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WARREN COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

April 8, 1991

Members Present

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

Marvin Lemery, Administrator
Fire Prevention & Building Code Enforcement

James Canavan, Coordinator
Emergency Medical Services

Ron Davies, President
Ames Goldsmith, Inc.

Karen Rae, Director
Greater Glens Falls Transit System

Sheriff Fred Lamy

Trooper Steve Craig
New York State Police

Sgt. Robert J. Hebert
New York State Police

Herbert E. Riedel
Senior Citizens Council

Chief Thomas Donohue
Glens Falls Fire Dept.

Joan Dillon
Secretary LEPC

Members Absent

Donald Sheeley, M.D., Director
Dept. of Emergency Medicine, Glens Falls Hospital

William M. Roden
Environmental Columnist

Chief Carl Carlton
Glens Falls Police Dept.

James G. Marshall, Publisher/Editor
The Post Star

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

Members Absent (continued)

Joan Grishkot, Director
Health Services

Hon. Robert D'Andrea
Assemblyman - 108th District

Guests

Richard Bolton, Chairman
Warren County Board of Supervisors

Captain Stanley Wood
Glens Falls Police Dept.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

He distributed information to be added to manuals on a new industry Big A Auto Parts in Pottersville. They are storing 1,000 pounds of sulphuric acid which requires them to report.

Queensbury and Glens Falls Water Departments have not submitted their required emergency plans. The one submitted by Glens Falls was incomplete. Mr. Lemery suggested we have Fire Chief Donohue approach them with the importance of a comprehensive plan. Ms. Rae suggested that Mr. Coalts may need some guidance. Mr. Flaherty could not attend this meeting but will be at our next.

We are also now required to have Water Emergency Plans for all water suppliers outlining alternate plans. We have received Glens Falls' and Lake George plans and have received several calls from Lake Luzerne, Warrensburg, Johnsburg stating they didn't come under the rule as their systems were too small.

To help comply with OSHA 1910-120 which deals with hazardous materials in the workplace, the Chairman wrote a memo which has been posted in the County Highway Department and all Town Highway Departments outlining what to do and what not to do.

At the same time, he wrote a Warren County Fire Service Response Plan which has been well distributed by Marv Lemery. Mr. Lemery said that the plan has been adopted by the Warren County Fire Service and that it has been approved by the Safety Committee for distribution county-wide.

A letter was sent to Dr. Sheeley regarding a program presented at a recent Civil Defense meeting on a plane crash in Sioux City, Iowa. One of the things mentioned by them was the value of a physicians' mobilization plan. Dr. Sheeley answered that they are in the process of instituting a doctor beeper paging which he hopes will serve the same purpose.

There was a big Title III fiasco last month involving pool operators. We received a letter from the Certified Pool Operators Assn. requesting MSDSs and/or Tier I or II forms for certain chemicals for an attached list of commercial swimming pools in our area. We then received a copy of a letter sent to this Assn. by the State DEC telling them that most pools do not use

gaseous chlorine so are not required to report and that any reporting will be done by DEC not individually.

We have received a new State Emergency Broadcast System plan which was to be effective April 1, 1991 and that thereafter any local plan was made obsolete and should not be used. A few days later another letter was received stating that they were postponing the implementation of it and would let us know when it would be put in place.

The State wrote telling us that now that all School Emergency Plans were completed we should be in touch with the schools to understand their plans and that we should have a copy on file. When we requested copies of the plans nearly everyone objected. We pointed out that there was no point in having a plan if no one knew what was involved, etc., since then we have received Hadley-Luzerne's and will keep after the others.

The RACES radiological course had to be postponed, but we are trying to reschedule it for May or June.

The Chairman introduced Captain Stan Wood of the Glens Falls Police Dept. Capt. Wood brought a copy of the Disaster Control Procedure Manual for the Glens Falls Police Dept.

Herb Riedel brought up the subject of listed names and phone numbers. He felt that we should check them on a regular basis as people leave, change jobs, etc. The Chairman said he had been in contact with most of them recently enough to be sure they were current. Marv Lemery said that all industry personnel changes and most town personnel changes are given almost immediately to the Sheriff's Dept.

Chief Donohue of Glens Falls Fire Dept. spoke of a haz-mat incident at Finch Pruyn next to a railcar. Although this was a minor incident it brought to light some problems in their plan and he is working with Phil Arthur and Bob Buser to fine tune the plan.

Ms. Rae brought up the subject of no press coverage again. Mr. Jenkins told the Committee that we have written to every newspaper, radio and TV station in the area with no response. The only publicity we have received has been Letters to the Editor written by the Chairman.

Marv Lemery thought we should make arrangements to show the tape on the Sioux City incident to the Committee. He has a 58-minute copy of the tape but Mr. Jenkins thought that one might be too long and will try to get the shorter version which is available through SEMO.

The committee will meet next on Tuesday, June 10, 1991 at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.