

WARREN COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

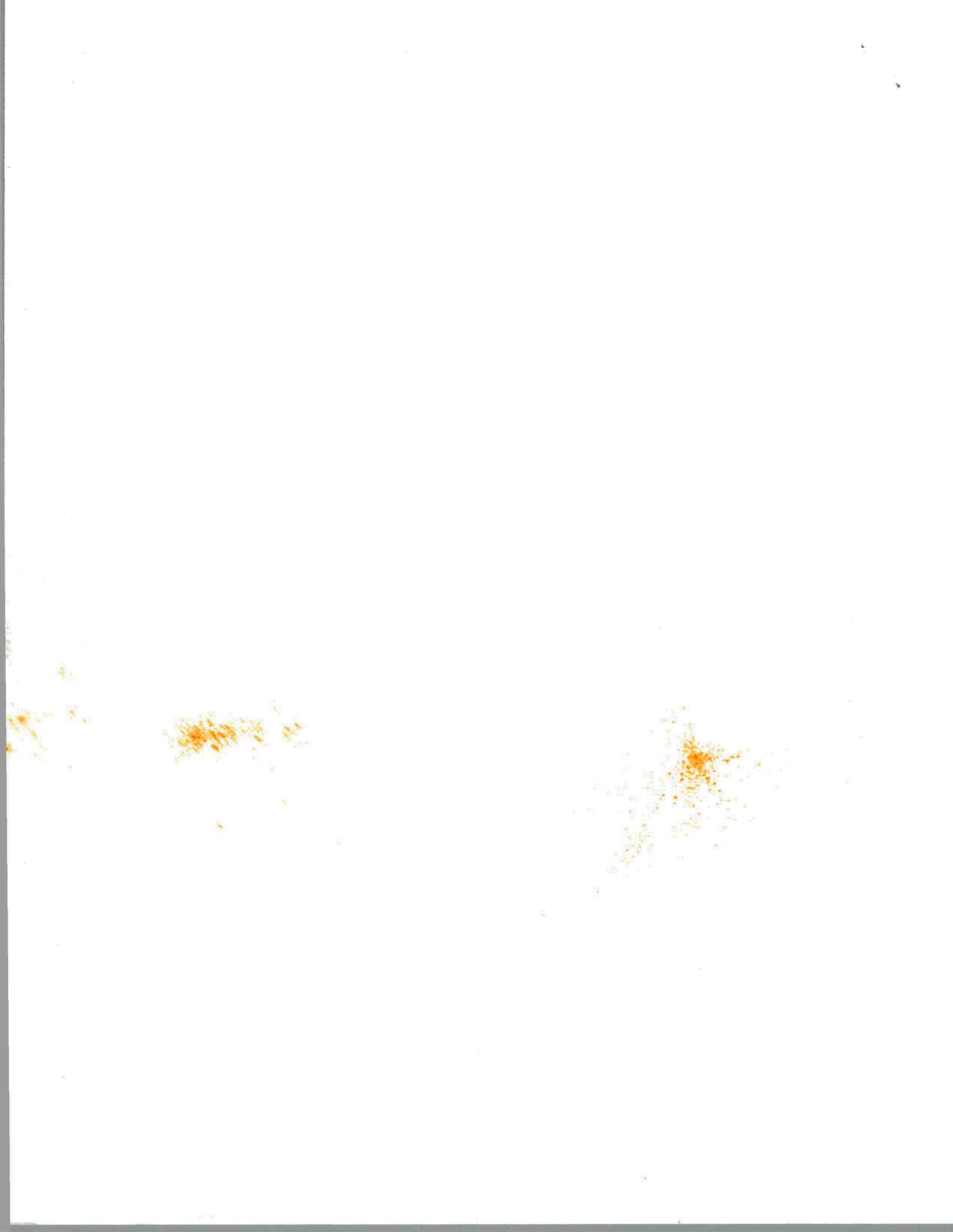
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Members Present

