIS system.

King George County

Reported on their updated planning related to the Jamboree Evacuation Plan. Their school buses now have GIS tracking capability.

Regional Council:

Reported that the new VDH contract has been approved. The new contract will require a MCI plan review and drill evaluation. This will be an area for new business at a future committee meeting.

Other Agencies/Organizations:

MCB Quantico

Reported that Raymond Loving has been named the new Fire Chief. The Committee's own Ray Harvey has been promoted to Deputy Chief. The base has also successfully conducted a recent HazMat exercise.

Rappahannock Area Chapter of the Red Cross

The Chapter reported their recent participation in the regional VOPEX drill.

Rappahannock Area Health District – Health Department

The HD reported on their recent relocation of an EMS Chempack in support of the Jamboree. They also assisted localities during the recent VOPEX drill. Chapter reported their recent participation in the regional VOPEX drill. They also commented that CDC officials have officially ended the H1N1 flu pandemic status.

Unfinished Business:

REMS announced that all Weather Radios have been distributed.

Work on a standing Chempack / Nerve Agency protocol continues.

New Business:

The committee discussed any observations and lessons learned in the emergency management discipline from the recent Jamboree. It was noted the JMAOCC and Central Dispatch Center allowed for faster face-to-face communication. It was also noted that a set of bolt cutters was positioned with the deployed Chempack resource. This access option should be considered for the standing REMS area resource. This logistics lesson has the potential to increase deployment time, secondary to not having to wait for a "Pack" key to be delivered.

There was a general discussion of which regional agencies still have active CERT team programs. It was reported that King George has a limited program. UMW still maintains a program. *No action is required from this discussion.*

Next Meeting: October 5, 2010 (Tuesday) at 13:30 hours. – Rappahannock EMS Council Training Center

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 14:00 hours.