

WARREN COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

October 10, 1989

Members Present

Hammond Robertson, Chairman
Warren County Board of Supervisors

Thomas Jenkins, Deputy Director
Office of Natural Disaster & Civil Defense

James Canavan, Coordinator
Emergency Medical Services

R. F. Davies, President
Ames Goldsmith, Inc.

Herbert E. Riedel
Senior Citizens Council

Sheriff Fred Lamy

Michael C. Robinson, M.D., Chairman
Dept. of Emergency Medicine, Glens Falls Hospital

Chief Carl Carlton
Glens Falls Police Dept.

Trooper Steve Craig
New York State Police

Joan Dillon
Secretary LEPC

Members Absent

Philip J. Arthur
Environmental Control Manager
Finch Pruyn & Company, Inc.

Marvin Lemery, Administrator
Fire Prevention & Building Code Enforcement

Joan Grishkot, Director
Health Services

Chellie Mitchell, Business Manager
WBZA

Karen Rae, Director
Greater Glens Falls Transit System

Hon. Robert D'Andrea
Assemblyman - 108th District

Mrs. LaVerne B. Fagel, Manager
Safety, Health & Environmental Assurance
Ciba-Geigy Corp.

Members Absent (continued)

Chief Thomas Donohue
Glens Falls Fire Dept.

Gary Kebbel, Managing Editor
The Post Star

William M. Roden
Environmental Columnist

The meeting was opened by Tom Jenkins, Chairman, at 10:05 a.m.

Minutes of the last meeting were accepted.

The chairman read a letter from SERC approving the three new committee members: Bill Roden, Glens Falls Fire Chief Tom Donohue, and Glens Falls Police Chief Carl Carlton.

As a follow up of the chairman's meeting with Dave Healt of James River, he called Paul Lent of Saratoga County to see if he had heard anything on the status of the emergency plan and inventory of emergency equipment. He hadn't so Tom asked if he would mind if he sent a stronger letter and he gave permission to go ahead. The letter dated September 27 was then read to the committee. We still have not heard from them.

The President of the Warren County Medical Society, Dr. Quaresima, got the Poison Control Center issue on the agenda of the annual State Medical Society meeting.

Our Plan Room is almost completed. We still need telephones and radios installed, but 95% of our plans have been updated by contacting the department heads for clarification of information, and verification of employee lists and numbers. We also called all the contact numbers to make sure they were still valid numbers and that the people to contact were still in that position.

We received a call just before this meeting from the Hallmark Nursing Home. We requested that they send us a copy of their evacuation plan to look over and make whatever suggestions we think are necessary to bring it up to date. We are also going to get in touch with the other area nursing homes and find out what they have in place and offer to work with them to update their information.

Our office attended the Disaster Preparedness Conference in Albany and heard talks on various subjects including earthquakes which is surprisingly probable in this area; on terrorism; and attended workshops on LEPCS, volunteer groups, etc.

We also attended a workshop for educational administrators in Schenectady. There are some new regulations out from the State Education Dept. basically mandating that the schools cooperate in evacuation plans and the use of their facilities and busses. All schools must have a plan in place by October 1, 1990. Based on this regulation we wrote a letter to the major school districts in our area.

We received a letter from SEMO stating that the Red Cross desperately needed volunteers for hurricane relief programs in South Carolina and

the Caribbean. We immediately prepared and hand delivered a press release for the Post Star. This release never appeared in the paper.

The front page of the local section of the Post Star ran quite an article on Washington County's LEPC. There was some discussion on how to accomplish more publicity.

Ron Davies wanted to know what would happen if we had anything comparable to Hugo and the Federal Government came in. Who would be in charge, etc.? It was explained that the County is responsible and in charge with the assistance of the State or Federal government if needed.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 5 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 6-103 at the Municipal Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.