Sheriff Fred Lamy

Marvin Lemery, Administrator
Fire Prevention & Building Code EnforcementThomas Jenkins, Deputy Director
Office of Natural Disaster & Civil DefenseJames Canavan, Coordinator
Emergency Medical ServicesMichael C. Robinson, M.D., Chairman
Dept. of Emergency Medicine, Glens Falls HospitalKaren Rae, Director
Greater Glens Falls Transit SystemChellie Mitchell, Business Manager
WBZAPhilip J. Arthur
Environmental Control Manager
Finch Pruyn & Company, Inc.R. F. Davies, President
Ames Goldsmith, Inc.Members AbsentHammond Robertson, Chairman
Board of SupervisorsJoan Grishkot, Director
Warren County Health ServicesMrs. LaVerne B. Fagel, Manager
Safety, Health & Environmental Assurance
Ciba-Geigy Corp.Frank Kelly
Board of Directors, Senior CitizensGary Kebbel, Managing Editor
The Post StarGuestsFrank Griffin, Regional Director
SEMO- Region II

Civil Defense Staff



Tom Jenkins opened the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Minutes of the last meeting were accepted.

Mr. Jenkins explained the changes and additions to the plan and had the committee make the corrections as they were discussed.

Mr. Arthur brought up his concern regarding chlorine containers in the County. He feels, and has discussed with other committees, that the reporting quantity is incorrect and that we should be more concerned with commercial pool operators, etc. It was agreed that this should be addressed more closely. Mr. Lemery said that as Building Code Enforcement Officer he had quite a bit of information in his files. Mr. Davies of Ames Goldsmith brought up the subject of smaller firms, such as the furniture finishers in South Glens Falls which recently had a fire causing danger due to chemicals to the people at the scene and the surrounding area. The committee was requested to make a list and pass it on to the Chairman of potentially dangerous situations that they are aware of and to try to stay alert to anything else they feel we should be addressing. Mr. Jenkins told the committee that our department would be willing to check them all out. Mr. Arthur said perhaps just a letter from the committee explaining the requirements would be sufficient.

Chellie Mitchell reported on her draft plan for Emergency Broadcast procedures, a copy of which was handed out. Some additional phone numbers have to be added but the committee was requested to read it and make any changes or additions they might deem necessary so it can be added to our plan at our next meeting.

Karen Rae's report on transportation and evacuation was discussed next. She felt that until evacuation areas were established and maps of the vulnerability zones were available it was not feasible to try to plan evacuation routes. She made contact with the bigger transportation carriers in the area and received lists from them of their equipment and the availability of handicap accessibility. She also requested that they keep us updated on these lists. She is also working with Fred Austin's help to update the Workmen's Compensation for the drivers. Mr. Arthur wanted to know if she had contacted the other school districts in the County and Ms. Rae said she would be, and would include the adjoining Counties.

Mr. Jenkins reported to the committee that he had been in contact with his counterparts in Washington and Saratoga Counties and had made arrangements to trade plans with them in cases where hazards crossed County lines. It was established that the Warren County Sheriff's and Fire Departments were on good terms with those Counties and that reciprocal services were not a problem.

The elected official as a Committee member has yet to be established. Mr. Robertson was unable to attend this meeting and a report of his progress was unavailable.

The Environmental Representative was next on the agenda. No suggestions were made by the Committee. Mr. Jenkins brought up the name of Bill Roden and mentioned that Fred Austin had received a letter from a committee called The Concerned Citizens of Queensbury for Outdoor Recreation and Environment. The letter came from the secretary whose name is Patricia Brayton. Mr. Jenkins proposed that he contact

*both parties and sound them out. Ms. Rae said she thought that Mr. Roden's affiliation with the newspaper was a positive point in his favor and could not hurt our cause any. Mr. Arthur made the point that The Chronicle, although a weekly, has someone assigned specifically to environmental issues. Ms. Mitchell said that perhaps they would also have a larger overview which Mr. Arthur agreed with. Mr. Jenkins will pursue The Chronicle angle and report to the Committee.

