



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

Rappahannock EMS Council Disaster Committee Minutes August 7, 2012

Call to Order: Mark Garnett called the meeting to order at 13:35 hours at the Rappahannock EMS Council Training Center.

Members Present:

Mark Garnett, Chair – Caroline
Phyllis McBride – Rappahannock Area Chapter Red Cross
Chip Hart – Spotsylvania
Ann Melle - Spotsylvania
Ray Harvey – Quantico
Scott Hudson – VDEM
Wayne Perry - REMS

Members Excused:

Steve Lynd
Richie Burke
Tracy Turman

Approval of Minutes: The June 5, 2012 committee minutes were approved as presented.

Reports:

Counties Present to Report:

Caroline County – Caroline participated in successful regional North Anna Power Station (NAPS) drills. This included a medical patient drill in June and Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and Evacuation Assembly Center (EAC) drills in July. From the drill, Caroline has developed a policy for the care of radiological contaminated patients. This is available to share with any interested agencies. Preparations are underway for the upcoming State Fair of Virginia in September. Caroline is still considering options for a new radio system.

Spotsylvania – Chancellor has consolidated services due to membership loses. Spotsylvania participated in a successful regional NAPS drill. All aspects of the drill went very well. Spotsylvania is working on a RFP to go out later this fall for a replacement radio system.

Other Agencies/Organizations:

Quantico – Quantico is installing a new computer aided dispatch (CAD) system. The Department took delivery of new multi-band radios to enhance communication and interoperability with Stafford and Prince William Counties.

Rappahannock Area Chapter of the Red Cross – The area office supported localities during the NAPS exercises. This year's drill utilized the new extended regional structure. This provided access to additional shelters, volunteers and resources.

REMS – New OMD contracts are in effect. The council will need to conduct a COOP exercise later this fall.

VDEM – no report

Old / Unfinished Business:

MCI Training – Stafford and Spotsylvania Counties experienced manpower changes that restricted their ability to help develop training materials. In light of this a draft orientation video was produced by Caroline. This draft was presented to the Committee for discussion and review. The draft included the original RHCC video segment. Overall, the committee supported the draft. An effort will be made to reach out to Orange County for assistance in utilizing their video production studio to produce a final video for the Council.

Health Department Sheltering Meetings – This discussion will continue on this once the District hires a new Emergency Coordinator.

HEAR Radio Narrowband Switch – no update. Will discuss again at the October meeting.

New Business:

Diversion Plan – the hospital diversion plan will be up for review. A copy will be distributed and discussed at the next meeting.

MCI Drill Evaluation – the Committee would like to evaluate any upcoming MCI drills against our regional plan. Any localities planning drills is asked to contact the committee.

Comlinc – there was a discussion about Comlinc technology to patch regional jurisdictions with the RHCC via Northern VA agencies. There remains limited information on which localities have this technology. Members are asked to check on the status of this technology for the next meeting. The future goal is to conduct a regional communications drill with the RHCC.

Committee Participation – There was a discussion about the declined attendance / participation in the committee. The Chair will poll the membership to determine if a new meeting time

and/or date would enhance participation. Additionally the Chair will evaluate the current membership as appointed by the Board Chair.

Next Meeting: October 9, 2012 (Tuesday) at 13:30 hours – Rappahannock EMS Council Training Center. **This is a change to the regular meeting date**

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 14:43 hours.