

Meeting Minutes
REMS Disaster Committee Meeting
Spotsylvania Regional Medical Center
July 7, 2015

Welcome and Call to Order by Mark Garnett, Chairman

Meeting minutes were adopted from the April 7, 2015 meeting

Regional Reports

- Caroline County – Mark Garnett
 - County radio systems delayed further due to lease issues
 - Attending numerous planning meetings in support of 2015 UCI Bike Race in September
- Red Cross – Kay Karstaedt
 - Working on regional shelter surveys and updated agreements
 - Announced that Jim Flynn has been hired as our new regional disaster services representative
- Quantico Marine Corps Base – Carol Shelton
 - Base held a tabletop exercise in May
 - Marathon was uneventful
- Spotsylvania County - Ann Melle / Matt Embrey
 - Spotsylvania briefly discussed draft plans for an upcoming MCI drill. Matt to advise Committee on further in regards to committee evaluation of disaster plan
 - Ann discussed Prince William's recent Pod Distribution Public / Private partnership between VDH and Costco Wholesale Club. She will reach out to our area VDH to see if they can present this concept at our October meeting.
- King George County – Steve Lynd
 - The County recently automated their Everbridge Weather Alerting. This fix resolved an ongoing issue.
 - Staff and school officials recently attended training at EMI on school emergency planning.
- Mary Washington Hospital – Andy Holden
 - Hospital is pursuing an Ebola Assessment Hospital grant
 - Andy discussed the current NWS radio transmitter located at the hospital. This radio was purchased by REMS through the use of both VDEM and MWH Community Foundation grant funds. MWH would like the REMS Council to consider gifting this radio to NWS (NWS is not able to assume the radio maintenance unless they are the owners) to eliminate the repair and maintenance costs currently faced by the hospital. Andy will contact the REMS Chair to discuss this in further detail.
- Spotsylvania Regional Medical Center – Jake Marshall
 - SRMC recently conducted a full scale Ebola drill

- Staff will be attending an upcoming Hazardous Materials training program to enhance the Hospital decontamination team's capabilities and staffing levels
- SRMC is increasing the number of staff members trained in Crisis Intervention

Old Business - None

New Business

- MCI Drill Evaluation - Spotsylvania Co. to advise on their willingness to have an evaluated drill. Carolyn M. will follow-up with Matt E. post meeting.
- Change to meeting schedule
 - Meeting once a quarter
 - Oct 6, 2015
 - Jan 5, 2016
 - April 5, 2016
- Discussion of offsite Disaster Committee Meetings to foster education and attendance
 - After discussion with Director Perry, Disaster meetings must be held at the regional office to allow for recordings
 - In lieu, the Committee will seek to bring in speakers for each meeting to target relevant educational topics
 - VDH to be asked to attend Oct meeting to discuss Costco/VHD partnership

Other Items / Good of the Order

- Virginia Department of Emergency Management is undergoing a restructuring of staff and decentralizing some functions. Regional Coordinator Hudson will be asked to provide an update once these changes are finalized.

The Committee adjourned business and was provided a comprehensive tour of SRMC's disaster and response capabilities.

Next Meeting October 6, 2015

Submitted by Mark Garnett, Disaster Committee Chair

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October 5, 2015

Welcome and Call to Order by Mark Garnett, Chairman

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Special Presentations

Patrick Ashley, Prince William Health District, and Jonathan Kiser, Rappahannock Area Health District presented an informational session on current trends in the NCR regarding Point of Distribution (POD) planning and execution in response to public health emergencies.

Regional Reports

- Caroline County – Mark Garnett
 - County radio system is now estimated to “go live” in December
 - The 2015 UCI Bike Race and VA State Fair ran without incident
 - County will be conducting MS1 training in October for radiologically contaminated patients
 - County is planning for several fall festivals in late October
- Red Cross – Jim Flynn
 - Jim introduced himself to the committee
 - Jim discussed the Red Cross’ current fire prevention program / smoke detector installations
- Quantico Marine Corps Base – Carol Shelton
 - Planning underway for Marathon at the end of October
 - Next Base full scale exercise is schedule for March 2, 2016
- Mary Washington Hospital – Andy Holden
 - MWH is currently expanding its Ebola assessment teams
 - Andy indicated that the NWS radio transmitter has been repaired. As discussed in July, the hospital would like to work with REMS to gift the radio to the NWS.
 - The CDC recently replenished the regional Chempack supplies
- Fredericksburg City – Victor Podbielski
 - The City is moving forward with a partnership with Stafford County to utilize their Public Safety Radio System
 - Planning is underway for the annual Turkey Trot and Christmas parade
- VDEM – Scott Hudson
 - VDEM supported the UCI 2015 race
 - Discussed the recent ramp-up for the October severe weather
 - Discussed the Fredericksburg Regional Traffic Management group’s Oct 30th drill

- Announced that Craig Buckley has resigned from his Regional Hazardous Material Officer's position to accept a position in Alexandria
- REMS – Carolyn Marsh
 - Carolyn will be sending out a 2nd draft of the regional surge plans for updates

Old Business

- The Committee will be sending a representative(s) to observe the October 31st Spotsylvania County Disaster Drill
- The Committee continued its discussion of developing and delivering a new MCI training video. The Committee will re-approach Jake Marshall about narrating this project and Victor Podbielski about production.

New Business

- None

Other Items / Good of the Order

- None

Next Meeting - January 5, 2016

Submitted by Mark Garnett, Disaster Committee Chair

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January 5, 2016

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Regional Reports were provided by attendees

Old Business

- The Committee continued its discussion of developing and delivering new MCI training on the council website.

New Business

- Minor updates were discussed as part of the annual Surge Plan and MCI Plan reviews. The Chair will forward MCI plan updates to the Council for the February board meeting.

Next Meeting – April 5, 2016

Submitted by Mark Garnett, Disaster Committee Chair