Mr. Behan is no longer Managing Editor of the Post Star and has been replaced by Gary Kebbel who has agreed to be on our Committee. He could not attend today as he was teaching a class at A.C.C.

Discussion ensued with Mr. Lemery regarding HazMat awareness courses. He said that at present D.F.P.C. runs very few. They are trying to have two people from Warren County certified at present and that would open up more avenues for classes locally. Mr. Griffin suggested that we could request training through the S.E.R.C. Mr. Canavan said that the Health Department would be running a similar course for HazMat awareness for EMS people which could open still another avenue for us. Mr. Griffin stated that the State D.O.T. also runs an awareness course that could be given through city, town or County D.P.W.s

Mr. Jenkins mentioned Glens Falls Hospital's plan is now in our files and that he has made several suggestions to them and that they will keep us apprised of any updating. He also made mention of the State Civil Defense office on Fox Farm Road and made everyone aware of the fact that it also is the area water emergency stockpile which can be tapped through our office.

Mr. Arthur mentioned the fact that Finch Pruyn is doing a computer model based on a real time system in case of a hazardous emission. They will give a demonstration of it when it is completed.

Mr. Jenkins brought up the subject of a new vulnerability zone map for Ciba-Geigy encompassing the three-County area which would be involved. The Committee questioned whether this was worthwhile as they would be closing down in February 1989. Mr. Jenkins pointed out that this could potentially be a more vulnerable time with all the activity of closing.

He is also planning to meet with the Red Cross to discuss their shelter plan and to incorporate it into our plan.

After the first of the year we will actively pursue our training schedule. We will also form a sub-committee for public relations.

There will be a regional conference for LEPC members in January in the Albany area, if your schedule permits and you would care to attend please let this office know. (A copy of the letter is attached.)

Mr. Jenkins told the committee that Philip Arthur was extending the hospitality of Finch Pruyn for our next meeting. The meeting would be called in their Boardroom at 10 a.m., followed by a tour of their facility, our regular meeting, and then lunch will be served at the end of the meeting. The committee discussed a date for this and it was agreed that January 10, 1989, subject to approval by Finch Pruyn, would be satisfactory to all except Ms. Rae who would not be available. (Mr. Arthur called Mr. Jenkins the next day to have the date changed to January 17, 1989 as the Vice President would be out of town on the 10th and he would like to be present for the tour.)

Mr. Griffin suggested that we invite Paul Lent, Saratoga Emergency Coordinator; John Froelish, Saratoga Fire Chief; Wilbur Trieble, Milton Town Supervisor and Saratoga Chairman of the Board of Supervisors; the State Police; or the EnCon Officer to discuss the recent construction dump fire. In connection with this Sheriff Lamy suggested that we should check on Barton Mines Finishing plant which is actually in Hamilton County but that we always wind up responding to. Also a Ruby Mountain plant in North River which you have to go through Warren County to get to but is technically in Hamilton County. Mr. Jenkins assured the committee we would pursue these.

Mr. Davies of Ames Goldsmith brought up the subject of disaster instructions. He feels that we should issue instruction cards for walls, phone books, etc. giving simple directions on what to do in an emergency; where to go and who to contact with a secondary contact in case the first is unavailable. Mr. Griffin suggested one way might be to work with the Telephone Company to get something into the phone book. Ms. Rae suggested we have them mailed with the tax bills. The civil defense staff suggested using the schools. Mr. Davies point being that at least the average citizen would know who to contact; that we are concerned with his safety; and that plans are in existence. Mr. Lemery pointed out that this is where the newspapers, local radio and TV could be of use. Ms. Mitchell also pointed out the necessity for keeping it simple; making every staff member aware of the plan; and posting conspicuously so that anyone can relay the message without having to make a lot of decisions.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.