

WARREN COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

December 8, 1992

Members Present

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

Marvin Lemery, Administrator
Fire Prevention & Building Code Enforcement

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

Herbert E. Riedel
Senior Citizens Council

Chief Thomas Donohue
Glens Falls Fire Dept.

James G. Marshall, Publisher/Editor
The Post Star

James Canavan, Coordinator
Emergency Medical Services

Scott Sopczyk, Director
Greater Glens Falls Transit System

Chief Carl Carlton
Glens Falls Police Dept.

Pat Auer representing
Joan Grishkot, Director
Health Services

David Cedarstrom
The Chronicle

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

Joan Dillon
Secretary LEPC

Members Absent

Ron Davies, President
Ames Goldsmith, Inc.

William M. Roden
Environmental Columnist

Sheriff Fred Lamy

David Capron, Plant Engineer
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GUESTS

Robert Hebert, NYSP

The Chairman opened the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

Mr. Jenkins asked everyone to introduce themselves as we had several new faces around the table. He also mentioned that Larry Farenell had decided that he would not be able to be a member of the committee as he is on the "air" when we meet.

He mentioned that we will have to do some planning for HMT-USA (Hazardous Materials Transportation Act) similar to the Title III planning we've already done starting in June 1993.

All of our plans and data necessary to manage emergencies will be available through the new computer which is on order for our office. The State is making available software that will help standardize all this information and will eventually like to be able to call up this information through modems in case of emergencies.

At the last meeting Phil Arthur suggested we have an exercise involving Finch Pruyn. He would like to start planning as soon as possible. Mr. Jenkins appointed him to head up a committee along with Tom Donohue, Jim Canavan, Marv Lemery and Carl Carlton. During further discussion Mr. Arthur said he would like to begin with a table top and have a full scale in late Fall.

We are having a chlorine spill demonstration by K.A. Steele at our January Northern District meeting. Invitations will be mailed next week. Marv Lemery mentioned that Jim Canavan has an excellent video of Haz Mat management by a New Jersey team. He will show it at our next LEPC. He also mentioned the interesting fact that if you call the DEC Hotline number you get a recording that directs you to call the State Police.

The Chairman expressed his continuing concern about Nursing Home plans. He will try to meet with them personally to finalize these. Marv Lemery said there was an incident at Adirondack Home which brought to light that they have no plan whatsoever.

Mr. Jenkins mentioned that the Red Cross has new cots, blankets, etc. for use in case of emergencies. He would like to arrange to send 20 to Mary McClellan and possibly some to Ticonderoga due to the distance from the Red Cross headquarters. He also asked that if anyone hears about a free or inexpensive truck or van they let us know as the vehicle the Red Cross did have can no longer be used. He feels that having something with the Red Cross logo appear at emergencies is necessary.

Jim Canavan said that part of the OSHA planning requirement was to address decontamination. The closest medical facilities that can address this are

Ellis Hospital in Schenectady and Albany Medical Center. Bob Hebert, State Police representative, said that they were all field conscious regarding decontamination. Dr. Kopels said that Glens Falls Hospital can address any contamination other than radioactivity. It was suggested by the Committee that they attempt to address this issue during their new construction.

Jim Canavan said that all nursing homes are required to have annual drills and that it is not possible for EMTs, fire, and other emergency personnel to assist at each one. He would like us to look into the possibility of centralizing them.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 23, 1993 at 9:30 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.