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TO: LEPC Members

FROM: Tom Jenkins, Chairman

DATE: April 2, 1990

RE: Meeting

A meeting of the Local Emergency Planning Committee will be held on April 10, 1990 at 10:00 A.M.

As usual we will meet in Room 6-103 of the Municipal Center.

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WARREN COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

February 13, 1990

Members Present

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

James Canavan, Coordinator
Emergency Medical Services

Herbert E. Riedel
Senior Citizens Council

Steven A. Macy, Production Supervisor
For Ron Davies, President
Ames Goldsmith, Inc.

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

Chief Thomas Donohue
Glens Falls Fire Dept.

William M. Roden
Environmental Columnist

Marvin Lemery, Administrator
Fire Prevention & Building Code Enforcement

James G. Marshall, Publisher/Editor
Replacing Gary Kebbel, Managing Editor
The Post Star

Joan Dillon
Secretary LEPC

Members Absent

Hammond Robertson, Chairman
Warren County Board of Supervisors

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

Sheriff Fred Lamy

Members Absent (continued)

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.

The meeting was opened by Tom Jenkins, Chairman, at 10:08 a.m.

Minutes of the last meeting were accepted.

The Chairman mentioned that we were minus a representative from the broadcast media due to the fact that WBZA had been sold and Chellie Mitchell had relocated. He had called Chris Lynch of WWSC but he was not interested in being on our committee but suggested the name of Dave Covey. When Mr. Covey was approached he showed interest but sent a news broadcaster rather than a management person to discuss it. No decision has been made but he feels that someone with some authority should be on the committee. He asked if there were any suggestions from the other members. It was suggested that we contact the new personnel at WBZA and also TV8. The chairman said he would get in touch with both and report at our next meeting.

He then reported on what the Civil Defense office has been doing. He has been attending the Red Cross Disaster Committee meetings, and has offered our assistance in updating their Disaster manual.

Mr. Marshall of the Post Star joined us at this time and was introduced to the other members of the committee.

We are due to update our Title III plan. Also something we have been lax in is exercising our plan which is a requirement. Within the next month or so we would like to have at least a tabletop exercise, and possibly a full-scale exercise this summer.

We have had two meetings with school officials regarding their plan which is due October 1, 1990. They are basically writing their plans themselves but we have been showing them what we do, what resources we have available, we gave them a map of the County highway system showing them where all the possible flooding areas and all the bridges are and any other danger spots which might affect their bus routes. We have pursued the school alerting

system and there seems to be some interest. We sent a letter and questionnaire to all the school superintendents in this County and the bordering towns asking whether they wanted to go ahead with it. Sheriff Lamy is willing to dispatch anything necessary. It would cost the schools about \$600.00 each location.

Through the State Emergency Office we have obtained an agreement for the Glens Falls Home with the Armory for its use as a shelter. We also talked to them about tornadoes and evacuations.

We, along with Chief Donohue and Donald Coalts, attended an Emergency Planning Course in Albany the week of January 8th. The director also attended a Civil Defense Systems and Policies Course at the State Police Academy.

We finally found a way to get some publicity in the Post Star by writing a Letter to the Editor (copy attached). Mr. Marshall said that in the future we should address any press releases we have to him personally and he would do what he could to get them published.

Tom has been appointed the Executive Secretary of the Traffic Safety Board and the Stop DWI Coordinator.

He is concerned with lack of Committee participation in the things we are doing. One of the things which we must do is find out what is within the vulnerability zones, what population is there, who would need to be evacuated and to where. A field survey is required. Tom Donohue volunteered to do the survey.

Marv Lemery mentioned the fact that even though the November storm was a disaster everything worked well and cooperation among agencies was great. Mr. Riedel suggested that this might be a good press story to make people aware of the fact that we do have an emergency plan that works and help them to realize it's importance.

Mr. Lemery also requested the assistance of the Committee in helping the fire service get a Hazardous Materials Response Team established. He is in the process of getting the details together by visiting other areas to see how they are handling the situation. He is getting a proposal together for his committee which would include a Haz Mat van that would be fully-equipped but would be very expensive (somewhere in the neighborhood of \$300,000.00). Also a great deal of training would be involved. It was also agreed that it would require much more inter-agency planning and cooperation.

Jim Canavan said EMS is intending to develop an Advanced Life Support program to serve the entire County. Right now only Basic Life Support is available north of Lake George. They are developing what they call a "Fly Car" for those areas. Development of this network will cost something like \$500 - \$600,000.00. They also would like to present their program to the LEPC and get their support and assistance in getting some funding.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m.