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TO: LEPC Members
FROM: John Farrell, Chairman
DATE: August 30, 1996
RE: Meeting

A meeting of the Local Emergency Planning Committee will be held on September 10, 1996 at 9:30 A.M.

Due to conflicting room schedules, this meeting will be held in the **SUPERVISOR'S COMMITTEE ROOM located on the 2nd Floor of the Municipal Center.**

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WARREN COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

June 11, 1996

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Members Present

John J. Farrell, Deputy Director
Office of Natural Disaster & Civil Defense

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

Herbert E. Riedel
Senior Citizens Council

John Ellingsworth
Glens Falls Fire Dept.

Charles McCabe
Ames Goldsmith, Inc.

Marvin Lemery, Administrator
Fire Prevention & Building Code Enforcement

Fred Lamy
Warren County Sheriff's Dept.

Andrew J. Roden
Environmental Representative

Laura Stebbins
Dept. of Emergency Medicine, Glens Falls Hospital

Joan Dillon
Secretary LEPC

Members Absent

James Canavan, Coordinator
Emergency Medical Services

Max Reichen, Occupational Health and Training Manager
Finch Pruyn

Chief Richard Carey
Glens Falls Police Dept.

Bob Desiderio, M.D.
Dept. of Emergency Medicine, Glens Falls Hospital

Joan Grishkot, Director
Health Services

David Capron, Plant Engineer
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Scott Sopczyk, Director
Greater Glens Falls Transit System

Members Absent (continued)

David Cedarstrom
The Chronicle

James G. Marshall, Publisher/Editor
The Post Star

The meeting was called to order at 9:36 a.m.

The Chairman asked Phil Arthur to update us on the phone problems experienced at Finch Pruyn. He said they have always had radios as a back-up but now they also have redundancy in their phone system. Marv Lemery said it could happen to us and has for short periods. John Ellingsworth mentioned that even NYNEX has service disruptions. They experienced a fire at their switch on Pine Street which shut down the 911 system for several hours.

John asked Marv Lemery to brief us on the Haz Mat Response Team he is trying to put together. The County Fire Advisory Board has been tracking legislation to cover, for liability purposes, members of hazardous materials response teams. Currently there is no legislation to protect volunteer firefighters who serve on such teams but they hopefully have backing for proposed changes addressing this. The County is also trying to get together a county-wide team with the City of Glens Falls being the lead agency since they are the only career department in Warren County. They will be visiting several counties which have already organized teams to get some insight into structure and costs. Presently his best estimates for start-up here would be in the neighborhood of \$80-100,000.00. He anticipates it will a year or 2 to fruition.

Phil Arthur mentioned that Encore Paper has had 2 haz mat incidents and asked who responded to those. Mr. Lemery said that South Glens Falls Fire Company is responsible for that location, but if necessary we would be available for assistance under the mutual aid agreement.

John mentioned that the subject of the EMS companies charging for ambulance services appeared in a Post Star article. He was asked what the Traffic Safety Board (one of his other hats) thought of the matter. His thinking is how can you charge someone who is already being charged through their taxes to pay an additional amount. Mr. Lemery said that is an issue that they have been trying to deal with for years. We have to remember that not only are residents being transported but our extensive tourist population is also being serviced. There is a section of the Public Health Law that allows billing of insurance carriers for this service. It is being reviewed by both the Fire Advisory and EMS Boards.

Laura Stebbins mentioned that some of the Glens Falls Hospital emergency physicians are assisting and participating in LASAR (Lower Adirondack Search and Rescue).

Our next meeting will be September 10, 1996 at 9:30 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Dillon
Secretary